

the red zone

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Madison quarterback Lester Fontenette avoids three Morse defenders to make the option pitch

Madison Beats Morse to Pull Ahead of the Central Pack

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On an unseasonably warm October afternoon, Madison used a hot start to beat Morse 30-14. With the win, the Warhawks moved into sole possession of first place in the Central League.

Madison (5-1, 2-0 Central) opened the game by scoring on their first three possessions and were ahead 17-0 after the first quarter. Garrett Gallacher and Desaan Hardwick each scored rushing touchdowns for the Warhawks.

Morse (4-3, 2-1) got on the board with less than a minute into the second quarter on a Deonte Flowers 32-yard touchdown pass to James Roberts. But Madison continued their first-half onslaught, scoring two touchdowns in a five-minute span to take a commanding 30-6 lead into halftime.

The second half was more evenly played, and neither team could put up points in the third quarter. Morse made it a two-possession game early in the fourth on a Travis Johnson touchdown run but could not get any closer than that. An interception by Madison defensive back David Lamar with less than five minutes to play iced the game for the Warhawks.

Madison hosts San Diego (2-4, 1-2) next week. Morse will look to get back on track at home against Clairemont.

Game of the Week: St. Augustine at Scripps Ranch

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Headed into their game at Scripps Ranch on Friday night, St. Augustine had two weeks to think about their first loss of the season. The extra week was apparently more than enough, as the Saints stormed out of the gate and handed the Falcons a convincing 38-10 loss.

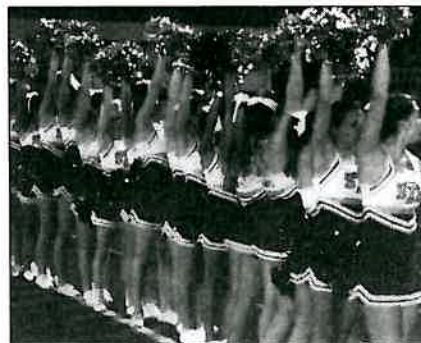
"We had to come out and show everyone what we were capable of. We let everybody down two weeks ago. This win was all about redemption," said Saints senior wide receiver Dana Barbaro.

It took St. Augustine (5-1, 1-0 Eastern) only 3 minutes and 17 seconds to take the game's opening drive 80 yards for a touchdown — capped by a five-yard pass from quarterback Evan Crower to Barbaro. The Saints found the end zone only 14 seconds later, when defensive back Joseph Gallo intercepted an overthrown screen pass and returned it 15 yards for a score.

"Just about everything went wrong for us," said Scripps Ranch head coach Sergio Diaz. "They beat us on offense, they beat us on defense...special teams they executed well."

The next time their offense got the ball, St. Augustine went up 21-0 on a six-yard halfback pass from running back Johnny Jackson to Barbaro.

St. Augustine will look to stay perfect in Eastern League play next Friday when they take on Lincoln (5-1, 1-0) at San Diego High. Scripps Ranch will look to get back on track when they host Patrick Henry (1-5, 0-1) in their final home game of the season.



St. Augustine cheerleaders raise their pom-poms at the end of the National Anthem

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