

Sports

Sachems overpower Kingswood 49-0 in home opener

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LACONIA — Drew Muzzey returned the opening kickoff 73 yards for a touchdown Friday night and the Laconia Sachems never looked back as they defeated Kingswood 49-0 in their home opener.

Muzzey went on to rush for three more touchdowns and racked up 148 yards in 17 carries.

Quarterback Riley Roy was 7-for-10 passing with 113 passing yards and two touchdowns. Making the touchdown catches for Laconia were Kaleb Barton and Christian Platon.

Defensively the Sachems were led by Bradley Weeks (10 tackles), Ben Beliveau (10 tackles), Ryan McCrea (8 tackles), Ryan Dee (interception), Jakob Steele (8 tackles) and Kelby Brooker (9 tackles).

“It was a good win for the seniors, who have worked really hard,” said Laconia Coach Craig Kozens.

It was the first win of the season for the Sachems, who are now 1-1.

They will play at Plymouth Saturday afternoon. The Bobcats, who are the defending Division II champions, beat Kennett 35-14 in a game played in Conway Friday night. They opened their season with a 43-0 win over Kingswood.

John Stark 40, Gilford/Belmont 0

The visiting Generals scored on their first possession of the game and went on pummel Gilford/Belmont 40-0 Saturday.

Quarterback Parker McQuarrie threw for 197 yards and four touchdowns for John Stark, which evened its record at 1-1. Gilford/Belmont, which lost its opener at Pelham 14-6, fell to 0-2.

Gilford-Belmont captain, lineman Ethan Ormes was carted off the field in the first half. The 6-foot-6, 300-plus pound senior made a tackle near the sideline but couldn't get up under his own power. When an athletic trainer arrived, Ormes told him he “felt a pop” in his right knee and couldn't put any weight on it.

“All I know is he's a big loss, mainly because of his personality,” coach Josh Marzahl said. “Now or



Laconia senior Noah Shastany drags down Kingswood junior James Donovan in the season home opener on Friday. (Alan MacRae for The Laconia Daily Sun)

at the end of the season, there's no replacing him.”

The Golden Eagles will host Bow Saturday, a team which is 2-0 and had beaten its first two opponents, Pembroke and Hillsboro-Deering by identical 41-0 scores.

Campbell 42, Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough 0

In what was supposed to be an early-season showdown between two of the best in Division III, Camp-

bel racked up 395 rushing yards, allowed just 38 total yards, and hung a 42-0 score on the 2015 and 2016 D-III runner-up, Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough (1-1).

“Everything is a learning experience in life. So this is another learning experience. It's good to get your butt kicked every once in a while, it reminds you of where you came from,” IL-MA Coach Jon Francis said. “Campbell is a good ballclub and it just didn't go our way today.”

The Lakers, who trounced Fall Mountain 60-14 in their season opener, will try to get back on track Saturday when they travel to Newport for a 1:30 p.m. game against the tigers, who are 2-0 and beat Winnisquam 49-0 Saturday.

Kearsarge 47, Franklin 0

Kearsarge took a commanding 20-0 halftime lead and went on to post a lopsided win over the Golden Tornados, who are 0-2 and have yet to score this year.

Kearsarge is now 1-1.

Franklin hosts Winnisquam, 0-2, Saturday at 2 p.m.

Epping/Newmarket 40, Newfound 30

Quarterback Jack Bisailon tossed five touchdown passes to help the Blue Devils raise their Division III record to 2-0. Matt Lockard and Shane Moore each caught two TD passes for Epping/Newmarket. Doug Nadeau hauled in Bisailon's other TD pass. Epping/Newmarket's Bobby Edwards also returned a fumble 65 yards for a touchdown.

Newfound dropped to 0-2. The Bears host Stevens, defending Division III champions, Saturday. The Cardinals lost 35-8 to Somersworth Saturday.

Newport 49, Winnisquam 0

Sophomore running back John Thibeault ran for four touchdowns and added a pair of two-point conversions to help the Tigers improve their Division III record to 2-0. Winnisquam, 0-2, is at Franklin Saturday.



Laconia senior Drew Muzzey dives over Kingswood defensemen for some extra yardage. (Alan MacRae for The Laconia Daily Sun)