

Westphalia Shuts Out McDade

The Westphalia Blue Jays defense led the way as last Thursday's victory versus the McDade Bulldogs. The Blue Jay defense forced four turnovers and scored a defensive touchdown as the Jays shut out the visiting Bulldogs 18-0 in Westphalia. Joe Arney, Brett Willberg, and Marshall Kahlig each forced a fumble, and the defensive line of Arney, Ross Ashford, Brett Willberg, and Garrett Reid dominated the line of scrimmage, forcing their way into the offensive backfield for most of the game, and never allowed the Bulldogs to mount anything offensively. The victory gave Westphalia its first shut-out since the 2009 season and allowed them to improve their record to 2-1 on the season.

The game started off well as Ross Ashford scored on a 45-yard touchdown run on the first offensive play of the game. A missed extra point put the Jays up 6-0 early in the first quarter. The defense held the McDade to a three-and-out, but an incomplete pass from Blue Jay quarterback Dawson Hering intended for Arney gave the ball back to the Bulldogs on downs. McDade was able to convert a first down on their next possession, but Westphalia defensive end Joe Arney's hit on the McDade quarterback caused a fumble which Ashford scooped up and returned 40-yards for the Blue Jays gave them a 12-0 lead early in the second quarter. The Bulldogs second turnover of the evening came on a Brett Willberg forced fumble which Arney scooped up and returned to the McDade 2-yard line. After a procedure penalty, back Teran Willberg ran around left end for a 7-yard touchdown, putting the Jays ahead 18-0 going into half-time.

The second half was a defensive struggle as neither team were able to sustain any drives. Westphalia's defense forced two more turnovers, as Arney had his second forced fumble on the evening which was recovered by Garrett Reid, and Marshall Kahlig forced a fumble which was recovered by Ashford. The Blue Jays were able to run out the final two-minutes of the game to seal the victory.

In the win, the Westphalia offense was led by the strong offensive line play of Brady Hering, Latham Hoff, Marshall Kahlig, and Joe Arney. Defensively, ends Arney and Ashford led the way for the Jays, who also received contributions from Teran Willberg, Garrett Reid, Chris Burns, Latham Hoff, and Lane Dach.

The Blue Jays next play on Thursday, October 11 at Buckholts.