



2015 Game Reports for Round 1 of the Playoffs

LW Black

LW Black Closes 2015 Season Against NL Jr. Warriors
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FF-LW Black wrapped up the 2015 football season with a loss against the mighty Jr. Warriors from New Lenox. The Falcons fought a valiant fight but in the end, the Warriors proved to be a formidable opponent. The post-game communication from head coach Jeff Crowley sums up the season best, "First, I want to say how proud myself and the other coaches are of each and every player. We ran into a really good team yesterday and unfortunately the result was not what we hoped for. The boys tried their best and I really appreciate their effort. I told the boys after the game to focus on how far they have come from the beginning of the season and not dwell on how it ended. I am so impressed on how the boys responded to the adversity they faced in the first few weeks. They never gave up, they never complained, they just kept fighting and by the end we were a very formidable opponent to any team in our league. I believe that our strength of schedule was the second toughest in the Light Weight Division. I know that wins and losses are the default barometer for the success of a sports team. However, I think that this group of boys should be measured by their tenacity, willingness to learn and ability to overcome. They really are an impressive group of young men. Many thanks to all of our coaches!

JV Blue

JV Blue opened the playoffs with a solid victory over Richton Park. It looked ugly early as RP ripped a 78 yarder on their first play from scrimmage for a 7-0 lead. Blue offense countered behind some tough runs from JJohnson who flashed around end and up the middle for big gains. Kraft rolled right, tucked the ball, and scrambled in for the tying score, adding the PAT for a one point lead. Page and Scianna made a couple of big stops and Phaby recovered a fumble to get the ball back. Blue quickly took advantage as Vander Kooi made a leaping grab of a Kraft fade for the second score. The Raiders were again unable to get anything going as Pierre-Antoine made a good stop and pressure from NT Scianna caused three consecutive center/QB fumbles. A pancake block from Phaby, a great cut back run from Johnson, and another TD reception from Vander Kooi closed the half 22-7. Blue controlled the second half pounding the ball downfield thanks to some great blocking up front from Emery, Adamo, Scianna, Villa, and Phaby. The defense didn't get its usual work but Emery, Hawkinson, and Michaels all recorded TFL's. Wiechers made a great over the shoulder catch and later rumbled for a 25 yard gain on a cross while Straight continued his scoring tear hauling in a long pass and outracing the secondary for another TD. Hard running from TJohnson set up Kraft's second rushing TD to make the final score 34-13.