An explosive second quarter that saw Nease score four touchdowns that the never say die Sharks could not overcome in a 38-38 loss to the Panthers. The biggest home crowd in Ponte Vedra history saw Nease use a versatile offense mixed in with a dominating run prevent defense that led to the Panthers third win in a row over their archrivals.

Trailing 31-7 at the half the Sharks showed life in the second half and gave their fans a preview of what the rest of the long season could be on the table as the host Sharks outscored Nease 21-7 over the final two periods. With the departure of current Florida running back Brian Case, who rushed for more than 1500 yards last season for the Sharks lost through graduation, the Sharks were held to but a measly three total rushing yards for the entire game.

However, after a slow start, senior quarterback Cole Rosendahl found considerable success through the air as he threw for 348 yards and a pair of TD strikes to six different Shark receivers. Rosendahl’s total was the seventh best single game passing mark for a Shark quarterback in the 16th year of PVHS football.

With the visiting Panthers leading 3-0 the Sharks were dealt a devastating blow when their leading tackler from a year ago Talon Babin dislocated his elbow while attempting to tackle the Panthers Brayden Felder. With Babin on the sidelines the Panthers were able to score four second half touchdowns to break the game wide open.

With a commanding lead at halftime the Panthers were content to mix up their vaunted passing game with a more conservative running attack led by junior running back Enrique Ordonez. To say that the Sharks were surprised with Ordonez’s effort would be a vast understatement as Ordonez rushed for 194 yards in 18 carries, including a 51-yard TD dash in the second quarter for the second Panther touchdown.

On the ensuing kickoff things went from bad to worse for the Sharks as the PV return man fumbled the ball and Nease wasted no time in taking advantage of the Shark miscue. The Panthers needed but two plays to cash in for six points as they scored on a flea flicker pass from reserve Derek Hardie to Vernon Stephens to give Nease a seemingly insurmountable 24-0 lead.

The Sharks quickly bounced back with a drive of their own thanks to a couple of big pass plays from Rosendahl to Caleb Stanton and Jack Berquist that moved PV into Nease territory. Two plays later the Sharks were able to finally cross the Nease goal line on a three-yard quarterback keeper from Rosendahl.

However, the Sharks still left more than two minutes on the scoreboard clock, plenty of time for Nease’s talented sophomore quarterback to go to work. Nease quickly moved into PV territory when Aiden Phifer launched a perfect pass to a wide-open Chase Phifer from 33 yards out to send the Panthers into halftime with a 31-7 lead.

The Sharks received the second half kickoff and moved 80 yards to cut the deficit to 31-14 with the scoring playing coming on a seven-yard pass from Rosendahl to Berquist. The Panthers quickly answered the Shark tally with their final touchdown of the evening, a 29 yards TD pass from Aiden Phifer to Chase Phifer to extend the lead to 38-14. The Sharks refused to fold. The Sharks scored early in the fourth quarter when Rosendahl capped a long Shark drive with an old-fashion quarterback sneak to trim the Panther lead down to 38-21 after a made PAT from Noah Ash.

With 4:29 left to play the Sharks pulled to within 10 points when Rosendahl connect on a 29 yards pass play to Tucker Henderson. The Panthers then were able to run the clock out and were deep into PV territory when the clocked reached zeros to make the final score 38-28.

Six different receivers were utilized by Rosendahl in accumulating his 315 yards with Berquist four grabs for 109 yards topping the list. Henderson was on the receiving end of 6 passes for 93 total yards.

The Shark’s secondary was busy attempting to slow down the Nease passing attack and were led by the 10 total tackles of Davis Latina. Cooper Sobiecki had 6 tackles that included a tackle for a loss while sophomore defensive lineman Mike Akers was effective with eight tackles, including two tackles for losses. Next week’s action finds Nease hosting Creekside while the Sharks will be at home for the second straight game on the season when they square over with another St John’s County rival in the Bears of Bartram Trial.

Stats: Ponte Vedra vs Nease

PASSING

Player Comp Pass INT Total TD Longest

Passes Attempts Yards Passes

#7 Cole Rosendahl 23 35 1 348 2 43

Totals 23 35 1 348 2 43

RECEIVING

Player Total Total Longest Touchdowns

Catches Yards Catch

#2 Angelo Kekelek 2 34 30

#3 Davit Daugherty 4 31 21

#12 Caleb Stanton 2 26 19

#14 Jack Berquist 4 109 43 1

#18 Tucker Hendersson 6 93 32 1

#34 Alex Winkles 5 54 19

Totals 23 348 2

RUSHING

Player Total Total Longest Touchdowns

Carries Yards

# 7 Cole Rosendahl 14 -5 4 2

#34 Alex Winkles 5 8 5

Totals 19 3 2

PUNT RETURNS

Player Return Total Longest Fair

Attempts Yards Return Catch

#14 Jack Berquist 2 0 2

KICKOFF RETURNS Return Total Longest

Attempts Yards Return

#15 Jack Berquist 2 62 37

#18 Tucker Henderson 3 62 30

PUNTS

Player Total Total Longest AVG

Punts Yards

#6 Noah Ash 3 122 45 40.5

KICKOFFS Total Total Longest Touch

Kickoffs Yards Backs

#6 Noah Ash 5 249 60 4

SCORING

TDS Ex Pts Field Goals Longest

#6 Noah Ash 4/4 0/1

#14 Jack Berquist 1

#18 Tucker Henderson 1

# 7 Cole Rosendahl 2

PONTE VEDRA DEFENSIVE STATS vs. NEASE

PLAYER Tackles Ast T TFL PD H Sacks Int FC F Rec

#4 Fion Day 5 2

#13 Cohen Kelley 2 1

#14 Jack Berquist 2

#20 Talan Babin 2 2 1

#21 Carter Otteson 2

#22 Ethan Holmes 5 5

#24 Bennet Baumgartner 1

#26 Cooper Sobieski 4 4 1 3

#29 Trey Butz 6

#32 Davis Latina 8 4

#40 JP Dolan 2

#41 Caden Kartzmark 1

#56 Mike Akers 6 3 1

#75 Colin Butler 1

#92 Reese Beck 2

#95 Christian Purnell 3 1