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## Eagles Bounce Back to Defeat Stonewall Jackson

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After a soggy week of rain, the clouds parted Friday at the Quicksburg stadium as the Clarke County Eagles went on the road to take on the Stonewall Jackson Generals. The Generals jumped out in front early but the Eagles were able to battle back and overcome the Generals to rack up their second win of the season defeating Stonewall 18-8.

The Eagles won the toss and elected to receive opening up the game with a solid drive that stalled forcing them to punt the ball away. Alex Sefton's punt got a great roll and pinned the Generals on their own 3 yard line. Undaunted by the bad field position, the Generals proceeded to eat over 10 minutes off the clock on a 97 yard drive to open up the score with a 2 yard touchdown run by #22 Jared Getz. Adding the two point conversion the Generals jumped out in front 8-0.



With 9:37 left in the first half, #5 Davey Hardesty powered back a 44 yard kick return giving the Eagles excellent field position to start their drive. Leaning on #3 Jesse Smoot the Eagles marched the ball down the field to the General 25 yard line. On 2 and 12 Drew Paice dropped back for a pass and caught the Generals secondary sleeping as #5 Davey Hardesty caught the 25 yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 8.

The General's opened the second half on offense and drove the ball deep into Eagle territory but stalled at the 22 yard line. Having successfully driven the ball on the ground the Generals elected to go for the 4th down conversion. The Eagle defense would have none of it. They read the pitch out to #30 Trevor Warner perfectly and dropped the Generals for a loss taking over on downs.

Two series later, the Eagles would face their own 4th down stand. Starting from their own 46, the Eagles faced stiff opposition from the General defense. At 3rd and nine Drew Paice connected with #14 Andrew Cather on a 25 yard gain moving the ball to the General 28 yard line. However, a bad snap on the next play put the Eagles on their heels with 2-26 on the 44 yard line. Facing second and long Drew Paice dropped back to pass and, with great field awareness, pulled the ball down and ran up the middle for 23 yards reinvigorating the drive. Facing 4th and inches the Eagles went for it and Drew Paice tucked the ball running over center to the 17 for the first down. With momentum on their side, three plays later Davey Hardesty scored his second touchdown of the night with a 3 yard run. The Eagles kicked the PAT and went ahead for the first time with the score 15-8.

But the Generals would not go down quietly. With 9:22 left in the game the Generals took the ball back on their own 27. They drove to the 42 when General quarterback #11 John Michael Pirtle, was flushed out of the pocket and fumbled the ball at the 35. Alex Sefton recovered for the Eagles and ran the ball to the 25 with 5:37 left in the game. The Eagle offense took over and started burning the clock. On 4th and 5 at the 20, the field goal unit took the field to attempt to seal the deal. Lining up for the 37 yard field goal attempt, Eagle kicker #28 Connor Shendow booted a beauty straight through the uprights with plenty of distance to spare adding the final points of the game to give the Clarke County Eagles the win 18-8.

After the game Coach Parker said, "Stonewall always plays hard and they play fundamental football. I was proud of the way we fought back, stayed in the game, and overtook them."

The Eagles are on the road again next week taking on Central High School in a rescheduled Saturday game. Kickoff is at noon.

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