

**Weekly Article for Neil Jacob's 105-1 Team vs Conestoga Generals 105-1
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Marsh Creek Eagles 28 – Conestoga Generals 0

Seven weeks into the 2009 season, fans and parents of the 105-1 Marsh Creek Eagles have come to expect a few things during each football weekend. A sloppy field thanks to crappy weather and a dominating performance from the Marsh Creek Eagles Team. This week was no different, however the Conestoga Generals were able to accomplish something no other team has done this season – stop the Eagles from scoring a TD on their first possession of the game.

The Captains for this week's game were David Gallagher, Cole Thomas, Jackson Hale and Carter Regitz. The Eagles received the opening kickoff but for the first time all season were stopped on their opening possession. The offense needed a little extra time to warm up in the cold; rain and windy conditions so after the Defense stopped the Generals on their first possession with a quick 4 and out, the Eagles offense took over on their second possession at the Conestoga 42 yard line. The Eagles seemed to come to life after a hard run by #32 Stephen Koons on 3rd and long which resulted in a first down at the Generals 36 yd line. Kyle Hegarty followed in his lead with a bruising 5 yd carry. After (2) more first down runs by Koons, the Eagles were lined up for a first and goal situation at the 6 yd line. Stephen Koons took a hand-off on the next play and ran outside where he was met by 3 Generals; however he was not to be denied and after lowering his shoulder carried the opponents along for the ride into the Endzone for a TD. QB David Gallagher made a smart play on the extra point attempt when he rolled out to his right looking for his TE in the endzone; saw an opening and took it to the house for the extra point run. The score was 7-0 Eagles.

The second quarter started with another 4 and out for the Generals. The Eagles took over at the Conestoga 45 yd line where Colin Ditillo took the first carry for 5 yards. The next carry went to Stephen Koons who patiently waited for an opening along the sidelines instead of running out of bounds; found a hole and raced 50 yds into the endzone for his second TD of the game. Dylan Rittenhouse, despite the very slippery field, kicked the extra point (his second week in a row with an extra point kick) to give the Eagles a 15-0 lead. The Eagles defense continued to dominate and stopped Conestoga to get the ball back at their own 40 yd line with 4:36 left in the half. QB David Gallagher completed a nice pass to #87 Charlie Lashell who made a nice play to catch the slippery ball to set up a first down at the Conestoga 40. From there, Stephen Koons took over with another long run, this one 40 yards to paydirt for his 3rd TD of the game. The extra point kick was no good but the Eagles led 21-0. This marked the second consecutive week Koons has scored 3 TDs and rushed for well over 100 yards in the game; a tribute to him and his offensive line consisting of Noah Hahn, Jackson Hale, Brett Allan, Carter Regitz, Brandon Peterson and Ryan Betley. In addition to the linemen, fellow RBs and FBs Cole Thomas, Kyle Hegarty, and Drew Rafferty continue to lead Koons with bruising; full-speed ahead blocks which typically result in defenders lying on their backs. The Eagles defense again held behind a big play from #53 Steven Clark and big hits from #89 Alec Walter and #46 David Gallagher. The drive ended when #87 Charlie LaShell got his hand on an attempted pass play and the deflected ball was intercepted by #44 Drew Rafferty. The first half ended with the score 21-0 in favor of Marsh Creek.

The second half started with a crunching hit by Stephen Koons on the opening kick. After (2) big hits from Alec Walter it was another 4 and out for the Conestoga Offense. The second possession for the Generals in the second half ended quickly when David Gallagher intercepted an attempted pass on their first play of the drive. The Eagles quickly capitalized on the turnover when #44 Drew Rafferty exploded up the middle through the heart of the Generals Defense and scurried 32 yards for the TD. Rafferty finished the deal himself with another bruising extra point run to complete the scoring at 28-0.

The Eagles defense continues to impress as they have yet to give up a point in the 2009 season. In addition to the interceptions and big hits mentioned earlier; key defensive plays were made by #18 Grey Jacobs who was all over a Generals WR on an attempted pass play – stepping in front of him to break up a 4th down pass attempt. #24 Colin Ditillo also made a key play with a shoe string tackle to prevent a big running play from developing on the outside. The game ended much like the previous 6 games – with the Eagles running out the clock and controlling the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. With (3) weeks remaining in the regular season the Eagles continue to roll as they improve to 7-0; outscoring their opponents 163-0 in the process. Kudo's to all the boys and especially the coaching staff!!