

How to cook Golden Eagles

Oberlin trounces WaKeeney

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There's probably a federal law against what the Red Devils did to the Trego Community High football team Friday night in Oberlin.

The Decatur Community High boys slaughtered the Golden Eagles from WaKeeney 54-12 in a game that was so one sided the mercy rule went into effect and the clock ran continuously for most of the fourth quarter.

Oberlin won the coin toss but deferred to their guests and kicked off.

It took WaKeeney four downs to go to the 49-yard line, where they turned the ball over to Oberlin.

During Oberlin's turn, the Red Devils ran three plays, but a holding call had them at third and 15. A good pass put the home team on the 37-yard line but two runs and an incomplete pass later, the Red Devils were at fourth and five. Quarterback Wiley Farr carried the ball and it looked like he'd made the first down, but the chain gang came out and found it was inches short. WaKeeney got the ball back.

Two quick penalties put the Eagles in a first-and-20 situation. Then Toby Peters intercepted a WaKeeney pass on the 31.

Things looked good for Oberlin and the Red Devils were on the WaKeeney 13, closing in on the goal, when the ball was knocked free and WaKeeney picked up the fumble.

The Golden Eagles were unable to move the ball, however, and kicked it back to the 40 after three unsuccessful downs.

Farr took the ball and, on Oberlin's first play, ran it from the 40 to the goal to give Oberlin a 6-0 advantage.

The two-point conversion from Farr to Keithen Fortin was good and Oberlin was up 8-0 at 4:28 in the first quarter.

WaKeeney took the kickoff on the 20, but an ineligible player put the Golden Eagles back to second and 20. Oberlin pushed and the visitors were soon at fourth and 23 with the ball on their own 7.

The kick went out of bounds on the 23 and Oberlin took over.

On the first play, Farr took the ball and ran 22 yards into the end zone. Farr also carried the two-point conversion and Oberlin was up 16-0 with 2:16 left in the first quarter.

Golden Eagle fans finally got something to cheer about as WaKeeney senior Derek Carr grabbed the kickoff and ran it all the way to the end zone. The two-point conver-



TAKING THE BALL up the middle, Nolan Peters (No. 20) had just received a handoff from Oberlin quarterback Wiley Farr (No. 9) during Oberlin's 54-12 victory over WaKeeney on Friday.

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sion try was unsuccessful, but with 2:04 left in the first, it was Oberlin 16, WaKeeney 6.

There was trouble on the kickoff, as the ball went off a WaKeeney player's back before it had traveled 10 yards. Although this was a penalty situation, Oberlin declined and started its drive on the 49.

The Red Devils only got in two plays, however, before a fumble. WaKeeney again came up with the ball. WaKeeney had no luck, though, and the quarter ended with the score 16-6.

After changing ends of the field, WaKeeney ran out of downs and Oberlin took over on the 43.

Oberlin ran the ball four times for a first and 10, then twice more before Farr tried a pass to Peters. Interference was called and Oberlin had the ball on the WaKeeney 28. Two runs took Oberlin to third and one. Farr passed to Peters, but there was a flag on the play as Oberlin had an illegal man down field. The penalty was declined, but Oberlin went on to score as Farr made a 27-yard touchdown pass to T. Peters on fourth down with 8:51 left in the second half.

The two-point conversion failed due to an unusual call of offensive pass interference.

A frustrated WaKeeney took the ball, but after a holding call, the

Eagles were called for unsportsmanlike conduct and found themselves at third and 41. When a time out and another play took them to fourth and 35, they punted.

Oberlin drove towards the goal line, gaining a little yardage with each play until Farr made a 25-yard touchdown pass to Nolan Peters for Oberlin's fourth touchdown of the evening.

Again the two-point conversion failed, but with 5:09 left in the half, Oberlin led 28-6.

WaKeeney took the kickoff and had a good return. For a while, it looked like it would be a repeat of their first touchdown. However, the ball carrier was forced out of bounds at the 48.

WaKeeney was not able to move the ball well until fourth down, and then it was questionable whether they had made the first and 10. The chain gang confirmed that the Golden Eagles had gained their 10 yards by inches.

In the second set of downs, a bad pass led to a scramble and Oberlin came up with the ball on the WaKeeney 38.

It took Oberlin only a couple of plays to score again. Farr threw a 59-yard pass to Toby Peters, who took it into the end zone.

Again the two-point conversion

was no good, but with 1:37 left in the half, Oberlin led 34-6.

WaKeeney took the ball and the Golden Eagles were moving well, but two false-start penalties took them to third and 11 when the half ended.

