

Trojans Spoil Panthers Homecoming; One Game From MEFL Championship

By David Latva
 The Cedarville Trojans took a huge step toward defending their Mid-Eastern Football League (MEFL) championship with a 47-16 win over arch rival Pickford, spoiling the homecoming game for the Panthers Friday, October 17.

Cedarville stands 8-0 overall and 6-0 in the conference after a 17-game regular season winning streak. The Trojans final step will take place in Felch against North Dickinson Friday, October 24, when the Nordics and Cedarville, both undefeated in the league, will battle for the title.

"We held our composure after Pickford scored on the long drive in the first half and I was pleased with our offensive line blocking," said Trojans Coach Scott Barr. "Pickford executed the ball well. It was a hard hitting game."

Cedarville scored touchdowns while on offense, defense, and special teams that started after Luke Murray recovered the Panthers fumble 56 yards away from the end zone.

C.J. Paquin and Tyler Anderson combined on a 41-yard pass completion to the Pickford 15-yard line. Three plays later, Paquin scrambled nine yards for the touchdown and Andrew Figures kicked the extra point, for a 7-0 lead at the 7:29 mark.

Pickford answered after taking possession at its 17-yard line late in the first quarter and drove 83 yards on 17 plays, with Dylan Rye scoring from five yards out. McKinley Portice completed the two-point conversion pass to Zack Mortensen for a 8-7 lead with 8:12 left in the



Cheyenne Cline and Mickael Cantin were crowned Pickford High School homecoming queen and king before the Panthers football game Friday, October 17.



Pickford High School homecoming queen candidates include (from left) Sara McGowan, Cheyenne Cline, Abby Rose, and Alyson Obermiller.

first half. The Panthers ensuing inside kick was unsuccessful and Cedarville took possession at the Pickford 45-yard line. Four plays and 1:22 later, Paquin and Zach McFarlane hooked up on an 11-yard scoring pass to take a 13-8 margin.

The teams exchanged turnovers as Jordan Huff recovered the Panthers fumble. On the next play, Matt Beard intercepted the Trojans pass at the four-yard line.

Pickford failed to move the ball and on fourth down punt Paquin, with a key block from Jordan Baker, returned the ball 40 yards for the touchdown. Figures added the extra point to increase the lead to 20-8.

Paquin intercepted the Pickford pass and in the closing minute of the first half, the senior quarterback scored on a nine-yard run for a 26-8 halftime score.

McFarlane scored two third-quarter touchdowns on runs of 14 and one yard, respectively, to take a 40-8 lead into the final 12 minutes.

Both teams scored in the fourth quarter as Jordan Huff scored on a five-yard run and Figures kicked the extra point for Cedarville. Portice and Mortensen combined on a nine-yard scoring pass and Cantin added the two-point conversion.

Pickford celebrated homecoming. Before the game, seniors Cheyenne Cline and Mickael Cantin were crowned queen and king for 2008-09.

Trojans defensive statistics: Zach McFarlane, 18 tackles; James Mitchell, 16 tackles; Tyler Anderson, 12 tackles; Wade Autore, nine tackles; Adam Dingman, Josh



C.J. Paquin (22) scrambles out of the quarterback pocket to complete a 41-yard pass to Tyler Anderson on the Trojans first possession under the watchful eye of referee Gary McDonald.

Wilson, eight tackles; Jordan Huff, seven tackles, one fumble recovery; Luke Murray, five tackles, one fumble recovery, one pass interception; Kaleb Barbeaux, five tackles; C.J. Paquin, one pass interception.

Trojans offensive statistics: C.J. Paquin, seven of 12 passing for 173 yards, six carries for 72 yards, two touchdowns; Zach McFarlane, 12 carries for 111 yards, two touchdowns, one reception for 10 yards, one touchdown; Luke Murray, three receptions for 112 yards; Tyler Anderson, three receptions for 51 yards.

