

Macomb Area Conference

Romeo wins defensive struggle

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Romeo scored two second-half touchdowns to win a defensive grudge match, topping Macomb Area Conference foe Utica Eisenhower, 14-0, on Friday.

The teams played to a scoreless stalemate in the first half, but junior Troy Zibkowski interrupted an Eisenhower drive with 2:45 left in the third quarter, scoring on a 30-yard interception return.

“Both teams were flying to the ball,” Romeo co-head coach Jason Couch said. “Neither team, size-wise, is very big, but both defenses are fast.”

The stellar defense continued into the fourth quarter, but Bulldogs (2-1, 2-0) back Ryan Burkard was finally able to solve the Eisenhower (2-1, 0-1 MAC Red) defense, scoring on a 10-yard run with 1:29 remaining. Burkard finished the game with 29 carries for 128 yards.

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CLAWSON 54, NEW HAVEN 0: Steven O’Connell had eight carries for 162 yards and three TDs for Clawson (3-0, 2-0 MAC Bronze). O’Connell was also 5-for-10 passing for 137 yards and four TDs. Joe Smith had three catches for 106 yards and two TDs. New Haven is 0-3, 0-2.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 43, STERLING HEIGHTS 7: Ben Fry completed 13 of 18 passes for 225 yards and four TDs for South (2-1, 2-0 MAC Blue). Victor Mattison had six catches for 120 yards and three TDs.

MACOMB DAKOTA 42, CLINTON TWP. CHIPPEWA VALLEY 0: Mark Morris was 6-for-10 passing for 112 yards and a TD for Dakota (2-1, 1-1 MAC Red). Chippewa Valley is 1-2, 1-1.

MADISON HEIGHTS MADISON 59, ST. CLAIR SHORES LAKE SHORE 41: Valdez Showers ran 29 times for 301 yards and five TDs and Isiah Thomas had a 40-yard fumble recovery and an interception return for a touchdown for Madison (2-1, 1-1 MAC Gold).

ST. CLAIR SHORES LAKEVIEW 24, MADISON HEIGHTS LAMPHERE 0: Donald Lathum of Lakeview (3-0, 2-1 MAC Silver) ran the ball 34 times for 169 yards and two TDs.

UTICA 17, ROSEVILLE 10: David Peters and Shane Vanfleteren each had touchdowns for Utica (3-0).

UTICA FORD 45, MACOMB L’ANSE CREUSE NORTH 6: Eric Posavetz



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scored on a 46-yard punt return, Keith Lamb had a rushing touchdown, and Brad Meredith recorded 11 tackles for Ford (2-1. 2-0 MAC White).

WARREN COUSINO 26, GROSSE POINTE NORTH 14: Drew McGuire completed 13 of 18 passes for 176 yards and a 23-yard TD to Ben McCord for Cousino (2-1, 1-1 MAC White). McGuire also scored on runs of 1 and 9 yards. Ryan Kryska ran 12 times for 105 yards and scored on a 5-yard run. North is 1-2, 0-2.

WARREN FITZGERALD 20, CLINTON TWP. CLINTONDALE 14: DeJaun Morton gained 143 yards and TDs on 26 carries for Fitzgerald (2-1, 1-1 MAC Silver).