

Marsh Creek Eagles 90-2, 20, Bristol War Dogs, 6:

The Marsh Creek Eagles 90-2 team faced off against the Bristol War Dogs at 4:00 on Saturday October 3rd, a cloudy, warm and DRY October day in Bristol...what turned out to be a great day for football compared to last week's mud bath! Captains Sean Sweeney, Ethan Renn and Charlie Mehl set the tone with a winning coin toss, and the Cowboys offense took to the field. Coach Mark anxiously watched from the sideline...an exciting first game of the season for quarterbacks Zach Burdenski and Eric Grintz to lead the huddle and call the plays.

In his first offensive play of the day, Zach Burdenski pitched to Donny Hicks who ran the ball to the outside gaining 8 yards, while offensive line Will Frankland, Jacob Gise, Dani Yan, Grayson Weaver and Andrew Kessler ferociously contained the War Dogs defense. From there, they struggled to pick up a first down, as did the War Dogs offense as they traded possessions. The Eagles defensive squad thwarted any attempts by the War Dogs to penetrate Marsh Creek Territory, with fierce tackles by Sean Sweeney, Scott Jewett, Domenic Massimo and Tanner Troffo. It was the special team punt return that put the Eagles on the scoreboard, with an 80 yard charge to the goal line by the unstoppable Dalton Pascale! Tanner Troffo attempted the extra point with the running play that won him extra points twice in last week's game against Methacton, but the War Dogs held strong and the score remained 6-0. On the fourth down, the War Dogs fumbled the ball and Ryan Wetzel aggressively regained possession for the Eagles.

In the 2nd quarter, Eagles Offense advanced up the field with key runs by Michael Mullen, Dalton Pasquale and Sean Sweeney. They lost possession deep in War Dog territory, and the Eagles Defense took over. Bone crushing tackles by Scott Jewett, Ricky Cahill, Michael Toler, Michael Mullen & Domenic Massimo shattered the War Dogs running game, and forced their hand at long passes. Adam Grintz broke the first pass attempt with a tremendous defensive play, and Tanner Troffo followed with a key interception that put the Eagles Offense back on the field. With 50 seconds left in the first half, Eric Grintz ran the 15 yards for the Eagles 2nd Touchdown! The Eagles grabbed an extra 2 points with a strong kick by Eric Grintz that flew through the field goal and slammed into the port-a-potty, rocking some unsuspecting football fan and ending the first half 14-0.

The Eagles continued to dominate in the 3rd quarter, with key tackles by Dani Yan, Andrew Ciliberto, Ethan Renn and Charlie Mehl bringing the War Dogs' offense to their knees, regaining Eagles possession at the War Dogs 40 yard line. The Cowboys Offense was unable to pick up a first down, but special team's Michael Mullen regained possession deep in War Dog territory off a fumbled punt. Donny Hicks took a Zach Burdenski hand-off and bolted to the outside for 15 yards, until getting pummeled by the War Dogs defense eager to prevent another touchdown. Tanner Troffo took the pitch and ran it in to the 10. Several strong runs were not enough to pick up a first down, and the score remained 14-0.

In the final quarter, special Team's Eric Grintz caught a punt return at the Eagles 40 and took off for the goal line, leaving the War Dogs in the dust. The fans were rocking the stands, so proud of our boys! The Eagles missed the extra 2 point attempt as Eric's powerful kick veered slightly to the right, leaving the score 20-0. The battle hardened War Dogs showed they had some fight left, and on their last offensive play of the game they blasted through the Eagles D for their first touch down of the game with just 2 minutes left on the clock. Final score MCE 20, Bristol War Dogs 6.

MCE, now 4-1-1, will face off against Penndel next week, in an attempt to continue their winning streak. Go Eagles!!!!