In the second half, Oberlin Coach J.D. Johnson started putting in his younger players, allowing many freshmen and sophomores a chance to get on the field.

Oberlin took the kickoff, but was not able to move the ball and punted it out of bounds on the 37.

WaKeeney took over, but a personal foul (tripping) left the Golden Eagles at first and 25. They were not able to make up the yards and Oberlin took over.

Oberlin also suffered penalties. However, on first and 23, Farr passed to Nolan Peters for a 19-yard gain and the Red Devils were suddenly at second and five.

Then Farr completed a 33-yard pass to Fortin for another Oberlin touchdown.

The two-point conversion was again stymied by an offensive pass-interference call, but the score was then 40-6 with 9:50 left in the third quarter.

WaKeeney took the kickoff on its own 42, but turned the ball over on downs. Oberlin went to second

and nine, then Fortin took the ball on a 63-yard run to give Oberlin first and goal, just a yard from the promised land.

Farr threw to Dakota Soderlund for Oberlin's seventh touchdown. A pass from Farr to N. Peters was no good, and the two-point conversion failed.

WaKeeney took the ball on the 41, but a penalty, lack of ground yards and an incomplete pass again had them punting on fourth down.

Oberlin took over on the 19 and started to grind out yards, making four first downs before the end of the quarter. The period ended with Oberlin ahead 46-6.

As the fourth quarter got underway, T. Peters made a 13-yard run for Oberlin's eighth touchdown. Farr ran the ball in for the two-point conversion and Oberlin led 54-6 with 11:20 left to play.

At this time, the continuous clock rule, activated when a team is 45 or more points ahead, went into effect and the rest of the quarter passed quickly.

After the kickoff, WaKeeney went down the field by fits and starts until Carr took the ball for a 30-yard touchdown run for WaKeeney's second score of the evening.

The two-point conversion was unsuccessful, and with 5:05 left,

the score was 54-12 in Oberlin's favor.

Coach Johnson pretty much emptied his bench of younger players for the last few plays as Oberlin took the kickoff.

Inexperience showed, as Oberlin received a false-start penalty and fumbled the ball, but at that point it didn't matter much.

WaKeeney recovered the Oberlin fumble but was unable to go anywhere in the short time remaining and the game ended with the score 54-12, taking Oberlin's record to 4-1 and WaKeeney's to 0-5.

Coach Johnson said that he would like to have seen the team move more in the beginning of the game, adding that he felt the Red Devils got off to a slow start.

However, he said, they soon figured out who they needed to block and got down to business.

"Everybody did a much better job once we got going," he said after the game. "(The) defense has done much better this year overall."

The coach said he knew the Red Devils' defense would be strong this season, but had been uncertain how the offense would shape up earlier in the year.

Oberlin just didn't give WaKeeney much to work with, outrushing the Golden Eagles 225 yards to 75 and out passing them 259 yards to minus one. The Red Devils had nine first downs to WaKeeney's pair.

Rushing for the Red Devils were Fortin, 93 yards on nine carries; Farr, 83 yards on 14 carries; N. Peters, 34 yards on four carries; T. Peters, 13 yards on a carry; Soderlund, four yards on two carries; Ryan May, a yard on one; and Conner McHugh, no yards on one carry.

Farr passed for 259 yards to four receivers. T. Peters caught five for 143 yards and two touchdowns, N. Peters, four for 53 yards and a touchdown; Fortin, two for 38 yards and a touchdown; and Soderlund, two for 25 yards.

T. Peters led the Oberlin defense with six tackles, nine assists and three interceptions. He was followed by Josh Ritter, two tackles, five assists and a sack; K. Fortin, eight assists and a fumble recovery; N. Peters, two tackles and four assists; Daniel Jordan, a tackle and 15 assists; Farr, a tackle and 12 assists; Justin Williams, a tackle and six assists; Dalton Dolan, a tackle and two assists; Kaden Macfee, 11 assists; Dakota Soderlund, eight assists; Channing Fortin, two assists; and Tyler Bruggeman and Jaxen Alstrom, an assist each.

Oberlin will be at home again this week as the Goodland Cowboys come to town. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

Goodland is a Class 3A school but the Cowboys are 1-4, having beaten WaKeeney but lost to Oakley, Colby, St. Francis and Atwood.



THE OBERLIN RED DEVILS lined up on the field to face their opponents, the WaKeeney Golden Eagles, before the start of Friday night's game.



HAVING LOTS OF FUN, John Bremer (with ram rod) and Walter Pennell got to shoot off their cannon eight times, one after each Oberlin touchdown, on Friday.

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