

## West Washington loses multi-day marathon to Perry Central

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It was a two-day affair, and while the home team controlled the line of scrimmage on Saturday, the West Washington Senators couldn't overcome their mistakes, falling to their Patoka Lake Athletic Conference (PLAC) foe, the Commodores of Perry Central, 27-6 in varsity football action at Art Sander's Field.

The matchup started on Friday with the Commodores (3-1, 2-0 PLAC) racing out to a 14-0 lead on their first two possessions. The Senators (2-2, 1-1), finding no answer to the swift Perry Central defense, stiffened on their third defensive stand, forcing the visitors to punt. As the high arcing kick fell from the sky the heavens followed suit with a lightening bolt of its own, and play was stopped with 5:51 remaining in the first half. The ensuing light show to the west crawled slowly towards the two teams and their faithful followers, safely encamped in the locker room and school, respectively, but after 45 minutes of waiting for the far-off storm to abate and being unsated, school officials were forced to reschedule the remainder of the contest for the following day.

Clear skies greeted the two teams on Saturday, and while West Washington controlled the line of scrimmage on this day, two costly turnovers converted into an equal number of Commodore touchdowns muted the Senators attack. Perry Central returned an interception to round out the first half scoring at 20-0. A third-quarter remarkable only for a stout Senators defense and an aggressive 37-yard punt return by junior Matt Brackney led into the fourth, with the home team finally finding the end zone on a 7-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Cody Maudlin to Brackney with 11:54 left to play. Perry Central changed the point tally one more time, scoring a one-yard touchdown run after an untimely Senators fumble to make the contest weight read 27-6 in their favor.

"A lot of those mistakes, from a turnover standpoint, are guys just trying to make plays. I appreciate that. I'm excited about the desire to always attack and not be scared to make the play," stated West Washington's head coach Phillip Bowsman after the game. "There were times it cost us, so, you know, take care of the ball and just eliminate mistakes."

The Senators limited the Commodores to 185 total yards of offense. "From a defensive standpoint I was tickled to death", coach Bowsman remarked. "The way they run the ball, we

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forced a lot of punts today. I thought defensively today we came out and did everything we could have done, and defensively we really kept them out of the end zone until that final short (touchdown) they had.”

The Senators will play their third PLAC game in as many weeks, traveling to Paoli to face the Rams at 7:00 p.m. next Friday, September 14.