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## Clarke County Rolls Over East Rockingham at Homecoming

September 18, 2010 by [Michael Dowling \(Edit\)](#)

On a picturesque night for Homecoming in Berryville, the Clarke County Eagles took to the field to face the Eagles from East Rockingham. The stands were packed for the annual homecoming festivities and the Clarke County Eagles didn't disappoint. In an overwhelming show of force, the Clarke County Eagles crushed East Rockingham in a 49-0 victory.

For the first time in several weeks the Clarke County Eagles were able to get the offense started in the first quarter, driving the ball down the field on the opening drive to punch in the first score of the game with 6:40 left in the first quarter. Capping off a 26 yard run to the 3 yard line by Jesse Smoot, Grant Shaw punched it in with a 3 yard run to draw first blood.

As East Rockingham put their offense on the field for the first time, they were able to mount a good drive but it ended in the first of many turnovers that killed the hopes of pulling off a victory. After driving down the field, East Rockingham's Zach Kibler tossed an interception in the end zone handing the ball back to Clarke County on the 20 yard line.

Clarke's offense could not repeat their initial success and was forced into a 3 and out series with Matt Moyer punting the ball away to their 42 yard line.

As the second quarter began East Rockingham fired up their passing game driving the ball to the 38 yard line. A penalty on the drive brought back a long screen play and pinned them on 4th down. Inexplicably they went for it on fourth down and gave the ball up on downs. This marked the beginning of the end.

As the Clarke county offense took the field again, the drive was defused by a fumble and East Rockingham recovered. But their drive was just as short. On first down East Rockingham coughed up the ball and gave it right back to Clarke County on the 30 yard line.

Four plays later Clarke County quarterback Drew Paice floated a 27-yard touchdown pass into the corner of the end zone to #7 Jesse Smoot with 6:34 left in the half.

East Rockingham got the ball back and sputtered going three and out and Clarke County's Grant Shaw quickly put another touchdown on the board making the score 21-0.

East Rockingham took the ball and failed to mount a drive. With under 2:00 minutes in the half they once again turned the ball over on downs.

On Clarke County's next play from scrimmage, #7 Jesse Smoot ran 29 yards for another score.

But the half wasn't over yet. East Rockingham's offensive series ended on 3rd down with a pass interception by Eagles defensive back Ron Anderson who returned the ball 70 yards to score another touchdown as time expired to end the first half with a score 35-0.

It was a fitting end to the first half as Anderson was named Clarke County Homecoming King during the halftime festivities along with senior cheerleader Andrea Gaither as Homecoming Queen.

As the second half began a demoralized East Rockingham was unable to put together a comeback. Clarke County forced another turnover on East Rockingham's opening drive. Linebacker Alex Sefton forced the fumble and Clarke recovered on the East Rockingham 12. Two plays later, Grant Shaw added his third touchdown, to make it 42-0 with 8:59 left in the third.



#1 Grant Shaw - Photo Tanya Barton



2010 Homecoming King and Queen, Ron Anderson and Andrea Gaither - Photo Tanya Barton

Clarke put the final points of the game on the board after Tyler Shiley recovered another East Rockingham fumble. Sophomore Davey Hardesty scored the touchdown with 11:12 remaining in the game wrapping up the 49-0 rout.

The Clarke County Eagles are on the road next week against the Central High Falcons in Woodstock, VA. Game time is 7:30.

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[September 18, 2010 at 2:34 pm](#) ([Edit](#))

Great pictures! The action shots are really nice.