Panthers offensive statistics: McKinley Portice, six of 13 passing for 61 yards, three carries for

10 yards; Mickael Cantin, 26 carries for 94 yards; Josh Kibble 12 carries for 65 yards, one reception for 11 yards; Dylan Rye, eight carries for 21 yards, one reception for eight yards; Shawn Rader, one reception for 24 yards; Zack Mortensen, two receptions for 17 yards.

Panthers defensive statistics: Zack Mortensen, five tackles; Shawn Rader, four tackles; Josh Kibble, three tackles; Matt Beard, two tackles, one pass interception; Ben Eckola, two tackles.

Pickford, 3-4 on the season and 2-4 in the conference, will close out the year with a league game at North Central Friday, October 24.

St. Ignace Saints Clinch Playoff Spot With 34-13 Win Over Glen Lake Lakers

By David Latva
 The St. Ignace Saints clinched their second consecutive playoff position with a 34-13 non-conference road win over Maple City-Glen Lake Saturday, October 18.

St. Ignace will close out the season with a non-league game against Manistique Friday, October 24, at Saints Field, with kickoff set for 7 p.m. This will be the first time that the Saints and Emeralds have battled on the gridiron.

The Saints took a 21-7 lead into halftime after Tyler Oja recovered the Lakers fumble and Rob Robinson scored from 39 yards out. Gerrit Mortensen kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

At the 9:47 mark of the second quarter, Austin St. Louis scored on an eight-yard run that was set up on a fourth and 10, 22-yard pass completion from Mortensen to Anthony Lester and the Saints quarterback also kicked the extra point for a 14-0 advantage.

The host Lakers cut the St. Ignace lead to 14-7 before the Saints answered on a 19-yard scor-

ing pass from Mortensen to Stefan Saffian and added the extra point kick for a 21-7 lead.

Lester ended any Lakers scoring threat late in the first half with a pass interception, and the senior handed off to Oja, who was tackled on the final play of the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Robinson scored on a one-yard run. After St. Louis intercepted the Glen Lake pass, Lester scored on a 63-yard reverse play. The Lakers scored on the final play of the game to cut the Saints final margin to 21 points.

Saints offensive statistics: Gerrit Mortensen, 11 of 15 passing for 152 yards, two touchdowns, seven carries for 21 yards; Anthony Lester, five carries for 43 yards, one touchdown, three receptions for 32 yards; Rob Robinson, nine carries for 56 yards, one touchdown, three



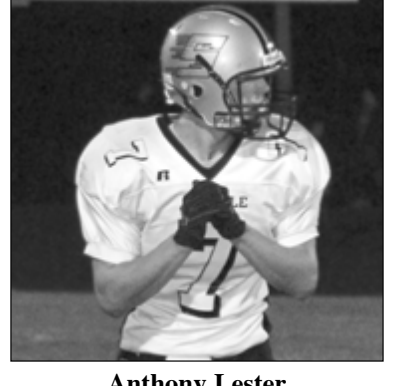
Carl Ingalls

receptions for 44 yards; Austin St. Louis, five carries for 43 yards, one touchdown, three receptions for 32 yards; Stefan Saffian, three receptions for 33 yards, one touchdown; Caleb Litzner, six carries for 13 yards; Evan Everson, two carries for eight yards; Dan St. Onge, two carries for three yards; Ronnie France, two carries for one yard.

Saints defensive statistics: Gunnar Zipp, 23 tackles; Tyler Oja, 12 tackles, one fumble recovery; Austin St. Louis, 11 tackles,

one pass interception; Tyler Mapes, nine tackles; Andy Tamlyn, eight tackles; John Evashevski, six tackles, one fumble recovery; Gerrit Mortensen, Stefan Saffian, four tackles; Anthony Lester, three

tackles, one interception; Billy Grogan, three tackles; Carl Ingalls, Lance DeKeyser, Cole Christiansen, Dan St. Onge, Mike Barthelemy, Nate Montie, Jayson Fenlon, one tackle.



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