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Mendenhalls spark Wolves to 47-13 shellacking of North

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Mendenhall, Mendenhall and a little bit more Mendenhall.

That was the story last Thursday night as brothers Walter and Rashard powered the dominate Wolves (2-0, 0-0) to a convincing 47-13 victory over district rival Niles North. Rashard, only a sophomore, gained a whopping 305 yards in only one half of action. The 305 included 155 yards on the ground and 159 yards through the air. Walter, a junior, also dominated, accounting for 212 yards while flourishing in all aspects of the game.

The bulk of Walter's yards came, uncharacteristically but artfully, through the air in a barrage of yards and points.

Late in the first half and in full command, coach Mark Egofske reached deep into his bag of tricks to make North (1-1, 0-0) vanish.

With less than 10 minutes remaining in the second quarter and the Wolves leading 12-0, Walter took a handoff and appeared to be headed around the right end. Instead, he stopped and unleashed a laser to a streaking Rashard who was 10 yards past a bewildered Viking defense and galloped into the endzone for a 74-yard touchdown and an 18-0 edge.

After the two teams traded rushing touchdowns, the Wolves gained possession at their own 38 and appeared content with a 25-7 lead. That, however, wasn't the case as the Wolves pulled off the *exact same* trick play again, a rarity in non-sandlot football. The second score from 62 yards put the Wolves up 31-7 and capped off a wild night for the Mendenhalls.

After halftime, the Wolves turned to more conventional means of scoring as senior quarterback Dan Uhle found fellow senior Mark Krier in the end zone for a 22-yard pass and a 38-7 lead.

Meanwhile, the defense stifled what passed for a Vikings offense as the Wolves kept North confused and pinned back in their own territory. Seniors Kevin Henrick, Mike Tomoleoni and Nick Cosmos tormented North all night, combining for eight tackles for losses and numerous quarterback pressures.

The Wolves hope to continue their stellar play and stay in first place as they take on Maine West at home this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Basrak Field.