

Mosinee advances in the WIAA playoffs with shutout of Antigo.

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A rained soaked Schofield Stadium was the host for the rematch of the week 5 matchup between Mosinee and Antigo. This time the teams battled to advance to the second round of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs, and Mosinee prevailed 21-0, ending the season of the number 3 seed and conference co-champion Antigo Red Robins.

The number 7 seed Mosinee started the scoring early after the opening kickoff. The offense drove 70 yards to the 5 yard line, where senior running back Chase Wiedow punched it in after a dominating first series that had him carrying the ball 6 times for 39 yards. The rain affected the extra point try as the ball slipped and slid its way to holder Tanner Lindell. By the time the kick got off Antigo's defense swatted it away leaving the score 6-0 Mosinee.

Antigo went three-and-out on their first series and gave the ball back to Mosinee with 6 minutes left in the first quarter. After another long drive Mosinee once again relied on the senior back Wiedow, who scampered around the left tackle to score from fifteen yards out; his thirteenth touchdown of the season. Wiedow collected nearly 100 yards in the first half on his way to 132 yards on 25 carries for the game. The two point conversion was successful after Landon Stepan found Bryce Graveen to make the score 14-0 Mosinee.

Antigo had their first surge of offence on their next drive where they drove all the way down to the 13 yard line. Being forced to go for it on a fourth down, quarterback Matt Winter threw the ball up for a jump ball in the end zone where junior defensive back Eric Soderberg batted the ball to senior safety Ben Fochs for a touch-back.

This time, Mosinee drove 80 yards and capped it off with the pass attack. Stepan, who finished 8 of 15 for 109 yards, dropped back and found Graveen on an 11 yard slant route for the score. The clean snap allowed Jake Marshall to boot the ball through the up rights to make the score 21-0 Mosinee.

The second half the game was dominated by the defense. Antigo's defense finally was able to stop the strong Mosinee offense, forcing them to punt four times. Antigo senior defensive back Cody Below also collected an interception on a tipped ball near the goal line.

The Indian's defense continued their strong performance collecting two more interceptions, one from senior Jared Novitzke and junior Parker Samples. The stout Mosinee defense also saw Ben Fochs, Trevor Bangart and Oliver Barnes sack the Antigo quarterback and helped seal the win.

With their game in hand, Mosinee waited for the conclusion of the Medford/Merrill game. That game wasn't decided until the final play in which Medford was able to pull off a thrilling victory. Merrill took a 27-26 lead with a little over a minute left in the game. After the kickoff Medford drove 80 yards and with one second left, from the one yard line, kicked a game winning field goal making the final score 29-27 Medford.

Catch the WIAA Division 3 Level 2 playoff game live on Z104 as Mosinee Football will travel to Medford on Friday October 30th for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

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