

Saint Mary Football

Saddlebrook, N.J. – Week five was an important week for the St. Mary Gaels. Coming off a lopsided win against Wood-Ridge, the Gaels were looking to improve on their 3-1 record in Saddle brook. The Saddle brook Falcons were also looking to improve their record to 5-0.

The game started slowly on offense for both teams as the Gaels went three and out on their first series. With the ball already in St. Mary territory, Saddle brook struggled to get the ball into the end zone. However, after a barrage of penalties and miscues, they were able to convert a fourth and long with a touchdown pass just inside the pylon to go up 6-0 late in the first quarter. The PAT was converted and the first quarter ended 7-0 in favor of Saddle brook.

St. Mary's defense led by senior safety Anthony Ferrentino held Saddle brook's high-powered offense to only 7 points for the first three quarters. On the other side of the ball, both teams had trouble getting into the end zone for most of the game. St. Mary's only points of the game came on a 40 yard run from junior running back Jonathan Diaz in the second quarter to make the score 7-6 going into halftime.

Both offenses struggled again in the second half until late in the fourth quarter. Eventually the rushing attack of the Falcons was able to beat the Gaels defense as they punched in the final score of the game with fewer than two minutes to go. The final score was 14-6 in favor of the Saddle brook Falcons.