

Jacks hit hard at Homecoming game

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Homecoming. It's a tradition that is synonymous with high school football everywhere. It's a special night for the home team, not only for celebratory purposes, but also because it gives players a chance to enjoy the night, win lose or draw.

On a cool and slippery Friday night, The Lumberjacks (0-6) hosted Brookville (4-2) for their homecoming game. Coming onto the field, Brookville hadn't won back-to-back games. Since they won the week prior, Oakwood wanted to keep the Blue Devils streak alive by handing them a loss.

In the first quarter, the two teams went back and forth. Neither team scored until late into the quarter.

A good looking punt return by the Blue Devils put them in promising field position. They were able to drive down the field and run in the end zone for a touchdown, making the score 6-0 Brookville.

The Jacks did not score in the quarter, but even though they had fallen behind score-wise, there seemed to be a certain swagger about their play. The defense was hitting hard; the crash from their pads was evident to the spectators. The offense was making plays and pounding the Blue Devils with their ground game.

The beginning of the second quarter opened up with a heart breaker for the Jacks defense. The Devils were driving down field once again but they were stopped on a third down conversion. Brookville was not having much success with their field goal unit so they decided to go for it on fourth down. Not only

did Brookville convert, but they scored on the play, increasing their lead to 12-0.

The Blue Devils went on to score one more time in the half, but Oakwood and quarterback Matt Carpenter were not willing to go down without a fight.

It was a muddy night which did not bode well for passing. That did not stop Carpenter from leading his team down the field.

His name was called play after play as he charged by opponents with cleats and raw nerve. To make things more difficult on Brookville, running back Collin Morris made sure that the defense did not get too cozy keying in on Carpenter alone. With 2:17 left in the half, Morris was able to run for a 17 yard touchdown. Wide receiver Scott Feldmiller had the key block on the play that allowed Morris to dance in for the score. At halftime the score was 18-7 in favor of the Blue Devils.

A festive break in the action was called for as the Homecoming Queen ceremony commenced. Senior Lucy Shafer was crowned Queen and her escort Jeffrey Beal, King. Congratulations to the lucky couple.

The second half was not quite as exciting for the Lumberjacks, however. The offense was not able to stay on the field for any substantial amount of time and the defense had to pay the price. They were tired and Brookville's offense took advantage of their lagging opponents. The game ended with the score 39-13, Brookville.

Oakwood played much harder than the score indicated. Hopefully they will be able to maintain that aforementioned swagger for the remainder of the season.



Lumberjacks rumble with Blue Devils. Photos by Leon Chuck

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