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## Eagles Dominate the Mustangs

October 29, 2011 by [Michael Dowling \(Edit\)](#)

The cold rain that fell throughout the game Friday night did little to slow down the Clarke County Eagles as they stampeded over the George Mason Mustangs on their way to a 41-7 victory.

The Eagles had a huge night on offense in the wet conditions piling up 373 yards rushing and 83 yards passing. Despite difficulties in previous games, the Eagles held on to the ball in tough conditions with no turnovers.

#3 Jesse Smoot broke the ice with a 23 yard touchdown run in the opening drive. It would be a sign of things to come as the Eagle backfield cranked up the rushing yards and touchdowns. Jesse Smoot had 3 touchdowns on the night. Drew Paice, and Davy Hardesty also each had rushing touchdowns. However the biggest TD run of the night came from backup tailback Nick Helmut, who caught a crease with 1:35 left in the game and ran 88 yards for the final score of the night.

Coach Parker said, "I thought we played well considering the conditions tonight. Our guys were up to play and played really well in every facet of the game."

On defense the Eagles shut down the Mustangs holding them to 183 yards of total offense. The single Mustang score came in the second quarter of the game when quarterback Grant Hagler connected with tight end Dimitrios Venets on a 13 yard touchdown pass.

The victory came on an evening when Coach Parker and five others were inducted into the Clarke County Hall of Fame. After the game Parker commented on the win and his induction. "Clarke County is a special place. I've been here twenty years and it really means a lot to me. It was a wonderful night, a rainy, sloppy, hard hitting game, I couldn't have asked for more."

The Eagles improve their record to 6-3, and the district win improves their Bull Run standings to 3-2. The final regular season game of the year will be at home next Friday against William Monroe. Kickoff is at 7:30PM.

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