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Wolfpack teams stand tall at mid-season

Three teams remain undefeated, youngest Wolfpack squad pouring it on while others making progress

SHADY GROVE MS (AP) - Midway through the 2009 tackle football season and St. Francis has set a program record with three teams ranked in the State's Youth Football Top 10!

The 11-13 year-old team with a host of future hall of famers is ranked second in the state for their division.

The 9-11 year-old team is ranked fourth in the state and the Unlimited team is ranked 9th.

"Bang. Whap. Those Wolfpack players can sure hit," said John Madden inbetween chomps on his bratwurst.

The 6-8 year-old team is proving an up and comer too. Posting a 4-2 record, they along with the three unbeaten teams appear to be headed to the playoffs.

Last week the 11-13 team had travel through four time zones, take a ferry, train and two plane connections to get to Christmas Tree Park to play North Carroll.

"That's quite a drive," coach John Boyd said with a sigh following his latest victory.

It wasn't an easy test.

Only up by a point at half time, 7-6, North Carroll keyed their efforts on stopping Isaac "L'il Cheetah" Boyd and his powerful running game.

But Boyd isn't the only running-back in the Wolfpack arsenal, and after a halftime adjustment, The 11-13 team rolled 27-6.

Unlimited

Against Urbana, with former Einstein Head Coach John Mangrum at the helm, the Wolfpack rolled into Fannie Mae Field Saturday confident, but not cocky.

They knew the Urbana team was well coached.

Losing the toss, the Wolfpack went on defense to begin the game. That's when Chris Padmore intercepted a first down pass and returned it for a touchdown.

On the ensuing kickoff, the stout Urbana team tried once again to pass, and once again Padmore picked it off and returned it for a touchdown.

The following kickoff was fumbled, enabling Clay Shelton-Jones to scoop up the loose ball and run it in for the third Wolfpack score in less than two minutes.

When the Wolfpack forced a punt, quarterback Wyatt "Bear" Karem hit Padmore on a 77-yard bomb to make it 32-0 for the Wolfpack before the end of the first quarter and the team never looked back.

Rolling up a 62-0 score, the Wolfpack travels to New Market Middle School this Saturday to face the other unbeaten team in their division.

West Carroll, ranked eighth in the state is slated as the favorite in the game.

"We like being the underdog," assistant coach Ed O'Daniel told the associated press. "We'll earn their respect Saturday."

9-11 team

In it's closest game this year, the Wolfpack, still missing linebacker and fullback Zach "L'il Urlacher" Ralli managed to squeeze out another victory against a very tough Maplewood squad 20-19.

Derek Akuoko, who's been setting rushing records at his level this year, stepped up and took the game single-handedly - despite forgetting to eat and forgetting his inhaler.

NFL player union reps said they'll have someone on the sideline in future games to make sure this

mishap isn't repeated.

"It's in his contract," coach Mike Johnson told the AP. "I don't know why he didn't eat or take his inhaler."

6-8 team

SFA received the kickoff and River Jackson threw a TD pass to Andrew Reyes. The extra point failed giving SFA a 6 point lead.

On Maplewood's first play from scrimmage, the running back was met in the backfield by Brian Reyes causing a fumble which was recovered by Matthew McClernon.

The first half ended with a highlight of Matthew McClernon receiving a pass from River Jackson and the follow-on run for a 17 yard play.

The second half started with Maplewood giving the Wolfpack their first defensive challenge. Maplewood moved to the SFA 40 on a 15 yard run. A sweep right from that point looked as though it might go all the way when Marcell Chapman leveled the runner along the sidelines.

A Maplewood fumble in the third quarter allowed SFA to take control of the game.

Jackson gave the ball to Marcus Bradley for a middle run that turned into a 15 yard gain. Nicholas Laboy took another reverse a couple of plays later for 30 yards bringing SFA into the red zone once again.

The next play resulted in a TD when River Jackson threw to Matthew McClernon's waiting hands in the end zone. The extra point was successful this time on a reverse right given to Marco Mattocks. Final score, St. Francis 13, Maplewood 0.

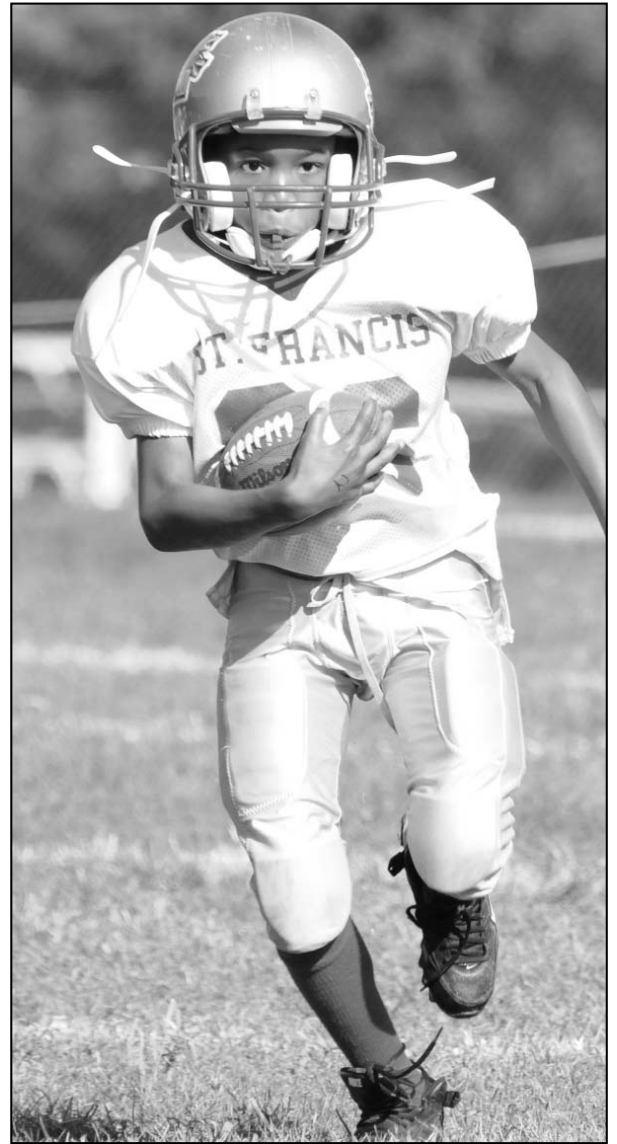


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The Wolfpack runs strong

Check out the new website

Who has the most yards gained in Wolfpack history?

Who threw for the most yards in a single game?

Who had the most tackles in a season?

The answer to these and many other questions regarding the Wolfpack in its 13-year history can be found on our website, along with up to date schedule and standing information. Thank Jacqui South for her

help in this endeavor, and take a look at the new photo section that gives you access to all the latest photos of your children this year in SFA Wolfpack football.

End of Year Banquet

Also, take note that I should be receiving highlight tape from each team so we can put together a great highlight reel for the banquet.

The date for the banquet hasn't

been set yet, but we'll keep you informed as to when it will be very soon.

Thanks!

Also, everyone owes a great deal of thanks to Lynda Ralli who has done a yeoman's effort putting together the concession stand this year. Three cheers!

Thanks to all the team moms and coaches also. So far, so good!

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