

Lancaster Kicks Game Winning 47-yard FG to propel Gales to 24-21 Win

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - It's not often that a High School football game lives up to the hype. But Friday night, before a probable stadium record crowd of close to 9000 people, the Lancaster Golden Gales traded punches down to the final second before the Golden Gales prevailed with a hard fought 24-21 victory. The winning kick game with just :25 seconds to go in the football game. Logan had gone for it on fourth and inches from their own 37-yard line, but were stuffed when Lancaster linebacker Ryan Curry shot a gap and brought down Justin Pack for a one yard loss. Four plays later the Gales Paul Seiberling kicked the 47-yard field goal to win for Lancaster.

The game was a track meet early, as the two teams combined for 21 of the game's 45 points in the first quarter. Lancaster scored on their third play from scrimmage, a 57-yard pass from Cory Cook to SB Mitch O'Brien. Seiberling's kick put the Gales on top 7-0 only 67 seconds into the contest. Logan answered on the following drive however, using some trickery on their first play, Tory Kratzenburg took a reverse and threw a pass down field to a wide open BJ Hughes for a 38-yard gain. Logan moved to the 16 yard line over the next 3 plays, and on the 5th play from scrimmage Corey Spackey connected with Jake Wolfe on a play action pass that evened the score.

The Golden Gales came back again, this time with a long drive that ended with Ryan Marcus pounding the ball into the end zone for a 14-7 lead with 5:29 to play in the first quarter. Marcus picked up all but 10 yards on the eight play 67 yard drive, and broke three tackles on the scoring play. The first quarter came to a close with the Gales holding a one score lead.

Things quieted down a bit until late in the second quarter, when the first major mistake of the football game aided Lancaster. Corey Spackey forced a pass that was intercepted by Bryan Gossell. The interception put the Gales into scoring position, and the blue and gold capitalized. Cory Cook led the way, running for 12 yards before fumbling the ball into the end zone. Cook beat Kevin Call to the football for the recovery and the TD. The score put Lancaster in charge with a two score lead with just under two and a half minutes to play in the first half.

The Chieftains fought back, as Corey Spackey led a two-minute drill to be remembered. Spackey drove the purple and white 80 yards, with a spectacular catch by BJ Hughes being the longest gain. Hughes out jumped a Gale defender to pull down the ball and barely drug one toe in bounds before going out of bounds. The score came on a 24-yard Spackey-Patrick Howe connection. Howe made an amazing grab, out jumping a defender, taking a hard hit, and getting into the end zone. The score swung the momentum, and put the Chiefs within a touchdown. Logan also would get the ball to start the second half.

Logan's opening drive of the second half was stuffed because of a Lancaster sack, but Lady Luck smile on the Chieftains. Ryan Peden muffed a Jesse Wilson punt and Logan was back in

business. A 38-yard catch by BJ Hughes on the one yard line put Logan in scoring position. Just a couple of plays later, Justin Coakley powered toward the goal line only to fumble. An alert Ray Robinson recovered the football for 6 Chieftain points. Poindexter's PAT tied the score at 21.

Lancaster put together a solid drive in the third quarter, running the ball to a first goal inside the Logan one yard line. At that point the Chieftain defense looked winded. But somehow, the Purple and White sucked it up and pulled off a goal line stand that was the stuff legend is made. On four plays against Lancaster's massive offensive line, Lancaster failed to gain the mere 6-12 inches they needed to move the football. The third quarter ran out as Cory Cook was stopped for the last time. Logan came out ready to play when the offense took the field. A pass interference penalty got Logan out of the shadow of the goal posts, and a 40-yard Justin Pack run got Logan inside the 20-yard line. Logan was set-up for a 1st goal on the 9 yard line when disaster struck. A botched center exchange gave Lancaster the football back. Ryan Marcus and Ryan Peden led the Golden Gales back down the field with solid running, and looked as if Lancaster was ready to slam the door shut. But a fumble by Marcus inside the 20-yard line gave the Chiefs one more chance.

Logan's offense would stall on the 37-yard line however, leading to the failed 4th down attempt. Both of these fine football teams left everything on the line tonight, and have NOTHING to be ashamed of.

For Logan, the story of the night has to be the play of the offensive line, Tackles Joe Howdyshell and Cole Resler, Guards Ray Robinson and Jared Walton, and Center Bruce Lehman. The line gave Corey Spackey the time to have a career night, and the start of what should be an outstanding season for the Senior. Spacey finished 18-29 for 234 yards, 2TDs, and 1 INT. Spackey completed passes to 7 different receivers, but the biggest man was Senior SE BJ Hughes. Hughes tied a school record with 9 receptions, totaling 163 yards.

