

Saint Mary Football

Wood-Ridge, N.J. – Week four was an important game for the St. Mary Gaels; coming off two close games at home and having a 2-1 record, the Gaels were looking to come away from Wood-Ridge High School with a win. In addition, Wood-Ridge was looking for their first win of the year.



Both defenses came out strong in the first quarter as neither team scored until the second. The Gaels' defense, led by junior linebackers AJ Godsil, Matt Rodriguez, and Liam Gardner, shut out the Blue Devils in the first half. An interception by Harvey Rison deflated a Blue Devils' drive late in the second quarter.

On the other side of the ball, the offense took control in the second quarter as junior Ryan Monaghan threw two touchdown passes. The first of the touchdowns came off a play action bootleg to sophomore receiver Willie Krajnik who scored his first ever varsity touchdown on the play. The second touchdown was another pass from Monaghan but this time to junior tight end Walter Lazarczyk, also the first varsity touchdown of his career. Going into the half, St. Mary had the lead 14-0.



In the second half, the running game of the Gaels helped put away the Blue Devils with two rushing touchdowns. The first of the two came in the third quarter as St. Mary drove deep in Wood-Ridge territory. Junior running back Jonathan Diaz took the hand-off over the top of the defense for his first touchdown of the game. Senior Fullback Kidane Ruty finished off the Blue Devils late in the fourth with his first touchdown of the season.