

On a deep red moon lit night in Quakertown, the Marsh Creek Eagles 120-3 team battled the Panthers of Quakertown. The game started out with two quick touchdowns for the home team Panthers, who came out firing on all cylinders in the 1st quarter to put the Eagles behind 12-0. In the second quarter, the two teams traded possessions back and forth, as half time arrived with score still remaining 12-0.

Whether it was the inspiring half time speech by Coach Weber, or the case of a team coming together as a unit, the Eagles came out playing like a team that was focused on a mission. Center Zach Bradbury, who admittedly said he was energized by soda and sugarcane, led the offensive line unit comprised of Matt Middlebrooks, Stephen Clarke, Anthony Toomey, and Ben Ryherd, as they flawlessly made their blocks to open holes in the defensive line. Beneficiaries of the offensive lines work was the offensive backfield, who seemed to thrive on the new found holes in the defense. Sam Weintraub ran for 13 yards, Zack Weber for 14 yards and Carol Burgess for 15 yards as Coach Weber mixed up his running game to confuse the Panthers defense. The opening drive ended with the Eagles 2nd touchdown of the season, a quarterback sneak by Drew Weber.

It was now time for Eagles defense to step up, and they did not disappoint. The defensive line of Brian Wallace, Pearl Weber, Anthony Toomey, Chris Colburn and Kyle Rubino pressured the offensive backfield with a strong pass rush, while the line backing crew of Sam Weintraub, Zack Weber and Mark Dyer delivered punishing hits on the fortunate Panthers that broke through the line of scrimmage. If the Panthers ran outside the defensive backfield took over with strong tackling from Brandon Hall, Evan Zlogar and Carol Burgess. When Quakertown was fortunate to break through for a long gain, Will Milowsky showed great determination and chased down his opponent to make a touchdown saving tackle from behind.

The Eagles offense continued to drive the ball through the 4th quarter, but failed to score again as the Panthers proved to be a formidable opponent. The game ended with the Panthers winning by a score of 18-6, but knowing they may have got away with one. For the Eagles, the game could be deemed as a turning point for the season, as the group came together as TEAM focused on playing as a ONE.

Only good can come from this experience as they look to turn around their season next week versus the Pennridge Greenjackets.