Justin Pack led the Logan rushing attack with 72 yards on 9 carries. Kevin Call gained 22 yards on 3 carries and Justin Coakley was held to 29 yards on 10 carries.

Logan will go on the road next Friday to face Chillicothe, a 34-7 loser to Brookhaven on Friday night.

Chillicothe Uses Two-Point Conversion, Big Plays, To top Logan 29-28

By Spencer Waugh

CHILLICOTHE - Another week, another heartbreak for the purple and white. The Logan Chieftains started slow on Friday night, presumably still feeling the effects of last week's emotionally draining finish. Chillicothe on the other hand, came out focused and with high energy, while capitalizing on Logan mistakes and making big plays to build a 21-14 halftime lead.

Logan took the lead 28-21 with only 10 minutes to play in the football game, but the Chillicothe offense which had been almost non-existent the middle two quarters came to life for one final drive. Clint Austin connected with Kevin Bass for a 19-yard TD pass, cutting the lead to 28-27. On the ensuing PAT, a blotched snap was picked up by CHS's J.W. Miller who ran backwards for 20 yards, made a tackler miss, and then ran into the end-zone diving through the last Logan defender, BJ Hughes.

Chillicothe came out hot, and capitalized on a 12-yard Logan punt for the first score in the game. A screen pass to Quenton Upshaw led to the scoring play. On 3rd down, Austin connected with TE Jason Kidnocker from 12-yards out to give CHS th 7-0 lead.

Logan answered, driving 74-yards on 14 plays. The LHS passing game started slow, dropped balls, overthrows, under throws, but the rushing game paced by Justin Pack moved Logan down the field. Pack capped the drive off with a 2-yard TD run from Logan's power offense.

Chillicothe used a big play to retake the lead. Austin found LB/FB Adam Steele on a little screen pass that went 78-yards for the TD. Logan defensive end Nathan Wagner seemed to have intercepted the pass, but Steele wrestled it away, broke loose from Wagner, and took off down the sidelines for the school. Logan blocked the PAT, and trailed 13-0.

On Logan's next possession another big play put the Chieftains in a bind. MLB Grant Gibson intercepted Corey Spackey's pass at midfield, returning it 48-yards to put the Cavaliers at a first and goal situation. The Cavs scored on second down, with the speedy Kevin Bass running for the score. Clint Austin socred on the 2-point conversion attempt, beating Patick Howe to the end zone.

Like last week, Logan fought back before half time. The passing game, especially Spackey-Hughes got back on track after the interception. Those two, as well as Justin Pack runs moved Logan down the field. Inside the 10-yard line, BJ Hughes lined up at TE for Logan and caught the first TD pass of his career from 10-yards out. Spackey's pass was perfect and Logan cut the lead to 21-14 following Poindexter's PAT.

Logan played better football in the third quarter, as the defense dominated the Cavaliers. A Grant Gibson fumble set Logan up for their game-tying score. Kevin Call scored from the 1-yard line and Poindexter's PAT tied the score at 21.

Logan ended the third quarter with another big play, digging deep into their play book, a half-back pass from Kevin Call was caught by Kratzenburg was taken 71-yards to set up a first and goal for Logan. Spackey and Hughes connected for the tiebreaker, and Logan led 28-21.

The Cavaliers didn't roll over, and retook the lead. Logan got two possessions after losing the lead, and on the last possession the two-minute offense drove to the Chillicothe 37-yard line. Several deep passes were broken up by Chillicothe defenders to save the victory.

Corey Spackey had another solid outing for LHS. Spackey completed 17-31 passes for 130 yards and two TDs. Justin Pack sparked the ground game for Logan, especially in the first half. Pack finished with 81 yards on 22 carries with a TD. BJ Hughes had another huge week receiving. Hughes caught 9 passes for 55-yards and 2 TDs.

Evan Jablonka Kicks Panthers Past Logan 13-10

By Spencer Waugh

PICKERINGTON - For the third straight week the Logan Chieftains fell in the final quarter, dropping their record to 0-3. The Chieftains overcame the loss of Corey Spackey for half of the second quarter and an aggressive Pickerington North defense to tie the score at 10 with 10:38 to play in the football game. However, the Chieftains defense could not hold back a hard charging Panther offense.

Pickerington North used a 32-yard scramble from quarterback Marc Galvin and a clutch 13 yard reception from Jablonka to move to field goal range. The Chieftain defense stiffened after Jablonka's catch, and thanks to two Rob Rose sacks, the Panthers were forced to try a 36 yard field goal, which Jablonka converted for the game winner.

