

October 2, 2009      120 D3 Team

Eagles 14, Indians 0

The Friday Night Lights were on as the Marsh Creek Eagles 120-D3 team traveled to Lenape Valley to square off against the Indians. The weatherman did not let us down with what we've come to expect this season—the rain started in the second quarter and continued through the rest of the game. The night marked the return of Kyle Rubino from the injured reserve—his broken wrist had healed enough to put some padding on the cast and bang heads with some Indians!

Following the opening kickoff, the defense got right to work, forcing a fumble on the third play from scrimmage. When the pile cleared, Zac Weber and Mark Dyer were closest to the ball. With momentum on their side, the Eagles struck quickly with Carol Burgess running for six yards, followed by a perfect 25-yard strike from Drew Weber to Zac Weber. The Indian defense held strong though, denying repeated attempts to put the pigskin into the promised land. After a series of exchanges, it was the Eagle defense's turn to shine. On a second and seven, the Indians' attempt to establish their air game was brought to a screeching halt when Carol Burgess picked off a high arcing pass and ran it down to the one-yard line, before punching it across off tackle on the next play. Zac Weber added the extra point in a quick jaunt up the middle. The half ended with the Eagles up 7-0.

The second half proceeded much like the first, with the Eagles winning most of the one on one match ups. You could see the confidence building in every player, as if all the hard work of the summer was finally paying off. Strong play was evident throughout the game on the D-line by Kyle Rubino, Pearl Weber, Brandon Hall, Brian Wallace and Justin Welker. Carol Burgess and Ross Bennett once again distinguished themselves as nothing short of outstanding in the defensive backfield, backed by solid performances by Evan Zlogar, Will Milowsky and Ben Ryherd. Bennett seemed to be involved in every tackle that made it into the secondary. The offense, once again led by stellar performances by the Weber brothers, Sam Weintraub, and Carol Burgess, continued to roll behind a newly confident o-line consisting of Matt Middlebrooks, Zach Bradbury, Clay Larson, Chris Colburn, Stephen Clarke, Trevor Kleese and Anthony Toomey.

The fourth quarter saw Carol Burgess once again display her speed and agility as she scampered 35 yards for her second TD of the night. The extra point was once again added by Zac Weber in an off tackle lunge. The Indians were not ready to give up yet, though, and the Eagle "D" found itself backing up. In the end, led by Brandon Hall's back-to-back quarterback sacks, they dug deep and stood their ground for the shutout. As coach Weber was heard to say "See what all the hard work can do for you if you focus and play with intensity? You guys were awesome!"

This week it will be "déjà vu all over again" as we once again travel to Lenape Valley to play under the lights.