

Wolves rack up second gridiron 'W'



George Howe breaks a tackle as Billy Oline looks for someone to hit.

Photo by Ali Bhanpuri

After three winless weeks, the Wolves finally notched a much-needed victory over the Waukegan Bulldogs on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Waukegan.

The Wolves needed to win at any cost after falling to Evanston last week at the annual Homecoming game. The Bulldogs were celebrating their homecoming. However, after the 41-18 rout, there was very little celebration on the Waukegan sidelines.

Despite playing without several starters, including senior co-captain Ali Bhanpuri and juniors Chris Georges, Lenny Khizikia and German Suncin, the Wolves gave their fans many reasons to cheer.

After receiving the opening kick-off, the Bulldogs struggled to put any points on the board.

The Wolves, on the other hand, scored quickly on touchdown runs of 4 and 33 yards by senior running back George Howe.

The Bulldogs finally put a crooked number on the board after a breakaway run in Wolves territory, putting them behind 14-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter began favorably for the Bulldogs who scored their second touchdown on a tip by junior free-safety Luke Cusack that by chance fell right in the lap of a Waukegan receiver.

With the score close at 14-12, the Wolves offense ignited for two TDs through the air from junior quarterback Mike Anderson. Anderson connected with senior tight end Billy Oline for a 44-yard TD reception and newly re-assigned senior receiver, former starting QB Parker Amsberry for 31-yard paydirt.

Senior linebacker Eric Guzman dislocated a bone in his ankle during the second quarter and was sidelined for the rest of the game.

The Wolves bounced back after Guzman's injury, cashing in on multiple Waukegan turnovers. They scored again in the third quarter from Anderson's third TD pass, this time to Howe for 22-yards. Howe scored his fourth TD of the game on a 22-yard run from scrimmage, leaving him with 112 yards on 13 carries and four catches for 65 yards. Anderson finished 6-13, with 158 yards through the air.

Waukegan did not go quietly, scoring their final TD in the third quarter on an 81-yard pass, bringing the score to 34-18.

Strong running from junior fullback David Cho (eight carries for 45 yards) helped the Wolves get crucial first downs throughout the game. Cho followed strong blocking by senior linemen Jon Alvarado and Tom Gustafson and junior lineman Patrick Stoneberg.

Defensively, the Wolves did not allow a 100-yard rusher, and dominating performances were handed out by senior defensive tackle Marc Cayemitte and senior defensive back Danny Camargo and Cusack.