

Marsh Creek 90-2 (Pascale) – Sunday, September 27, 2009

Are you ready for some MUDBALL??? Marsh Creek started this dreary Fall day falling behind early to the host, Methacton Wolverines, 13-0. As the rains continued to come down in the second quarter, turnover football started to mount. Coach Troffo's "D" answered his call and began to thwart any momentum of Methacton's attempt in stretching their lead. Marsh Creek's defensive line came alive with key tackles made by Eric and Adam Grintz, Sean Sweeney, Scott Jewett, and Sam Liberati. Dominic Massimo and Tanner Troffo seemed to be all over the field making punishing stops throughout the day. Coach Pascale's "Cowboy O" came alive in the middle of the 2nd quarter. After Eric Grintz's punt return gave MC good field position inside Wolverine territory, and strong runs by Dalton Pascale and Mike Mullen, rejuvenated the offense. Rookie Don Hicks took a Zack Burdinski handoff and scampered for a 40-yard touchdown. Tanner Troffo bruised in for the point after to bring the Eagles to within 6 points. With less than two minutes remaining before halftime, the "Eagle D" prevented any Wolverine retaliation by a quick four-and-out. Effective clock management allowed the Eagles to set up a nifty go-ahead touchdown run, by quarterback Eric Grintz, on the last play before halftime. Tanner Troffo, with a little push from his linemates, barreled in for his second extra point. Score: MCE 14 Methacton 13

Marsh Creek prevailed the entire second half of the game by not even allowing a first down the rest of way. Both of Coach Pascale's offensive packages exploited the Wolverine defense by pounding the ball up the middle. Strong runs by Sean Sweeney, and Tanner Troffo wore out Methacton's defensive front. Midway through the third quarter, Sweeney broke through the line, found daylight, and raced to a nifty 42 yard touchdown. Quarterback Zack Burdinski's extra point keeper notched the score 21 – 13. The valiant effort of the offensive line; Andrew Kessler, Dan Yan, Jacob Gise, Will Franklin, and Mike Toller were opening up holes that allowed the Eagles to pick up key first downs and, more important, control the clock. Don Hicks capped off his memorable day by breaking free for his second touchdown, a 36 yard run in the fourth quarter. The defense eluded any comeback attempt, by the Wolverines, with ferocious tackles by Ryan Wetzel, Troffo, Charlie Mehl, Andrew Ciliberto, Grayson Weaver, and Burdinski. Key fourth quarter sacks by Jewett and Massimo added to the dismay of the Wolverine offense. Final score: MCE 27 Methacton 13.

Coach Pascales 3-1-1 squad travels to Bristol, next week, in looking to grab their third straight win.