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Sports

Football team still hunting for a win

By Brandon Waite

Another week, another loss: this has been the theme thus far for Oakwood (0-5). Traveling to Eaton last Friday night to battle the playoff hungry Eagles (4-1) didn't do much to change the Jacks mantra.

The start of the first quarter was the only glimmer of hope for Oakwood throughout the entire game. The Eagle's scored first to take an early 6-0 lead after missing the extra point. Unfortunately it was just the beginning of a long night for the Lumberjacks. However, the Jacks were able to answer back after quarterback, Matt Carpenter, tossed up an 11-yard TD to wide receiver, Scott Feldmiller. They too missed the extra point as scoreboard now read 6-6. This would prove to be the best moment in the game to reminisce; the Eagles were just getting started.

They would go on to score 20 points in the first quarter which

would have been enough for the win in and of itself. The Lumberjacks would only go on to score one more time the entire game.

A full summary of this ugly loss would leave a sour taste in the mouth most readers. The final score was 45-13 but if you happen to be a glutton for punishment here are some more indicators of how it all played out for the Lumberjacks:

- The Eagles scored on at least three plays of 30 plus yards: a 67-yard run, a 48-yard pass, and a 30-yard screen.
- Oakwood was never able to take advantage of the mental mistakes which could have helped them stay in the game: Eaton had at least 15 penalties, if not more.
- The game should've been even more of a blow out: four of the Eagles touchdowns were called back due to penalties and the starters did not play in all four quarters.

• One player outscored the entire Oakwood offense: Eaton's starting running back had four touchdowns in the game, three of which came in the first half.

I refuse to end this article in such a somber tone however. This may be wishful thinking but if the Jacks could somehow turn the season around starting this week, there is still a chance that they could end up with a respectable .500 record. Also, Oakwood is just getting started with in-conference play, that being said, they can still actually become conference champions if they refuse to let the past haunt them. Every week is a new game, the season is slowly but surely coming to an end. If the Jacks decide to come together, play hard and leave everything on the field, the possibilities are endless. They have the athletes to succeed, but how badly does Oakwood want to prove the naysayers wrong?



Jacks soccer shuts out Milton Union 3-0

Oakwood defeated Milton Union 3 - 0 in a rain soaked game at Milton Union on September 24, 2009. Pictured are seniors Scott Harmon, in goal, and Tim Fecher teamed up to prevent the Bulldogs from finding the back of the net.

Jills soccer goes 1-2 for the week

The Jills completed their non-SWBL schedule with games against the #2 and #3 teams in their district. On Monday the Jills played the number three Alter girls close for one half, trailing just 1-0 at the end of the first half. Alter then tallied a quick second half goal and then two late goals after goalie Alex Miller had to leave with an injury. The final score was 4-0. The play of sophomore defender Molly Reese was especially solid. The next night wasn't any easier. This time Waynesville, the eighth ranked team in the state, visited the Jills. Waynesville proved to be the stronger team, earning a 3-0 win. The Jills were able to muster a number of opportunities to score, but couldn't quite close. Miller once again had a number of exceptional saves along the way. Junior sweeper Briana McConnell provided as usual outstanding defense.

Thankfully, the Jills returned to SWBL play against Milton Union at home on Thursday in a constant rain. The Bulldogs proved to be the right medicine after the



Oakwood player and Alter player battle for the ball.

two previous losses. The Jills won 3-0 in a rain shortened single half game. Oakwood took only 30 seconds to score their first goal after a nifty pass from sophomore Amanda Winch up the middle to freshman Olivia Ireland who beat the goalie with a nice shot. The second goal came just 3-1/2 minutes later, when Alex Randolph's shot from 10 yards out on the left side of

the goal was blocked by the goalie. The rebound was booted past the goalie by Winch, her first goal on the varsity Jills. The third and final goal came at the 31:33 mark off a great corner by sophomore Emma Rolle, which was back touched by Winch to Ireland who knocked in her second goal of the game. Thereafter, the rain proved to be the big winner.

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