The Chiefs started the scoring and looked sharp on their first drive, going 60 yards in 14 plays to take a quick 3-0 lead. The drive was highlighted by a 17-yard Justin Pack run. Logan got to the one yard thanks to a pass interference call, but 3 plays later, including a dropped pass in the end zone, Logan was forced to attempt a field goal from 22 yards. Nick Poindexter converted his first ever field goal attempt, and LHS was on the board.

On North's next possession, Logan forced a punt and began driving a football. However, disaster struck when Ryan McFayden intercepted a Corey Spackey pass and returned it to mid-field. A few plays later Chris Griffin broke loose down the left sideline, and carried the ball into the end zone giving the Purple, Silver, and Black a 7-3 lead.

On Logan's next possession, Corey Spackey was hit hard on a pump fake (and on a pass he completed to BJ Hughes for a first down) and was lost for the remainder of the first half. BJ Hughes replaced Spackey, but without their starting QB and best receiver, Logan limped into the locker room.

The stale mate continued through most of the third quarter, but Jablonka hit on a 32-yard field goal with just under 6 minutes to play in the third quarter to give the Panthers a 10-3 lead.

With Spackey back under center, Logan used a balanced offensive series to move the ball into Pickerington North territory. A Spackey-Hughes 21-yard connection evened the score early in the fourth, and looked like the Chiefs were finally ready to break into the win column.

However, Jablonka and company had different idea, and the Panther defense shut down the Logan offense the rest of the night.

Corey Spackey finished the game completing 9 of 18 passes for 113 yards and 1TD to go with 1INT. Hughes led the Logan receivers with 4 catches for 49 yards and also completed 2-3 passes for 18 yards in the second quarter. Justin Pack led all rushers with 43 yards on 11 carries. Kevin Call added 33 yards on 8 carries and Justin Coakley provided 26 on 8.

Logan returns to action Friday night at Bill Sauer Field, it's Hall of Fame Night, and the Zanesville Blue Devils (1-2) visit.

Logan Gets Long Awaited First Victory, Dominate Zanesville for 28-14 Win

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - The Logan Chieftains got their first victory on Saturday night in a game that was delayed 23 and one half hours due to the remnants of Hurricane Ivan. The Chieftains dominated an outmatched ZHS squad to get their first victory in front of a small home crowd.

If anyone was worried about a letdown due to the rain delay, Tory Kratzenburg took care of that in the first minute. Tory Kratzenburg made a stop for a loss of 10 yards on the game's first play, and then returned a fumble 27 yards to give Logan the 7-0 lead. Logan's offense moved the ball all night, but had to fight off penalties (8-75) all night long, and had two TDs called back due to holding calls.

Logan's second score came on a 14-yard touchdown rumble for his first score of 2004. Poindexter's PAT put Logan on top 14-0. The touchdown capped a 7 play 67 yard drive, and the score was just Logan's third rushing TD of the season.

Logan's passing game put the game out of reach in the third quarter. Tory Kratzenburg, who got things going early, was the go-to man again. This time, Kratzenburg caught a Spackey aerial and out ran Blue Devil defenders for a 65-yard TD. The pass was the second longest of Spackey's career. Ironically, Kratzenburg was the recipient of Spackey's longest completion, a 79-yard Touchdown against Pickerington North last season.

Logan's final score game with many of the JVs in the football game. Senior Robert Kirkland busted up the middle of the field and looked strong going 25-yards for his first career score. Poindexter wrapped a perfect night with his 4th PAT.

The Chieftain ground game finished with 237 yards, getting a balanced night from Kevin Call (13-80), Justin Coakley (10-70 TD), and Sophomore Michael Coleman (11-57). Corey Spackey had another great game for the Chiefs. Spackey finished 10-20 for 170 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions. BJ Hughes, Spackey's number one target this season, caught 4 passes for 39 yards and Patrick Howe caught 2-45. Tory Kratzenburg finished with 2 catches for 74 yards and a TD.

The Logan defense had a great game, totally shutting down the Blue Devils until the final four minutes when the 2nd and 3rd teams were in the football game.

Logan returns to action this Friday when they travel to Gahanna to take on the Lincoln Lions. Gahanna Lincoln is 2-2 on the season, with a win over Cincinnati power LaSalle. Kick-off is slated for 7:30.

