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TVHS Football vs. Lancaster 9/13



Teays Valley calms the Golden Gales in the second half to defeat Lancaster 35-28.

Lancaster dominated the opening quarter, with Hunter Metz scoring on a 1-yard rush and Ethan Graham adding the extra point for a 7-0 lead. The momentum continued in the second quarter,

as Kamron Griffith hauled in a 17-yard touchdown pass from Brody Burke, and Ryder Smith returned an interception 42 yards for a score, stretching the lead to 21-7. However, Teays Valley pushed back when Griffin Gray took the Gales to the races with an electrifying 83-yard kickoff return touchdown, and Maxwell Spencer's PAT made it 14-7. The Vikings gained momentum in the third quarter when Cavin McDowell caught a 2-yard touchdown pass and Carson Payne added a 14-yard rushing score, knotting the game at 21-21. In the fourth quarter, Payne intercepted a pass and returned it 16 yards for a touchdown, putting Teays Valley ahead 28-21. Jahmeir Gordon responded with a 30-yard touchdown run on 4th and 3, tying the game at 28-28. Sophomore Carson Payne sealed the victory with a 2-yard rushing touchdown, securing a thrilling 14-point comeback and winning 35-28 for their first OCC-Buckeye division game.



Steering the ship for the Vikings rushers were Carson Payne, who added 16 carries for 91 yards and two scores; Griffin Gray, 1 carry, 8 yards; Brady Farmer, 10 carries, 1 yard; Brandon Travis, 1 carry, -3 yards;.Through the air, while Brady Farmer went 8 for 10 with 126 yards and a touchdown with one pick. Leading receivers were Cavin McDowell with 6 receptions, 94 yards, and 1 TD; Peter Graham with 1 reception, 26 yards; Weston Gray with 1 reception, 6 yards; and Teays Valley's Max Spencer made all four PAT attempts.. Lancaster kicker Graham also punted three times with an average of 27.0 yards, while Spencer punted three times with an average of 25.3 yards. Jahmeir Gordon led the rushing attack for Lancaster with 29 carries for 183 yards and a touchdown. Other notable rushers included Hunter Metz with 4 carries, 3 yards, 1 TD; Alex Cade had 1 carry, 8 yards; Devin Wilson had 1 carry, 3 yards.



Coaches Thoughts: "The people that changed that were the kids. It was in their hearts that they were going to come out and play the best football they possibly could play, and they came out and did that, and they played physical, and our defense got a short yardage to work with, and we were able to punch a couple of scores to get back in a game and gain the momentum back. Carson Payne played running back for us and did a tremendous job. At left tackle, Bryce Ferrell came in as another sophomore and then did an outstanding job. Brandon Travis played defensive corner and wide receiver for us, another sophomore, and he did a great job. You're not supposed to win games like this with that many sophomores playing, and we're able to get it done tonight, so we're going to enjoy this win, and we're going to wait and see what Reynoldsburg is all about. There's going to be a ton of athletes over there, and they have played some tough games, and I'm sure it's going to be a really competitive football game because they have a lot of speed." TV coach Brian Cross.

Teays Valley (3-1, 1-0) will be back on the field next Friday, September 20th, when they travel to Reynoldsburg (1-3, 0-1) to face off with the Raiders. Reynoldsburg lost to Canal Winchester tonight 9/13 20-14.

Teays Valley box score

Passing Leaders:

Brady Farmer 8/10, 126 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

Rushing Leaders:

Carson Payne | 16 carries, 91 yards, 2 TD'S| 0 |

Griffin Gray 1 carry, 8 yards

Receiving Leaders:

Cavin McDowell 6 rec, 94 yards, 1 TD

Peter Graham, 1 rec, 26 yards

Weston Gray 1 rec, 6 yards

Special Teams:

Maxwell Spencer 5/5 PAT's, 3 punts, longest 40 yards, average 25.3

Griffin Gray: 2 returns, 120 yards, 1 TD

Defensive:

Peter Graham 1 INT

Carson Payne 1 INT for TD