

MCE 80-1-3

Marsh Creek Eagles 26 Souderton Braves 6

Are you ready for some football!!!! The Marsh Creek Eagles 80lb Team 1 traveled to Romanowski Field, home of the Souderton Braves, for some Monday night football under the lights after Saturday's scheduled game was rained out. It could not have been a better night for Jr. Mitey-Mite football in September with the game time temperature a perfect 72 degrees. The Eagles won the coin toss and elected to kick-off and kick-off they did with a 20+ yard boot by #43 Tim Aivado. It didn't take long for the Eagles' defense to flex their muscle with some great tackling led by #50 Cullen Breen, #4 Garvey Jonassaint, #90 Grant Burgess, #39 Mark Jiannino and #12 Stuart Regitz. The Eagles took over on downs and the Blue Offense unit led by QB #22 Brian Rafferty quickly began to march down the field with some excellent runs by #43 Tim Aivado and #21 Nolan Hale. The Eagles had moved deep into the red zone before a fumble ended the drive. However, the tone was set by that opening drive. The Eagle's defense held strong once again on the Braves next drive anchored by the bruising defense line play of #50 Cullen Breen, #23 Patrick Fowler, #10 Garrett Gripton, #26 Daniel King and #79 Eric Marsillo. The first quarter ended with the score 0-0. The second quarter was prime time for the Eagles offense with two touchdowns coming on impressive runs by #20 Josh Burgess and #21 Nolan Hale. A key first down pick up by #28 Owen Landis kept one of drives alive that eventually resulted in an Eagles TD. Coach Gunther and Hale had worked with the offense all week on stiff arming and it was evident during the touchdown jaunts and a 35 yard gain by #90 Grant Burgess that was called back due to a illegal block. The Eagles were not only using their arms Monday night with Heisman like stiff arms averting would-be Brave tacklers but also their legs with #43 Tim Aivado converting on not one but two 2 point conversions---you certainly don't see that very often in Jr. Mitey-Mite games. The halftime score was Eagles 14 and the Braves 0.

Because the Eagles deferred to the second half they started off with the ball in the third quarter and the offensive line started blasting big holes for Eagles backs. Outstanding blocking led by #25 Kyle Egan, #48 David Ferguson, #26 Daniel King, #15 Anthony Long, and #27 John Meyer led to another Eagles touchdown of 35 yards by #20 Josh Burgess. It didn't take long for the Eagles to get the ball back after a fumble recovery by #5 Drew Gunther who also was outstanding on the offensive side of the ball quarterbacking the jumbo offense to two scores on the night. The Eagles continued their domination on both sides of the ball and led 20-0 at the end of the third quarter. Special teams was solid all night with #17 Braden Reed coming up with one of the best tackles of the game on a kick return that saw one of the Brave dashing down the sidelines before Reed came out of know where to stop the return. The fourth quarter was ground attack did not let up with #54 Jack O'Reilly with a 12 yard gain to keep the momentum going. The Eagles would add one more TD before the night was over with #26 Daniel King fumbled the initial handoff but quickly reacted and scooped the ball up and scampered 25 yards for the score. The Souderton Braves scored a late TD to make the score 26-6 and that is how it ended. The win was a total team effort and moved the MCE 80-1 team all time Monday Night Football record to 1-0---dunt, dunt, dunt, duuuu. The squad looks to continue their winning streak next week when they host the Conestoga Generals.