Turnovers, Big Plays by Gahanna-Lincoln Do In LHS

By Spencer Waugh

GAHANNA - There was a little good news Friday night. The non-league portion of the 2004 Logan High School football schedule is over, and the Chieftains can now prepare to return to the top of the Southeastern Ohio Athletic League standings. Logan committed too many mental mistakes, mainly turnovers and mental lapses that led to Gahanna big plays. Overall it was not a great performance by the purple and white, but the kids competed until the end and didn't give up.

The game started with a bang. Logan failed to move the ball on its first series, and the ensuing punt was returned for a Lion TD. Luckily for Logan, a holding penalty negated the touchdown. However, Gahanna took the football and moved down the field and scored on a 33-yard touchdown pass from Kollin Hancock to Charley Howard. BJ Hughes and Howard were going man-to-man, and Hughes appeared to be in position to make the interception, but the ball ended up in Hancock's hands and he walked the remaining five yards to put the Lions on top 7-0.

It didn't get any better for the Chieftains right away. On Logan's next possession, Hancock struck again. This time he read a quick out from Spackey to Hughes, but jumped on the route and returned the interception 38-yards to put the Lions on top 14-0 just over 4 minutes into the game.

Logan cut into that lead before the first quarter came to a close. Corey Spackey connected with his favorite target, BJ Hughes, for 42-yards and a touchdown. The pass was one of the prettiest of the season and Hughes had his man beat by a yard or two. Nick Poindexter's extra point cut the lead to 14-7.

After tying the score, a familiar trend took over. Logan would get a big play, a long run or a long pass, and then the Chieftains would make a mistake and negate the big play. On Logan's next offensive series, Justin Coakley rumbled 44-yards inside the Gahanna-Lincoln 25-yard line. But a couple plays later, after a couple of negative yardage plays; Spackey was intercepted in the endzone to end the threat.

Logan turned the ball over four times for the night, Spackey threw three interceptions and Kevin Call fumbled once. The turnovers killed any upset hopes the Chieftains had. Gahanna-Lincoln had two turnovers themselves (Tory Kratzenburg had two INTs), but both were on 4th and desperate plays and were more like punts than real turnovers.

Logan allowed one more touchdown in the first half, and Anton Robinson lugged the pigskin 4 yards to increase Gahanna's lead to 21-7 at the half.

Logan's offense failed to move the football throughout most of the third quarter, however late in the quarter Logan was able to put together their only sustained drive of the evening. The Chieftains had driven to a first and goal, but were denied the end zone on three plays and were

force to retreat to the 22 yard line. On fourth down Spackey evaded several defenders, before heaving a desperation pass that was pulled down by Hughes in the end zone. The score cut the lead to 21-14, and Logan had all the momentum.

The defense came out and held Gahanna to a third and 24 on their own thirteen yard line. Logan needed only to hold and get the ball back with a chance to tie the score. Instead, Gahanna's Anton Robinson, who finished with 244 yards on 23 carries, ripped off an 87-yard TD run that all but ended the football game.

Gahanna tacked on their final score with only 1:22 to play when quarterback Brent Miller ran for a 3-yard touchdown.

Corey Spackey had a roller coaster night, finishing 11-21 for 123 yards with 2 TDs but also throwing 3 INTs. Justin Coakley became the first Chieftain to break the century mark on the ground, finishing with 105 yards on just 10 carries. Michael Coleman added 40 yards on 8 carries in just his second game of sustained Varsity action. BJ Hughes finished with 2 catches for 64 yards and 2 TDs and Tory Kratzenburg finished with 4 catches for 20 yards.

Logan returns to Bill Sauer Field this Friday night. Coming to town will be Jackson (5-0), the league favorite. It will be the first SEOAL game for both teams.

Chieftains Can't Get Over the "Hump," Fall to Ironmen 21-14

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - The heartbreak continues. It's been a rough season for the purple and white, and thanks to the legs and the arm of probable SEOAL MVP Jared Humphries, the season won't get any better. Logan dropped their fifth game of the season Friday night; making it 4 games they lost by a total of 14 points. The Jackson Ironmen move to 6-0 on the season and 1-0 in SEOAL play. The Ironmen appear destined for their 21st SEOAL title.

Logan had their chances again this week. Logan appeared to have all the momentum midway through the 2nd quarter. A long Justin Pack run moved Logan to the Ironmen 2-yard line, and the goal line offense trotted onto the field. On first down, the Ray Robinson-Corey Spackey center exchange squirted out to the 5 yard line where Jackson senior Randy Fisher recovered the Logan fumble. It would prove to be even more costly.

