



GAMES OF THE WEEK REVIEWS

Quarter Finals - Thursday, May 18, 2023

Shouldice Athletic Park – Hellard Field

GAME 1 – 6:15PM



vs



The Hilltoppers and Cowboys battled for the right to meet the Raiders in the semi-finals next week (May 26th) on this warm May evening in front of a good crowd at Hellard field.

The Cowboys opened the scoring with a punt into the EZ for a rouge making it 1-0 Cowboys. Several drives by each team were stalled by penalties and two fumbled punts by the Cowboys recovered by the Toppers. Unfortunately, they could not take advantage of the turnovers.

The second quarter saw the Cowboys give up a safety in their end zone making it 2-1 Hilltoppers. The Cowboys had taken over near their own goal line after a TD saving tackle by #21 DB Thomas G. A fake FG by the Cowboys was unsuccessful due to an Offensive Pass Interference call at the Hilltoppers goal line. After an interception by the boys #12 DB Rocco S. on the Hilltoppers 10-yard line, they were marched back to the 27-yard line by a series of penalties. Cowboys settled for a FG by #85 Lucas H. 4-2 Cowboys. The Hilltoppers then took a 9-4 lead on a spectacular 80-yard reverse play on a punt return by #7 Cavan S. before half time.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys scored a safety after a snap over the Cowboys punter's head into the EZ making the score 11-4 Hilltoppers. After a pass completion and fumble by the Toppers recovered by the Cowboys, a 45-yard pass & run play to #14 Ty J. made it 11-10 Hilltoppers. The convert by #85 Lucas H. tied the game at 11-11. A 15-yard QB keeper by #15 Finn G. and a 10-yard sweep by #30 Parker W. got the ball to the Hilltoppers 13-yard line at the end of the 3rd.

Cowboys #85 Lucas H. kicks the 13 yd FG at the start of the 4th qtr. to make it 14-11 Cowboys. They followed it up with a perfectly executed onside kick-off recovered by #80 DB RJ H. After a 25-yard completion to #6 Lane C., Cowboys kick a 25-yard FG to make the score 17-11 Cowboys and the defense was able to prevent the Hilltoppers from getting near the EZ. Final score Cowboys 17. Hilltoppers 11.

This game was a defensive struggle with Hilltoppers # 31 Sirani B. and #99 Donovan M. leading the way with 3 tackles each. #3 LB Joseph L. and #91 Noah C. added 2 each and #99 Donovan M. recording a QB sack, and #17 Iszak K. with an INT.

Cowboys' defense was led by #25 Jesse G. with 6 tackles and a sack with # 49 LB Everett M. and #46 DL Tyson N. each making 5 tackles. #12 DB Rocco S. came up with an INT for the Cowboys.

Cowboys advance to meet the Raiders in one of the DIV1 Semi-Finals on Friday, May 26th.

GAME 2 – 8:15PM



The crowd gathered for the DIV1 Quarterfinal game between the Mavericks & Colts were in for a treat as this game turned out to have one of the most exciting finishes of the whole season. It had lots of offense, some great clutch plays by both teams, and some game changing defensive plays as well.

The Mavs opened the scoring with a 65-yard TD pass from #1 QB Ben N. to #8 WR Andrew W. Convert good and Mavericks led 7-0. After a Colts 3rd & 2 gamble on their own 40, a tackle by Mavericks # 99 DL Daniel O. followed by a 30 yd completion to #2 WR Brady S. put the Mavs in FG range.

The 2nd qtr. opened with a Mavericks 18-yard FG by #1 Ben N. 10-0 Mavericks. A 50-yard pass & run to Mavs #2 WR Brady S. ended with a TD saving tackle by Colts # 27 DB Aiden M. and The Mavs attempt a 20-yard FG which went wide & was returned out of the EZ. The second qtr. remained at 10-0 Mavericks despite several long runs by Colts #16 RB Jack M. and a Mavericks 40-yard screen pass to #15 RB Devin Z.

The 3rd qtr. featured several long runs again by Colts RB #16 Jack M. and by Mavericks #15 Devin Z. and Mavs #4 WR Joseph D. hauled in a difficult 20-yard sideline catch. After a lot of entertaining offence, Mavs #4 Joseph D. makes an EZ catch for a TD. The convert by #1 Ben N. was good Mavs lead 17-0.

To start the 4th qtr., a 20-yard completion from Colts QB #12 Matthew H. to #19 Carter P. and a roughing the passer call on the Mavericks took the Colts to the 1 yd line. Colts #16 Jack M. ran it in for the TD. Convert by K #40 Tomas R. was good. Mavericks lead 17-7. On the ensuing kickoff, Colts LB Wyatt K. makes the tackle to pin the Mavericks deep in their red zone. Mavericks drive stalls and the Colts get the ball back with 3 & 1/2 min. left but Mavericks DL #95 Stephen S. chased down Colts QB #12 Matthew H. to force a key incomplete pass. On the next series, Mavericks QB #1 Ben N. is strip sacked by Colts #3 LB Emerson L. causing a fumble and the Colts recovered at the Mavs 25. Colts scored quickly with a 25-yard pass to #4 Allan D. in the EZ. Convert is good. 17-14 Mavs. Colts then were the beneficiaries of a short Mavericks punt followed by a Horse Collar tackle flag and the Colts drive to the 15-yard line. A pass interference call on the Mavericks in the EZ takes the Colts to the 1 and they score on a TD plunge by #10 RB Tyler T. Convert is good. Colts take the lead 21-17 with 47 seconds left in the game. A 25-yard pass to Mavericks #2 Brady S. moved the Mavs to the Colts 21. Then a PI call on the Colts gave the Mavericks the ball on the Colts 7-yard line with 4 seconds left in the game. Mavericks pull off the comeback victory with a TD catch in the EZ by #8 Andrew W. The Mavericks come away with the win 23-21 over a gutsy Colts team that fought back after being down 17-0.

While this may have been the game of the season, more excitement awaits as the Mavericks take on the undefeated Wildcats in the semifinals on May 26th.

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Friday, May 26th - Next week's games of the week:

Early Game – Wildcats vs Mavericks

Late Game – Raiders vs Cowboys