



GAMES OF THE WEEK REVIEWS – DIV1 SEMI-FINALS

Friday, May 26, 2023

Shouldice Athletic Park– Hellard Field

GAME 1 – 6:15PM



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A good crowd was on hand to watch the first of two DIV1 semi-final games on Friday night. The Wildcats opened the scoring with a 50-yard scamper by #1 RB Damien C. and the convert by Kicker #26 Joey S. to make it 7-0 Cats. Several long passes and runs including a 25-yard kickoff return by Mavericks #15 Devin Z., a 20-yard run by Wildcats #10 RB Mark S., and a fumble recovery by the Mavs at the Wildcats 15-yard line failed to produce any more scoring until the Cats #26 Joey S. hit a 25-yard field goal to make it 10-0 Wildcats at the end of the 1st quarter.

The second quarter opened with a 45-yard pass & run play to Mavs WR #8 Andrew W. to the Cats 12 yard line. Mavericks get on the board with a QB keeper by Mavs #1 Ben N. Convert by #1 Ben N. made it 10-7 Wildcats. The Cats then answered with a 45-yard pass by #1 Ben N. to WR #5 Jack G. to the Mavericks 20. TD pass to #5 Jack G. and the convert by #26 Joey S. made it 17-7 Wildcats. Next possession Mavericks QB #1 Ben N. fired a 40-yard pass to #8 WR Andrew W. at the Wildcats 5. Despite a TD saving tackle by Cats DB #2 Kaysar M., the Mavericks scored on a catch in the EZ by WR #8 Andrew W. Convert good making the score 17-14 Wildcats. The Cats answered back with a 50-yard pass & run play by #10 Mark S. and the convert was good to make it 24-14 Cats. After leaving the game earlier with what looked like a game ending injury, Mavs RB #15 Devin Z. returned to the game with a 30-yard run from scrimmage. Wildcats couldn't capitalize on a Mavs fumble recovered by Cats LB #51 Matt S. Score at halftime remained 24-14 Cats.

In the 3rd, Mavericks #1 Ben N. completed a 45-yard pass to #15 Devin Z. at the Mavs 12 but on the next play a pressure by Cats #21 LB Carson R. forced a Mavs incompleting forcing the Mavericks to try a 17-yard FG. The kick was wide but was fumbled in the EZ by the Wildcats recovered by the Mavs for a TD. Convert by K #34 Alexander G. made it 24-21 Wildcats. Several plays in the 3rd including a 50-yard KO return by Cats #30 RB Carson G., an interception by the Mavericks and a QB sack by Mavs #77 DL Marcus R. produced no further scoring.

The 4th quarter saw the Wildcats begin to control the game with a TD pass to #1 Damien C. to make it 30-21 Cats. Convert no good. The Mavericks took advantage of a PI call on the Cats plus a 30-yard pass to #8 Andrew W. to the Cats 13-yard line but the attempted TD pass into the EZ was intercepted by Cats #2 DB Kaysar M. to seal the victory for the Wildcats.

Mavericks' offense was led by QB #1 Ben N. with several long pass completions and WR #8 Andrew W. with over 100 yards in receiving, and by RB #15 Devin Z. with several long runs. Mavs defense was anchored by #18 LB Alex P. with several tackles and an interception.

Wildcats' offense had a big night with QB Cohen W, throwing for close to 100 yards to favourite receivers #1 RB Damien C. and #10 Mark S. Cats defensive standouts were #51 LB Matt S., #2 DB Kaysar M., and DL #98 Abdul Hamza with multiple tackles.

Wildcats face the Cowboys in the Division I final June 1 at McMahon.

GAME 2 – 8:15PM



The second game of the DIV I semi-finals featured the Cowboys and Raiders, the winner to face the Wildcats in the Championship game. The 1st quarter started out with a 30-yard run by Cowboys #30 RB Parker W. and a 10-yard pass hauled in by #11 WR Hayarden L. Cowboys open the scoring with a 35-yard FG by K #85 Lucas H. 3-0 Cowboys. On a Raiders punt, the Cowboys fumble on the return and the ball is recovered by Raiders #89 Landon E. After a 20-yard run by Raiders #1 Tyrell H. the first quarter came to an end.

The second quarter was all Cowboys as they scored a safety on a bad snap by the Raiders into the EZ to make it 5-0 Cowboys, then a TD by Cowboys #30 Parker W. and the convert by #85 Lucas H. made it 12-0 for the Cowboys. The Raiders made it closer after a 40-yard run by #7 QB Joshua M. and a 25-yard pass to #14 WR Spencer A. with the convert by Kicker #86 Nolan K. blocked to keep it 12-6 Cowboys at the half.

While the 3rd quarter was non-scoring, it featured three 15-yard runs by Cowboys RB #30 Parker W., a 25-yard run by Raiders #89 Landon E., and a QB sack by Cowboys LB #36 Eitan A.

In the 4th quarter after attempting a 43-yard FG which was no good, the Cowboys offense went for several long drives with a 25-yard pass reception & run by #11 Hayarden L. capped off by a 20-yard FG to make it 15-6 Cowboys. The Raiders then fought back with a 40-yard pass to #89 WR Landon E. from QB #7 Joshua M. but the play was broken up and saved a TD by Cowboys DB #12 Rocco S. The Raiders continued to press with a 40-yard reception by #89 Landon E. and a 10-yard touchdown pass to #1 WR Tyrell H. The convert by #86 Nolan K. was good to make it 15-13 Cowboys which held up as the final score.

This game was a defensive battle with standouts for the Raiders defense #32 DB Ryarder F. and #35 Wesley B. each with 5 tackles. The Cowboy's defense was led by #25 LB Jesse G. with 5 tackles and a sack, and #49 LB Everett M. with 4 tackles and a sack.

The Cowboys will meet the Wildcats on June 1 at McMahon stadium for the Spring League DIV 1 championship.

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