

Westphalia Falls to Coolidge 52-12

Westphalia's 8 game winning streak stretching over the last 3 seasons came to a screeching halt as they were overmatched by the Coolidge Yellow Jackets in Coolidge last Thursday. The Yellow Jackets scored in all three phases of the game, scoring on offense, defense, and special teams on route to a dominating victory over the Blue Jays.

The evening started off poorly for Westphalia as Coolidge returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and then intercepted Blue Jay quarterback Dawson Hering on Westphalia's first play from scrimmage. Coolidge was able to march down the field to score again, making the score 13-0 early in the first quarter. The Blue Jays next drive was their best of the evening, as solid running by backs Ross Ashford and Teran Willberg pushed the Jays down into Yellow Jacket territory. From there, Hering was able to connect with end Joe Arney for a 15-yard touchdown pass to bring the score to 13-6. However, it was all Coolidge after that, as the Jackets were able to score on each of their next three possessions and take a commanding 33-6 lead into halftime.

The Blue Jays received the second half kickoff only to have Coolidge return a Hering interception for a touchdown to push their lead to 40-6. Ashford was able to return the ensuing kickoff 65-yards for a touchdown, but Coolidge was able to once again answer with a quick touchdown of their own to put the score at 46-12. In an effort to allow some of the younger athletes to play, Westphalia pulled its starters and played with a squad composed mostly of 6th graders for the remainder of the game. The younger athletes put forth a strong effort when they took the field. 6th grade quarterback Rowdy Baker completed two passes to Brady Hering and Eli Puente. Running back Ty Stock showed off some strong running behind the strong lead blocking of Noah Jones. End Graham Kahlig and center Reese Sims provided solid blocking on the line, while Hayden Hefelfinger and Garrett Reid also gave strong efforts.

After the game, Westphalia Coach Mark Vaught said, "Games like tonight are tough. We knew Coolidge was going to be a tough opponent but had hoped for a better effort from our older guys. If there is a silver lining, it was good to see how hard our younger played and to see them get some real game experience. No excuses. We're just going to have to work harder and get better. Simple as that."

Westphalia plays their next game versus McDade ISD on Thursday, October 4 in Westphalia.