Jackson used the remaining 6+ minutes to methodically pick apart the LHS defense. Humphreys marched the red and white to a first and goal at the Logan one yard line. The Chiefs held on 2 downs, but on third down fullback Travis Huff walked into the end zone and Justin Mullins PAT put the Ironmen on top 7-0 headed into the locker room.

The defensive struggle continued into the third quarter. Logan's first 2 possessions of the second half resulted in negative net yardage, including three quarterback sacks. Jackson also struggled to move the football, and a Jared Humphreys fumble turned the tide again in favor of the home team.

Looking for a change of pace late in the third quarter, Logan brought Sophomore tailback Michael Coleman off the bench. Coleman's speed allowed him to pick up and 8 yard gain, the longest of the second half to that point for LHS. On the very next play, Spackey called his own number and caught Jackson safety Jared Humphreys creeping up to the line of scrimmage and burst through a hole made by Joe Howdyshell and Jesse Wilson to turn a QB keeper into a 48-yard touchdown. Poindexter's PAT tied the score at 7.

Momentum had swung and Logan appeared to be in position to take over the football game. Faced with a first and 25 from deep in their own territory, Jackson was in trouble. However, on second down Humphreys found Split End Marcus Boggs for a 12 yard gain. Jackson took a timeout following the big completion, and the next play would seal the win for Jackson. On third and 13 from their own 34, Humphreys used a powerful block from Walter Miller to burst into the open field breaking several tackles and going 66-yards for the go ahead score less than one minute into the fourth quarter.

Jackson scored again less than 3 minutes later. Forced into a fourth and 1 situation, Coach Layton rolled the dice and came up with a game breaking play. In one of the best offensive play calls seen in SEOAL play in several years, the Ironmen used a play action dump pass to WB

Brenton Wayland to close the door on LHS. Logan Safety Tory Kratzenburg bit on the play action, and Wayland took the catch to the house. Mullins PAT made the score 21-7.

Logan didn't wait to start a rally. Logan used a couple of big completions, one to Howe, a 16-yard pass to FB Justin Coakley, and a 10-yard TD pass to BJ Hughes to cut the deficit to 7 with 6:02 to play in the fourth quarter.

The Logan defense forced the Ironmen to punt, and got the ball back with just under 3 minutes left in the football game and 45 yards between them and the end zone. However, 4 plays later Logan was forced to give Jackson the ball back and a few plays later and Jackson had locked up their 6th straight win.

Logan limited Jackson to only 1 second half first down, and that came in the last minute as they ran the clock out. Logan managed only 2 first downs themselves in the second half, and was held to a season low 162 yards of total offense. The running game was held to an anemic 67 yards on 25 carries.

Jared Humphreys was the player of the game, slicing up the Logan defense for 195 yards on 25 carries and a touchdown rushing. He completed 4 of 8 passes for 89 yards and another TD.

Jackson will host Gallia Academy next Friday, while Logan will visit Marietta for their homecoming. Both kick-offs will be at 7:30.

Logan Regains Control of their Own Destiny In SEOAL Title Chase, Top the Tigers 37-21

By Spencer Waugh

MARIETTA - A week after all hope seemed lost, the Gallia Academy Blue Devils marched to Jackson and won their seventh straight game against the Ironmen. That, combined with a solid performance from the Chieftains has put Logan back in control of their own destiny. Logan rolled up 244 yards rushing and held Marietta to under 160 total yards of offense. With the exceptions of penalty flags, it was a nearly flawless night for the purple and white.

Logan was flagged 17 times for 160 yards and committed two turnovers, but intercepted Marietta's Jason Schob 4 times to negate those negatives. Marietta's offense was obviously held in limbo all night due to an ankle injury to Senior QB Jason Schob. Schob punished the Logan defense last season as the Tigers built an early 19-0 lead. However, the ankle injury which held him out of a game two weeks ago, limited his mobility and his passing stats suffered because of it. BJ Hughes had two INTs, bringing his 2-year total vs. Schob to 5. Patrick Howe and Tory Kratzenburg each had an interception as well.

Logan got things started early. On their second possession, Logan used a draw play from the shotgun and Justin Coakley shot up field for a 50-yard touchdown to put the Chiefs on top 7-0. The Tigers answered just over a minute later however. Schob got the offense rolling with several nice crossing routes, and the drive culminated with a 2-yard TD run from Tom Wire. Justin Estes' PAT evened the score.

Logan regained the lead as the first quarter came to a close. Following a Tory Kratzenburg interception, Logan scored on a 9-yard Kevin Call run. The Poindexter PAT put the Chiefs on top 14-7. One more time Marietta would close the gap. Aided by a nice kick-off return from Scott Casto, the Tigers again got a TD from Tom Wire.

