

Marsh Creek 80lb-1, 18 - Conestoga 80lb-2, 0

From the first kickoff to the last play of the game, the Marsh Creek 80lb-1 team dominated Conestoga, resulting in an 18 – 0 victory. The Offensive Line of **Mark Jiannino, Eric Marsilio, Anthony Long, Dan King, Kyle Egan, David Ferguson** and **Braden Reed** clearly controlled the line of scrimmage - driving the Generals off the ball - as the Eagle backs had plenty of room to run. **Josh Burgess** bolted off-tackle late in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and went untouched into the end zone for the first Marsh Creek score. He followed that up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with a beautifully executed misdirection TD run which was made possible when pulling guard **Stuart Regitz** and fullback **Grant Burgess** crushed two General defenders, paving the way for Josh to glide in for the score. The versatile Grant also carried the ball on several plays, one of which he weaved his way past three defenders for an exciting 25-yard gain.

Marsh Creek opened the second half with a long drive that consumed the entire third quarter. **Tim Aivado** did most of the damage, running strong and powering his way to several first downs. The offense changed the snap count on a few plays and drew Conestoga off sides to convert critical 4<sup>th</sup> downs and keep the drive alive. The discipline of the line made this possible. After a nice outside run by speedy **Owen Landis** and a beautifully executed keeper by QB **Brian Rafferty** the Eagles again turned to Aivado, who followed fullback **Nolan Hale** and crossed the goal line for the team's third score of the day. The multi-talented Aivado also attempted three extra point kicks in the game, all of which were right on target but fell just short of clearing the goalpost.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter the defense kept the shutout in place by smothering the Conestoga offense. **Garvey Jonassaint** led a defensive line that spent most of the day in the opponent's backfield, dropping the Generals behind the line of scrimmage on a consistent basis. He spearheaded a relentless defensive attack along with **Cullen Breen, Patrick Fowler** and **Garret Gripton** who refused to give Conestoga any room to run. When the Generals did manage to get outside they often found very little space as cornerback **Johnny Meyer** and safety **Jack O'Reilly** came up to make sure-handed tackles. The Eagles defense limited Conestoga to just 25-yards of total offense on the day without yielding a single first down.

**Drew Gunther** played tough on both sides of the ball, quarterbacking the team to two scores and registering a sack and fumble recovery on the defensive side. However his best play of the day came when he rambled around right end and used his stiff-arm to shuck several General defenders who just could not bring him down. This brought the crowd to its feet and essentially closed the book on an impressive Eagle victory. From there it was the line's turn to get in on the act. Consecutive runs by Long, Reed, Ferguson, Breen and Fowler milked the rest of the clock and served as a reward for a job well done in the trenches. The team finished the day by giving Coach Hale a Gatorade bath as the team moved to 3-0-1 while looking forward to an exciting match-up this weekend with a very good Abington team.