

## **MCE 80-1-6**

### **Marsh Creek Eagles 24 Conestoga Generals 13**

The Marsh Creek Eagles 80lb Team 1 traveled to Wayne to play the Conestoga Generals, a much anticipated match up between two solid teams. The defense set the tone of the game right from the start with #50 Cullen Breen coming up with two big tackles and #27 John Meyer with a nice solo tackle. The Eagles took over on downs and it did not take long for the offense to get going led by #43 Tim Aivado with 3 solid runs totaling 24 yards. After two straight runs up the middle by #21 Nolan Hale, the Eagles had the ball first and goal. A quarterback sneak by # 22 Brian Rafferty resulted in an Eagles touchdown. The offensive line play of #48 David Ferguson, #17 Braden Reed, #25 Kyle Egan, #79 Eric Marsillo was key to the Eagles jumping out on top quickly.

The defense held strong on the next Generals possession led by #4 Garvey Jonassaint. The Eagles offense took over again and march down the field in 6 plays led by Josh Burgess with 31 yards rushing on the drive. Another quarterback sneak by #5 Drew Gunther put the Eagles up 12-0. The defense again showed just how strong they are with yet another stop led by the defensive line #23 Patrick Fowler, #10 Garrett Gripton, and #50 Cullen Breen.

The offense took over again and on the second play of the possession #54 Jack O'Reilly snapped off 40 yard gain. Josh Burgess then followed with gain of 20 yards. The very next play Josh Burgess scored a 12 yard TD after a great block by #90 Grant Burgess. At the end of the half the Eagles led 18-0.

The second half the Eagles started with the ball and for the first time all game the Eagles had to punt away. Excellent punt coverage was provided by #17 Braden Reed. The Generals then put together a sustained drive despite excellent tackling by #26 Daniel King, #39 Mark Jiannino, #12 Stuart Regitz, #15 Anthony Long and #28 Owen Landis. The General finally got on the board with a 4 yard touchdown making the score 18-6. The Eagles offense quickly answered with a score of their own with 7 straight running play capped off by a 35 yard touchdown run by #20 Josh Burgess. This was Josh's second touchdown of the game and a Burgess family record of 8 touchdowns on the year! Way to go Josh! Eagles led 24-6.

The Generals added a late touchdown to make the score 24-12 but the game was already well in hand at that point and with the Victory the Eagles moved to 5-0-1 on the season. The MCE 80lb team one team will take their undefeated record into next week with tough game against Northampton.