

Cougars fall to Dragons

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The Silver Creek Dragons traveled west to Ramsey to take on North Harrison last Monday, September 28. A strong cold front moved into the area to make it a perfect night to watch a football game. The temperature might have been cold but the Dragons were hot.

Silver Creek started their first drive by pounding the ball off tackle and in the middle of the Cougars defense. Grant Farley scored from 12 yards out on a quarterback option. The Dragons made a two point conversion by a pass from Anthony Everage to Grant Farley. Silver Creek then recovered an on-side kick and seven plays later fullback Scott Grether went in for the score. The attempt at a two point conversion was unsuccessful. With 5:32 left in the first quarter, the score was 14-0.

The Dragon defense forced the Cougars to punt and Silver Creek's offense marched down the field behind juniors Grether and tailback Blake Evans. Once inside the red zone, quarterback Grant Farley scored his second touchdown of the night.

North Harrison had started to move the ball with a third and two, when sophomore linebacker David Roselle recovered a fumble for the Dragons defense.

Silver Creek's offensive line continued to create big holes for their running backs. Anthony Everage is a tough player; when freshman Layne Taylor suffered a broken foot a few weeks ago, Everage was moved into the backfield. Everage, who was last season's quarterback, converted to a tailback this season and scored a touchdown to start off the third quarter. The Dragons defense kept applying pressure to the Cougars quarterback with sacks by John Wilcher and Chad Marejka. Sophomore defensive end, Jacob Brooks had a big night with two fumble recoveries for the Creek. Grether found the endzone for his second touchdown of the game as the third quarter was coming to the end. North Harrison took the ball over in the fourth quarter and again the Dragons responded with an interception by free safety Jesse Spencer. That sealed the shutout victory for the Dragons.

Head coach Mike Donahue said, "the offensive line played great tonight. Sophomore center, Michael McKinstry played pretty darn good. It was McKinstry's first start of the season due to injuries. When you get good play from your line, the chips seem to fall in place."

The Dragons finished with over 250 yards, holding North Harrison to only 48 yards total.

Defensive coordinator, Kevin Brooks said the defense is a hard-nosed group. He stated, "they like to hit and fly to the ball". Coach Brooks added, "We have three defensive tackles in John Wilcher, Brady Isenberg, and Chad Marejka that in my book are the best defensive line in the area, varsity or junior varsity. I've been around some good defensive tackles in high school and college. These guys all have size, speed, and a nose for the ball. They are a lot of fun to coach."