That would be the last time the Tigers were even in the football game. Logan put together a 66-yard drive to put themselves in front for good. Several receptions by Patrick Howe and a consistent running game moved Logan to first and goal. A holding penalty negated a Coakley TD run, but on the next play Corey Spackey connected with Patrick Howe on a fade route and the Chiefs pulled ahead 21-14 with 4:50 to play in the half.

The Chiefs would get a gift field just as the half came to a close. A miscommunication between Jason Schob and Tiger Center Tyler Grubb led to an errant snap on fourth down at their own 20-yard line and Schob was sacked giving the ball back to Logan. Nick Poindexter booted his second Field Goal of the season, and Logan took a 10-point lead to the locker room.

Logan's Corey Spackey was intercepted on Logan's first possession of the second half, but Patrick Howe returned the favor and Logan began their best drive of the season. Logan ate 7 minutes up with a 13-play 90 yard drive that ended when Justin Pack leaped into the end zone increasing Logan's lead to 31-14. Pack carried the ball 10 times for over 50 yards on the drive.

The Logan defense held on the next series, and Logan moved in for their final score. Another 50+ yard drive culminated when Corey Spackey connected with BJ Hughes for a 19-yard touchdown. Poindexter's PAT was off the mark, but the score put LHS on top 37-14.

Thanks to over 60 yards in penalties, Marietta added one more score late in the contest. Tom Wire scored his third touchdown from 4-yards out and Estes PAT cut the Logan lead to 16 points.

Logan got terrific games from Seniors Corey Spackey, Patrick Howe, BJ Hughes, and Justin Pack. Spackey completed 13 of 20 passes for 180 yards and 2 scores while suffering 1 INT. Patrick Howe caught 3 passes for 82 yards and a score and intercepted Schob once. Hughes caught 6 passes for 61 yards and a TD and picked Schob off twice. Justin Pack finished the game with 65 yards on 14 carries with a TD. Justin Coakley led Logan rushers with 94 yards on 8 carries and a touchdown.

Marietta was led by Tom Wire 17 yards on 12 carries and 3 touchdowns. Jason Schob completed 13 of 35 passes for 148 yards, but was intercepted 4 times.

Logan is currently in a 3 way tie for second in the SEOAL. Logan, Marietta, and Jackson all stand at 1-1 on the season. Marietta travels to Jackson while Logan (2-5, 1-1) will host Athens (1-6, 0-2) on the Hilltop Friday night for Homecoming. Kick-off will be at 7:30 from Bill Sauer Field.

Chieftains Set-Up 6th Straight SEOAL Title Game with Gallipolis, Beat Athens 35-7 on Homecoming

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - It should have been a predictable outcome.

Logan and Gallia Academy will square off again this coming Friday with major SEOAL championship implications. The Blue Devils sit alone atop the SEOAL standings at 3-0, while Logan sits a game behind at 2-1. With a GAHS win, they would guarantee themselves no worse than a share of the title. A Logan win would leave them with a home game against Warren as the only hurdle between them and their twentieth SEOAL title. Marietta also sits at 2-1, and will play GAHS in week 10.

Friday night, Logan downed archrival Athens at Bill Sauer Field 35-7. It was homecoming on the hilltop, and Allison Potter was crowned homecoming queen on a rainy night. Logan scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, and put up 21 in the second before calling of the dogs in the second half. Athens lacked the speed and athleticism to hang with the Chieftains.

The purple and white rushed for a season high 338 on 42 rushes. Conversely, Logan was held to a season low total threw the air. Logan attempted only 9 passes, completing 3 for 32 yards 1 touchdown with two interceptions.

The game started on a sour note for the Green and Gold. Athens split end Zach Catania bobbled the opening kick-off twice, the second time it was recovered by the purple and white. Logan then proceeded to march into the end zone from 22 yards out, as the drive was culminated by a one-yard Justin Pack touchdown.

Spackey was intercepted on Logan's second possession, but on the third he connected with BJ Hughes for a 31-yard touchdown pass down the right sideline. The score came with just under two minutes to play in the 1st quarter and Poindexter's second PAT made the score 14-0 Chieftains.

Less than 3 minutes later, Kevin Call went nearly untouched for 74 yards and Logan's third score of the game. Call burst through the line on a simple dive play and outran the Bulldog defenders to pay dirt. The PAT made the score 21-0.

