SHARKS WIN DISTRICT GAME OVER FLEMING ISLAND

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After losing in the closing seconds of last year’s game with Fleming Island, the Sharks made sure there would be no last second’s dramatics this year as they led by as much as 35-3 before a late Golden Eagle touchdown made the final score read 35-9.

Ponte Vedra was strong in every department in the decisive victory. A well-balanced offense coupled with a stingy defense were all the ingredients needed in the Sharks first win over Fleming Island in three matchups.

Cole Rosendahl threw for 174 yards with senior receiver Jack Berquist on the receiving end of two of Rosendahl’s 13 completions that were good for six points from 45 and 24 yards out.

Alex Winkles, running behind the blocking of the veteran front six of Mason McLeod, Jack Hughes, Buzz Bunkosky, Colin Butler, Sean Hassan, and Calen Stanton ran for a career high 156 yards and three TDs. Winkles didn’t waste any time in setting the tempo for the game when he took the first offensive snap of the game for the Sharks and raced through a gigantic hole created by the Sharks front line to race 50 yards for a TD before the spectators barely had a chance to get settled in their seats.

The Shark defense, led by their spiritual leader and division one commit Talan Babin forced many three and outs from the struggling Fleming Island defense throughout the contest. So decisive was the PV defense that trailing 28-0 in the fourth quarter, the Golden Eagles decided to kick a field goal just to get on the scoreboard, a deficit that still left the visitors trailing by four scores.

Babin was credited with seven solo tackles, assisted on six others, while continually harassing the Fleming Island quarterback and punctuated his night by blocking an extra point as well as partially blocking a punt. Cogen Kegley also lit up the defensive stat charts with an outstanding performance. Kegley had eight solo tackles while Carter Otteson was all over the field combining for 11 tackles that included a tackle for a loss and a sack. JP Dolan was his usual menace on defense with six tackles, hurried the passer twice to force a pair of way too early throws, had a sack and partially blocked a punt.

The first of Babin’s partially blocked kicks gave the Sharks excellent field position at the Golden Eagle 45-yard line. Cole Rosendahl went for the home run ball on the next play from scrimmage and connected with the first of his two TD passes on the night with Jack Berquist.

Fleming Island didn’t have any better luck on their next punting foray as they again were stymied by the Shark defense and forced to punt. This time JP Dolan got a hand on the punt that set up the next short scoring drive beginning at the Fleming Island 41-yard line. Shortly thereafter Winkles broke through another monster hole created by the O-line to scamper 12 yards into the end zone to give Ponte Vedra a 21-0 lead at the halftime break.

The score moved to 28-0 after a Rosendahl pass was somehow miraculously caught by Berquist in the end zone. Following the extra point the Sharks were assessed a pair of 15-yard penalties that had their back-up kicker Alex Feeney kicking the ensuing kickoff from his own 12-yard line. When Feeney’s kick sailed out of bounds Fleming Island than had their best field position of the entire contest at the Shark 38-yard line without having to tun a play. The Sharks defense stiffened and Fleming Island then decided to avert a shutout by converting on a field goal.

Using the clock the Sharks settled on handing the ball to Alex Winkles on several carries with Winkles capping the Shark scoring by notching his third TD from the five-yard line midway through the final quarter to expand their lead to 35-3. Ryan Siliac then gave the large contingent of Fleming Island fans who traveled across the St Johns River, as well as their marching band who seemingly never stopped playing during the entire game, something to cheer about as SIliac caught a pass near the left sidelines, reversed direction and raced 80-yards for the visitors only touchdown.

The demanding Shark schedule will not get any easier as next Friday the Sharks will travel to Middleburg to play a team that is a perfect 6-0 to begin the season.

**Offensive Stats: Ponte Vedra Vs Fleming Island**

PASSING

Player Comp Pass INT Total TD Longest

Passes Attempts Yards Passes

#7 Cole Rosendahl 13 22 174 2 45

#6 Noah Ash 0 1 0 0

Totals 13 12 174 2

RECEIVING

Player Total Total Longest Touchdowns

Catches Yards Catch

#2 Angelo Kekelek 1 2 2

#3 Davitt Daugherty 5 45 20

#10 Shane Conroy 1 0 0

#14 Jack Berquist 3 101 45 2

#18 Tucker Henderson 1 5 5

#34 Alex Winkles 2 21 21 0

Totals 13 174 2

RUSHING

Player Total Total Longest Touchdowns

Carries Yards

# 7 Cole Rosendahl 4 -8 6

#14 Jack Berquist 1 4 4

#33 Nico Cipriani 4 43 39

#34 Alex Winkles 18 156 50 3

#40 JP Dolan 1 7 7 0

Totals 19 202 3

PUNT RETURNS

Player Return Total Longest Fair

Attempts Yards Return Catch

#14 Jack Berquist 2 26 15 1

KICKOFF RETURNS Return Total Longest

Attempts Yards Return

None

PUNTS

Player Total Total Longest AVG

Punts Yards

#6 Noah Ash 1 39 39 39.0

#7 Cole Rosendahl 1 36 36 36.0

KICKOFFS Total Total Longest Touch

Kickoffs Yards Touch Backs

#6 Noah Ash 4 240 60 4

#46 Alex Fenney 1 28 28

SCORING

TDS Ex Pts Field Goals Longest

#6 Noah Ash 4/4 0/1

#14 Jack Berquist 2

#34 Alex Winkkles 3

#46 Alex Finney 1/1

**PONTE VEDRA DEFENSIVE STATS vs. Fleming Island**

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

#4 Fion Day 2 2

#13 Cohen Kegley 8 1 1

#20 Talan Babin 7 6 1 1 2

#21 Carter Otteson 5 6 1 1

#22 Ethan Holmes 1

#26 Cooper Sobieski 1 2 1

#27 Hudson Houseman 2 3 1

#29 Trey Butz 4 2 1

#40 JP Dolan 5 1 2 1 1

#41 Caden Katzmark 1 1

#44 Robert Gilvarry 1

#55 Reece Kenning 1

#56 Mike Akers 1 1

#92 Reese Beck 1 1

#96 Christian Purnell 3 1 1