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## Marsh Creek 14 Greenjackets 0

Marsh Creek "Screaming" Eagles Pull the Stinger out of the Greenjackets.

It was a warm late summer day in Sellersville, PA at Willard Markay Centennial Park Field home of the Pennridge Greenjackets. The Greenjackets were buzzing with fury in anticipation for this game after coming off a tough loss the week prior. The smell of redemption was in the Sellersville air. The Marsh Creek Eagles were at the beginning of an apparent hot streak after kicking off the season with an amazing 3-0 start. The Eagles brought an undefeated energy, confidence, and swagger that the Greenjackets had not experienced to date. This was sure to be a hard fought battle on both sides of the ball.

The first half of the game showcased a solid defensive effort by both teams. The Eagles fought hard for every inch and continued to pound the Greenjackets defense with their punishing running style. Big runs by Mike Hutter, Mac Gallagher, and Cody Pascale put the Eagles in scoring position but the Greenjackets responded with a solid defensive effort to stop the Eagles from scoring on multiple occasions. The Eagles defense built a nest in the Greenjackets backfield and attacked with a high level of intensity on every play. Connor Birzes and Paul Carpenter contained the outside like cattle herders and came up with bone crushing tackles on fourth down plays to help the Eagles regain possession of the ball. Ryan Whalen attacked a run on the outside, chased down the breakaway runner, and came up with an amazing touchdown saving tackle along the sideline. The score was tied 0-0 nearing the end of the first half and the players started to realize this was still anyone's game to win. Ryan Whalen's leaping interception across the middle deflated the Greenjackets offense going into halftime and set the tone for what was to come.

The Eagles coaching staff gave the team a half time pep talk that refueled the Eagles fire. The second half started with a booming kickoff by the Eagles' Ryan Whalen that soared through the air like a missile. The subsequent explosion was that of the screaming (literally) Eagles special teams led by Tyler Fishbein, Michael Bradley, Tres Munro, Will Martin, and Brian Gola. The Eagles defensive showcase was accented with screams, grunts, and spirited high fives. Huge defensive plays by Tres Munro, Cody Pascale and Michael Bradley put the ball back in the hands of the Eagles offense within minutes. The Greenjackets were vulnerable and the Eagles attacked. The offensive line led by Chris Buccellato, Michael Bradley, Kyle Carey, Brian Gola, and Brandon Lindgren screamed with fury as they pushed the Greenjackets defensive line off the line of scrimmage and opened up huge holes. Cody Pascale took advantage and busted through the line. He sprinted for a 50-yard touchdown race down the sideline. Ryan Whalen blasted a 2 pointer through the uprights to bring the score to 8-0. Alex Meyer blew up the Greenjackets offensive line and found himself regularly in the Greenjackets backfield tackling the Greenjackets for losses play after play. Constant pressure by Matt Clark and Zack McDermon stopped the Greenjackets and forced a 4<sup>th</sup> down punt. A solid punt

return by Conner Birzes and a long, smashing, midfield run by Mike Hutter sustained the feverish pace and put the Eagles in scoring position again. The Greenjackets defensive unit refused to quit and forced a turnover on an Eagles 4<sup>th</sup> down. The Eagles defensive juggernaut responded quickly by forcing and recovering a Greenjackets fumble putting the ball back with the Eagles offense unit. The Eagle offense executed a perfect one-two punch and secured the victory. Cody Pascale's 54 yard run and Drew Brennan's 17 yard reverse for a touchdown put the final score at 14-0.

Both teams played tough, left it all on the field, and should be proud. The Eagles preserved their prefect record and are eyeing up their week 5 opponent.

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