Two and a half minutes later, BJ Hughes intercepted Carpinelli at the Athens 30 yard line and returned it to the Athens 8 yard line. Justin Coakley rushed two times, the second from 1-yard out and for the touchdown. Poindexter's PAT increased Logan's lead to 28-0. Logan's final score of the first half came off of Carpinelli's second interception, this time Tory Kratzenburg had the interception. Logan started at the Athens 30-yard line, and the drive culminated with another Coakley TD, this time from 9-yards out. Logan took a 35-0 lead into the locker room, and held Athens to only 11 yards rushing in the first half.

Athens got a second half score from Mitch Spires with 5:45 to play in the game. Spires finished with 57 yards on 15 carries. Athens finished with only 104 yards rushing on 34 carries. Nate Griffith carried 4 times for 34 yards against Logan's 3rd team in the final minute and half to push Athens over the century mark in rushing yards.

Logan missed one scoring opportunity in the third quarter. BJ Hughes, who was playing quarterback, threw the ball down field to two open Logan receivers in the end zone. However, a mis-communication caused both of them to be in the same place at the same time and neither came down with the ball in the end zone.

Logan, who had only play reach the century mark in the first 7 games, had two plays top it against the Bulldogs. Junior TB Kevin Call rushed 10 times for 124 yards and a touchdown. Justin Coakley ran for 106 yards on 10 carries with 2 TDs. Corey Spackey completed 3 of 8 passes for 32 yards, all to Senior SE BJ Hughes. The duo combined for one touchdown and Spackey was intercepted twice by Bulldog Senior Safety Adam Harris.

Logan will travel to Gallipolis this Friday with a share of the SEOAL title possibly on the line. Kick-off will be at 7:30. Athens will host Marietta at Rutter Field in the Plains.

Chieftains move into three-way tie atop SEOAL standings, Outmuscle GAHS 43-13

By Spencer Waugh

GALLIPOLIS - In a game that many expected to go down to the wire, Logan jumped out to a 28-0 lead before running away with a 43-13 win. Gallipolis entered Friday night's contest undefeated in SEOAL play and with one of the league's most high-octane offenses. With the exception of a 97-yard touchdown pass against Logan's second team, Logan held GAHS to only 25 yards of offense. The Blue Devils ran only 9 offensive plays in the second half.

Logan's offensive and defensive lines dominated the game from the get go, as Logan finished with 370 rushing yards while holding the Blue Devils to only 12. Gallia Academy got the first break, returning the opening kickoff to their own thirty. But the LHS defense held the Blue Devils to a 3 and out. Logan started their first drive at the GAHS 5 yard line.

Logan marched 95 yards on 7 plays to take an early 7-0 lead on Justin Pack's 6-yard run. Key plays on the drive were a 38-yard reverse pass from Tory Kratzenburg to BJ Hughes and a 13-yard reverse by Kratzenburg. Corey Spackey also found TE Jake Wolfe for a 24-yard gain.

GAHS was plagued by turnovers all night long. The Blue Devils lost four fumbles and were intercepted on a fake punt attempt. Logan's second touchdown was set up by the second fumble recovery. Logan's second drive started on the GAHS 27-yard line and was the second scoring drive when Justin Pack got into the end zone for his second score, this time from 10-yards out. Nick Poindexter's PAT made the score 14-0 Logan.

Less than a minute and a half later Logan got its biggest play of the game. Junior tailback Kevin Call raced 72-yards down the left sideline to pay dirt, and Logan had a three score lead. Gallia Academy would beat themselves again a couple of minutes later. A lateral from Jeff Golden was too hot for Dustin Winters to handle, and Rob Rose recovered the fumble on the GAHS 10-yard line. Justin Pack scored from 2-yards to give Logan a 28-0 lead.

Logan nearly sacked Jaymes Haggerty in the end zone on the next series, and the Blue Devils punted on third down. Logan squandered the good field position however, as Haggerty intercepted a Corey Spackey passed and returned the pick 40-yards. GAHS capitalized a few plays later. A quick completion to Austin King picked up 10-yards and another 17 yard run by King put GAHS inside the Logan 5-yard line. Dustin Winters converted on 4th down with 20 seconds to go in the first half, and GAHS failed on a two-point conversion try. Logan took a 28-6 lead into the locker room.

Logan came out in the third quarter with one thing in mind: Run the ball down the Blue Devils throat and run the clock out. Logan dominated time of possession in the third quarter, but neither team got into the end zone. LHS did intercept a Todd Saunders pass on a fake punt attempt.

