

Tantasqua Flying High w/ Offensive Explosion

Jr Midget Braves record second straight victory

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As the humidity climbed Sunday afternoon the Tantasqua Jr Midget Braves remained cool and ready to attack the Shrewsbury Colonials defensive. Immense touchdown drives and exciting special team plays by both sides gave spectators something to cheer about. Ultimately, it was the Braves offensive explosion, timely defense and a great special team play that would make the difference; in this 38-27 shootout.

Right out of the gate Shrewsbury Colonials would try an onside kick to start the game. The Braves would recover the kick at the fifty yard line and start their first series of downs. The downs started with a defensive offside penalty and an eighteen yard quarterback sweep. A broken pass play certain for a loss was saved by a well-timed block from Matthew Bressette. Afterward, quarterback Jordan Choquette would find an outside defensive hole and dash for a twenty three yard touchdown. An extra point kick would be good for two additional points putting Tantasqua up 8 to 0.

Shrewsbury showing off their aerial attack would reply immediately with a score of their own. The Colonials offense lined up in four wide outs set and completed its first two passes for a thirty-two yard gain and the second a twenty-one yard touchdown. The Braves would stop the point after attempt keeping a slim lead 8 to 6.

Tantasqua would receive the kickoff on their own twenty-one yard line. They would score instantly on 79 yard touchdown run which had Jordan Choquette breaking several tackles while weaving in and out of the Shrewsbury defense. Another good point after kick would end the first quarter with the Braves up 16 to 6.

The Colonials not to be out dueled ran a twenty-nine yard double reverse then scored on eighteen yard up the middle run to start the second quarter. The extra point run attempt was good, keeping the score close 16-13. Both defenses would then hold the opposing offenses to two consecutive turnovers on downs.

The Braves defense was lead by Darius Diblasi & Matthew Bressette. With less than a minute till halftime Tantasqua's offense took the field at its own thirty-eight yard line. They would then score on a thirty-two yard quarterback pitch pass from Jordan Choquette to Zachary Taylor, and end the half with a completed extra point kick to hold a 24-13 lead.

A Shrewsbury seventy yard off tackle touchdown run on their first play would begin the second half. The run was followed up with an extra point. Tantasqua's offense would begin a long sustaining drive that would close out the third quarter. Jordan Choquette scored on an end around run and followed it up with another extra point kick. Extending, the Braves lead to 32-20.

The Colonials watching the clock marched down field despite several bone crushing tackles by Jesse Lloyd & Joseph Degnan. They would score on a twenty-eight yard pass up the middle and make the point after attempt. This score would set the stage for an onside kick off by Shrewsbury.

Both teams lined up for the ensuing kick which was hit right to Jordan Choquette who picked it up and returned it for a Tantasqua touchdown without delay. The extra point attempt would be blocked. The game would then end on a Braves defensive interception by Quentin Antonio, giving Tantasqua their second straight victory 38-27.