



Game Reports for Playoffs Semi-Finals

LW Blue

LW-Blue entered their semi-final game against the #2 seeded New Lenox Warriors, knowing their opponent finished the regular season with an impressive 7-1 record. However, more impressive was the way the defending Champion Frankfort Blue Falcons pushed around the Warriors for 48 minutes, and with the 6-0 victory, advanced to the Championship game.

Think we can.

You got the sense the Falcons were on a mission. The Offense did almost everything right, moving up and down the field, and could have had a commanding lead, if not for two penalties and two turnovers thwarting Falcon drives. The Falcons wore down the Warriors Defense with their ground attack, pounding out 131 yds rushing, led by Jake Jansto (80 yds) and John Christensen (42 yds), but also kept New Lenox off-balance with air strikes from Brajkovich to Michael Herlihy and Brandon Petkoff.

All the Defense did was limit the Warriors Offense to three (downs) and out on five of six possessions, holding New Lenox to 53 total yards. Anthony Pisarski shut down anything to the left-side, while Creighton Seibert fearlessly patrolled the middle. Ryan Scianna and Hunter Lang were on many plays, and even John Christensen added an interception at the end of each half.

Midway through the fourth quarter, and still scoreless, Herlihy's pressure of the QB forced an incomplete pass and New Lenox's fifth punt of the game, setting the stage for the Falcons. First down runs by Jansto, Christensen and Seibert put the ball just inside the 1, with 31.8 seconds remaining in the game. The season seemed to come down to one play, and the Falcons could taste victory. Behind a great push upfront by Lucas Michaels, Jeremy Walsh and Nathan Warning, Brajkovich snuck up the middle for the game winner. Knew we could! The Falcons ticket was stamped for a repeat trip to the Super Bowl and an anticipated rematch against the Lemont Hornets, if you remember, the same Lemont Hornets who beat the Falcons 19-7 in week 5. Do you have *your* ticket? Alllll Aboooooarrd!

LW-Blue played tough in the 5th quarter, but failed to cross the goal line for the first time all year. Held to 45 yds rushing, the Offense was clearly affected by the loss of injured QB Matthew Judd. The Defense played well behind the performances of Julian Bosco, Tre Allen, Dillan Lang and Cole Cunningham, who also had a fumble recovery.

LW White

In their last game of the season, the LW White team took on the Lemont Hornets in the semi final round of playoffs at Joliet Stadium. The day started with an amazing B Game win that included a defensive line with amazing blocks by Boyles, Lyke, McGrady, Morrissey, Mrozek, Narel, O'Connell, Paliga, Robbins, Ronza, Schmidt, Stanevicius, Varchetto, Vaundry, and Walsh. The Offensive line included Boyles, Criscione, Kazmierczak, Daum, DeButch, DePaola, Guzy, Garcia, Manning, Moore, Rispoli, Ronza, Watson, and from the sidelines out with an injury, Zavis. The 5th Quarter win was the perfect end to a great season.

The A game started with the Lemont team very intimidated by the Falcon offense. There were runs by McDermid, Hugel, Zelenika, Morrissey, Teach and a line that included Bachler, Byrne, Hackett, Harris, Pospishil, and led by quarterback McGivern. The defense was rock solid with tackles by Polka, Keenan, Gold, Sedlack, and blocking by Corbett, Harper, Harris, and Sottosanto. Not to mention a quick interception run by Carr. Proving that they are a force to be feared next season, the Falcons took a hard loss as the final score was Hornets 24- Falcons 12.

JV Blue

The Frankfort JV Blue Falcons came up short in their bid to make the Super Bowl last Saturday at Lincoln Way West High School. The Falcons lost 18-6 to an Orland Wolves team that combined a strong running and an impressive defensive effort.

The Wolves converted two touch downs on their first two possessions and that was all they needed as the their defense shut down what had been a potent and well balanced Falcons offense all year long.

Down by 12 as the second quarter started, the Falcons had to dig deep and find a way to shut down the potent Wolves offense, as well as find a way to put points on the board. On their next possession, they went to work from their own 41-yard line. On the second play from scrimmage, Bauer connected with Bolsoni on a 51-yard pass that setup a first and goal from the eight-yard line. Alexa, who again had a solid day running the ball, angled toward the end zone off the left side, but was knocked out of bounds on the Wolves two-yard line. The Wolves biggest defense plays came on the next two plays as they put up a goal line stand that stopped the Falcons from reaching the end zone.

The Falcon defense, that has been rock solid all year, went into action and shutdown the Wolves ground game for almost three quarters. Bauer led the defense with six tackles, but it was solid Falcon gang tackling, as well as strong play from Smith, Ostrowski, Ziganto, J. McGinn, Cooper, Spizziri and Christensen that kept the Falcons in the game.

The shining moment for the Falcons offense came on the last play of the game when Bauer shot the ball forward to Bolsoni who went on a 50-yard scamper for the touchdown.

The Frankfort Falcon JV Blue won the fifth quarter game 6- 0. The game was a defense struggle led by solid Falcon defensive play from J. McGinn, B. McGinn, Pulido, Bruen, Villa, and Van Buren. Van Buren and Mandernach powered the Falcon running game. A spectacular interception and 65-yard return for a touchdown by J. McGinn put six on the board and sealed the win.

The Falcons should be proud of a solid year and we expect even greater results next year.

Varsity Black

The Frankfort Falcon Varsity Black had a successful season finishing one-step short of a trip to the Super Bowl.

Frankfort Black took 4th place in the River Valley Conference by defeating Frankfort Blue, New Lenox Jr Knights, Joliet, Orland Hills (twice) and Ottawa.

The offense was lead by quarterback, Jake Attar. Attar's running backs included Jake Anand and Brad Toepfer. Great wideouts in the offense were also Ryan August, Ben Vaslie, Elliot Adams, Anthony Panici, and Joe McNulty.

The strong showing of the offensive line helped the passing and running attack, which couldn't have been done without the help of Nolan Spencer, Elliot Adams, Louie Yasin, Greg Kowalski, Nick Becker, Adam Sylvester, Matt Ferrotti,

Joe McNulty and Adam Sylvester lead the defensive line and backfield shutting down their opponents. In addition, there was strong defense power from Gerry Burns, Colin Vidovic, Zach Ferraro, Michael Burris, Patrick Gallagher, Deji Olaleye, and Jonathon Todd.

All of the Varsity Black players, coaches and families gave all they had on and off the field. Thanks to each and every one of you for making this an exciting season. Good luck to our 8th Graders as they head on to a greater calling.

The team will finish their season with a tournament in Wisconsin Dells November 5 - 7th.