

Blue Jays Blast the Badgers, 37-14

On a night where the weather concerns prompted an early start to the game, the Westphalia was able to get out to a fast start and put away the Buckholts Badgers early as the Blue Jays pushed their record to 3-1 on the season. First quarter touchdown runs by Brett Willberg and Ross Ashford, along with a pair of defensive safeties, put the Jays up 16-0 early in the first quarter. While the Jays were held off the field for the remainder of the half, a 55-yard touchdown run by Ashford on the Blue Jays first offensive series in the second half opened the floodgates as the Badgers were unable to stop the Blue Jays at all during the second half. Westphalia's defense forced three second half turnovers as the Jays cruised to victory.

The Blue Jays night began on offense as they received the opening kickoff and drove down the field to the Buckholts 2-yard line. Brett Willberg was then able to score on an inside dive play. The Jays were unable to convert the extra point and took the lead 6-0. On the Badgers first offensive series, defensive lineman Willberg, Ashford, Dawson Hering, and Marshall Kahlig were able to push the Badgers back to their own 5-yard line, when a mishandled snap caused the Buckholts quarterback to have to fall on the ball in the end zone for a Westphalia safety. The Blue Jays received the Badgers free kick, and two plays later Ross Ashford scored his first of three touchdowns on the evening by running it in from 35-yards. A missed extra point attempt and a second defensive safety, this time caused by Marshall Kahlig, put the Jays up 16-0 in the first quarter. The remainder of the half was marked by sloppy play by the Jays offense as they were unable to score anymore points. Buckholts was able to score on a 40-yard touchdown run at the end of the second quarter to cut the Blue Jays halftime lead to 16-7.

Westphalia came out of halftime with a vengeance, as the Jays held the Badgers on their opening possession of the half and scored on an Ashford 55-yard touchdown run on Westphalia's first possession of the 3rd quarter. After the Blue Jays Lane Dach recovered a fumble, Brett Willberg hit Ross Ashford on a 55-yard touchdown pass and the Lane Dach extra point run put the Jays up 30-7. After a Badger fumble, recovered by the Jays Teran Willberg, Buckholts were able to get on the board once again when they returned an interception 45-yards for a touchdown. The Blue Jays scored their final touchdown of the evening on a Brett Willberg to Brady Hering 7-yard touchdown pass, and a Willberg to Reese Sims pass gave the Blue Jays their extra point and made the game 37-14. Buckholts had one final drive, but a Ty Stock interception on the Westphalia goal line denied the Badgers on their final drive.

Others playing well for the Blue Jays were lineman Dawson Hering, who dominated both sides of the line of scrimmage, and Latham Hoff. Other contributors were Garrett Reid, Eli Puente, Noah Jones, Graham Kahlig, and Hayden Hefelfinger.

The Blue Jays play their next game this Thursday versus Waco Parkview Academy in Westphalia. Kickoff is at 5:00 p.m.