

A beautiful day for football welcomed the visiting Abington Raiders 120-2 team to Hickory Park Saturday to play the Marsh Creek Eagles 120-3 team. The Eagles ground game jumped right into gear on the opening drive capped by a 5-yard TD run by Zac Weber following his left side linemen Clay Larson and Ben Ryherd.

The Eagles allowed the Raiders a long return on the following kick-off but the defense stiffened led by solid tackling at the corners by Will Milowsky and Ross Bennett. When the Raiders could not go wide, they tried the middle and were stuffed by defensive linemen Brandon Hall, Justin Welker and Brian Wallace. Taking over on downs the Eagles again marched down the field capped by a 30-yard TD by Carol Burgess following her right side linemen, Stephen Clarke, Trevor Kleese and Chris Colburn. Zac Weber ran in the extra point.

Again, a long Raider drive was stopped at the Eagles 19 yard line by the Eagle defense led by backfield penetration and gang tackling by Bennett, Milowsky, Mark Dyer, and Evan Zlogar.

The first play of the ensuing drive saw Zac Weber go to the left and cut back to the right sideline following center Anthony Toomey and guard Matt Middlebrooks en route to an 81-yard run for a score. Drew Weber converted the extra point on a QB option to the left.

At the half, the Eagles led 20-0. In the second half, the Raiders scored a TD behind hard running by their fullback but the Eagles maintained ball control drives on offense and a stifling defense that wore down the Raider running backs.

The Eagles would go on to score a final TD on a 30-yard pass from quarterback Drew Weber to his brother Zac in stride on a perfect post pattern.

When asked to describe a key factor in the win, Coach Bill Weber could have pointed out many individual efforts, but his one word comment "teamwork" said it all. Final score March Creek 26- Abington 6.