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### JV football team downs Marauders in opener

The JV football team made the home town fans happy with a 42-14 MAC crossover victory over the visiting Warren Mott Marauders on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Romeo scored early and often in the game. Ryan Burkard gave the team the early lead scoring a 9-yard touchdown in the first quarter. He also ran in the two-point conversion to make it 8-0. Mott scored on the ensuing kickoff.

"Our guys all converged on the kid making the return just like they should. In a fluke play, the ball popped out into another Mott player's hands. He ran down the sideline for the score," Romeo coach Tim Warneck said. Mott missed their conversion attempt. Next quarterback Blake Laurain connected with Nathan Fraeyman on a 59-yard scoring play. The same combo added two points after the TD to make it 16-6 at the end of one.

Burkard ran the ball in from the 2-yard line in the second period but the dawgs missed the conversion try. Romeo led 22-6 at the half.

Mott scored on a 55-yard pass reception in the third quarter and added a two-point conversion to cut the lead to 22-14. Romeo answered with a 52-yard TD run by Burkard who also kicked the point after, for a 29-14 lead.

Later in the frame, Khy Bradley toted the ball 9 yards for six points. Burkard kicked the PAT. The quarter ended 36-14 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Kyle Witgen added a 23-yard run for a touchdown in the final period of play. The extra point attempt was no good and neither team scored afterward.

Laurain was 8 for 13 in passing for 135 yards with one TD and one conversion. Fraeyman was the top receiver with three catches for 91 yards. Brian Roth caught three passes for 23 yards. Tom Otto had two grabs for 21. Burkard led the rushing with nine carries gaining 150 yards on the ground. Spencer Ruman totaled eight rushes for 77 yards. Bradley gained 67 yards with six rushes with a TD.

Defensively the Bulldogs had 26 different players make tackles in the game reported coordinator Mike Lee. Anthony Iafrate led with seven stops and a sack. With five each were Ryan Bowers, Mike Munn (fumble recovery) and Tayler Shotwell. Zack Bellas made two interceptions with Roth getting one pick. "Our defense shut them down pretty well," stated Warneck.

"It was a great first game," said Warneck. "Now we need to get ready for the MAC Red teams. We will be playing good teams this season. It will be a challenge."

The JV football team this season is coached by Warneck on offense, Lee on defense and Chuck Binkowski who handles the line and special teams.

Romeo hosted Ford II on Thursday, Sept. 4, after The Source had gone to press. The next game for the Bulldogs will be at Dakota on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.

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