Scoring resumed in the fourth quarter. Justin Coakley got into the scoring when he ran off tackle for a 10-yard score. On the conversion attempt, Todd Saunders came through untouched and appeared to have blocked Poindexter's PAT, but instead Patrick Howe ran around left end for the two point conversion. The score put Logan on top 36-6.

Late in the game, as both teams began substituting, 14 more points went on the scoreboard. Jeff Golden connected with Jaymes Haggerty for a 97-yard touchdown. Logan answered with a 74-yard touchdown run from Sophomore TB Michael Coleman. The score was Coleman's first with the Varsity, and Alex Hubbard kicked the PAT, also a first for the junior.

Logan got a big night rushing. Junior Kevin Call ran 10 times for 130 yards and a score. Senior Justin Pack ran 20 times for 80 yards and 3 scores. FB Justin Coakley added 68 yards on 11 carries and a score. BJ Hughes caught two passes for 47 yards.

Twenty! Logan Comes back from 8-0 deficit to route Warren 62-15, lock up share of SEOAL Title

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - Week 6 was supposed to be for the SEOAL championship. Logan lost in that game. Week 10 WAS for a share of the SEOAL championship. They would let two opportunities pass them by. Logan started sluggish in falling behind early 8-0 to a fired up Warren football team, but a balanced offensive attack put the Warriors away by halftime.

Warren got a great return on the game's opening kick-off, and would carry the momentum all the way to the end zone for a touchdown. Jake Roach carried the ball for a 9-yard touchdown, breaking four or five Logan tackles along the way. Josh Beebe connected with J.D. Harshbarger for the two-point conversion. Warren used the kick-off return all night long to win the field position battle.

Warren continued to hold onto momentum, forcing Logan to punt on their first series. It would be Logan's only punt of the night. Corey Spackey pooh punted to bury Warren inside their own one yard line. The Logan defense held strong, and got the ball back with a short field. A few plays later Corey Spackey connected with BJ Hughes on a quick slant and Hughes took the ball 27 yards into the end zone for Logan's first score of the game. Kevin Call was stopped short on a sweep for the two-point conversion.

Logan's next series ended on another great touchdown pass. This time Corey Spackey rolled to his left, looking for BJ Hughes in the end zone, but Jake Wolfe came across wide open underneath and made a nice catch and ran the remaining 10 yards for Logan's second score. The touchdown pass covered 24 yards. Nick Poindexter's PAT put the Chiefs on top 13-8.

BJ Hughes set up LHS's next score. He returned a punt over 40 yards to inside the Warren 10-yard line, and Justin Pack scored from 10-yards out to put Logan on top 20-8. Kevin Call added a score a few minutes later on a seven yard run. Poindexter's PAT opened the game up to a 27-8 lead.

Warren answered on their next series. Garrett Proctor connected with Josh Beebe on a short slant pass and Beebe took it 40-yards for the Warriors second touchdown. Patrick Lane's PAT cut the lead to 27-15. Logan wasn't done scoring before the half. Tory Kratzenburg caught a lateral and turned up field for a 27-yard gain. Logan's power formation punched the ball in from there, as Justin Pack scored for the second time in the game.

The second half opened with a bang. Sophomore TB Michael Coleman busted open the kick-off for an 85-yard return, the first kick-off return for touchdown since BJ Hughes returned one against Nelsonville-York in 2002. Coleman's score put Logan on top 41-15.

Both teams ground out yardage for most of the third quarter, until Tory Kratzenburg turned a simple bubble screen into a 54-yard TD catch and run. Poindexter's PAT put Logan on top 48-

15. The last score for the LHS starters was set up by a 33-yard Kevin Call run. Justin Coakley took the ball in from one yard out to make the score 55-15. Junior Alex Hubbard added the extra point.

Following Coakley's score, Logan began subbing liberally. Logan dressed all their freshman, and all of them got into the football game. Logan's final score came with Logan's freshmen offensive line in the football game and after Freshman Mark Blankenship intercepted a Warrior pass. Michael Coleman ran around left end for 24-yards and the season's final score.

Corey Spackey finished his Logan career with a terrific football game. He completed 6 of 11 passes for 154 yards and 3 TDs. He was not intercepted. Senior BJ Hughes caught a 27-yard TD, Senior Jake Wolfe caught a 24-yard TD, and Senior Tory Kratzenburg caught a 54-yard TD pass. Senior Justin Pack rushed 9 times for 58 yards and two touchdowns. Junior Kevin Call ran 12 times for 103 yards and a score, his fourth straight 100-yard game.

Logan finishes the season 5-5 overall and 4-1 in SEOAL play. The win clinches a share of their twentieth league title since league play began in 1925.