

## Déjà vu

### Medfield tops Medway in season opener for second year in a row

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Most of Medfield football's 14 returning starters are no strangers to beating Medway to kick off the season.

This time around, however, it was a little more stress-free.

A year ago Matthew Stevens heroically blocked an extra point to stave off a Medway comeback attempt in the waning seconds. This time the Warriors were allowed to exhale a little sooner as they left no doubt about who the better team was, cruising to a dominant 27-0 win over the Mustangs.



Photo by Denise DePiero

The Warriors executed in all facets of the game and quickly pulled ahead of Medway. Brady McCormack led the way on the ground and was nearly impossible for Medway defenders to tackle. He finished with 165 yards and a touchdown as Medfield worked their power I formation to perfection, utilizing all the strength of the offensive line as well as some excellent blocking from fullbacks and receivers.

Quarterback Nick Hasapidis had an excellent day as well, controlling the flow of the game and getting the job done with his legs as he scrambled into the endzone for a touchdown off of a play-action rollout.

The dominant force of the day was undoubtedly the defense. Contributions from Cal Gardiner and Luke Gobin along with Chase Coughlin who had 7 tackles and a forced fumble, underpinned the shutout. Coach Ormberg had high praise for how Coughlin has handled his recent switch to defensive end where he has complimented senior captain Nick Gangemi excellently.

Stevens started his senior year right where he left off, as he led the team with 8 tackles as well as 3 tackles for a loss. Cornerbacks Roman Schoenfeld and Tommy Ojuolape had the day's highlight plays. Schoenfeld made a beautiful interception tracking down

an overthrown ball and Ojuolape got himself on the score sheet to start his senior year with a 44-yard pick-six where he masterfully jumped a route.

Medfield's defense produced 3 total stops in the red zone and left Medway with a 0 on the board, prompting a donut-filled film session the following day.

Coach Ormberg had high praise for his coordinators following the win, crediting Brian Gavagan with establishing a balanced defense and Eric Ludwig for showing Medway some different looks on offense and "attacking in areas they felt they could succeed in."

Medfield has a short week as they prepare to take on a 1-0 Dedham team in their home opener on Thursday night. The focus will be on the defense this time around and containing Dedham's star quarterback Joe Goffredo and running back AJ Pinet.

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