

MC vs PENDEL 2009

Lightning was threatening in the autumn sky this past Saturday evening as our undefeated Eagles took the field against the Pendel Wildcats. The Wildcats, having gone 4-0 since their season-opening loss to the 120-1 Northampton Indians, entered this game with high hopes on clipping our Eagles' wings. However, we know our Eagles, and they had other plans indeed.

The Eagles sent the strong message early that yardage would be difficult...if not nearly impossible...to come by. Stingey, hard-nosed tackling by Alex, Colby and Dan sent the Wildcats to their sideline 4 and out on their first possession.

The ensuing Eagle drive was impressive with nice, strong runs from Will, Kevin, Dan, James and Mike. The Eagles took to the air as Mike completed several nice throws to Matt and Andrew. The Wildcat D was up to the challenge early however, and this Eagle drive was stopped.

Offensive "difficulty" continued for the Wildcats on their next possession as they were again denied a first down after tremendous defensive play by Alex, Matt and #22 Zach Siever.

After another Pendel punt, James took the ball off a fabulous block from Will (88) and scampered into the Wildcat end zone. But, unfortunately, a holding call negated this score. The Eagles continued to move the ball impressively with nice passes to Dan, Alex and Kevin as well as effective runs behind a great blocking line by Ryan, James, Kevin and Brad. The Wildcat D would bend but not break just yet however and our Eagles turned the ball over to them on downs.

Again, Our Eagle D confused the Wildcats and their next possession was absolutely crushed when Colby Burke (4) executed his defensive end position perfectly as he "stayed home" and threw an attempted reverse for a 10 yard loss.

The Eagles took over...and after a great run from James Meyer...along with an additional 15 yards tacked on for a flagrant facemask penalty, scored their first points as James took it around the right side to the "house". The 2 point kick attempt unfortunately sailed left. 6-0 Eagles...and they never looked back!

The Wildcats would fumble on their next possession so the Eagles would have a chance to add to their lead before halftime. The Eagles did advance the ball to the Wildcat 10 yard line after a beautiful pass from Mike to Dan...who leaped out of quadruple(actually there were five(5) Wildcats surrounding him...anyone know what that's called? Dano-Cinco?) coverage down the middle of the field to make a da na na! – da na na! catch worthy of anyone's highlight DVD.

Time expired however, and the Eagles led after one half 6-0.

The second half of play was all Eagles as they turned to smash-mouth, left, right, up the gut, ball-control offense. Terrific line play from Matt Holowsko, Fish, Rich, Max and Zach kept the Eagles moving and eating up the clock as precious time and hope slipped away from the Wildcats.

The Eagle "D" continued their utter domination and yielded the Wildcats absolutely nothing.

Finally, with 1:30 remaining in the game, Matt Boorman plunged into the end zone again. He then split the uprights for the 2 point conversion. 14-0 Eagles! They had stuck a fork into the Wildcats because there was no doubt they were done. It had been a challenge but they had been beaten soundly. The Eagles left Pendel having yielded the Wildcats only one first down the entire game and they completed another shut out as the Wildcats never *really* threatened to score. It was truly another total team effort that is to be commended.

The Eagles now return home to continue this memorable run toward their second consecutive Bux-Mont Championship as they face the Methacton Wolverines at Hickory Park on Saturday.