



BERKLEY STEELERS

WEEK ONE RECAP

FLAG: With rain in the forecast, and football on our minds, Game one started out with a bang. After a struggle for the opening kick off, Royal Oak Titans #23 on the second play took it 54 yards for a Titans Touchdown. But our Flag team was determined to keep up the Steeler pride with pounding effort down the field by **Teague Hancock #23** and **David Ramey #3** leading for 60 yards on 6 plays with a 7 yard TD run by **Ramey #3**. The Titans didn't blink on their next possession with #23 dashing for a 60 yard score on the first play. Determination and a change of plans lead by Quarter back **Ashton Weeks #56** and **Jordan Anthony #20** set up a 26 yard scamper by **Ramey #3**. Score 13-13, going into the half. Berkley received the ball and 2 plays later **Ramey #3** scooted past several defenders for a 53 yard gain, being stopped just before scoring. Unfortunately for our Steelers, we were unable to punch it in and the Titans took over with #23 taking the first sweep to the left for an 88 yard Touchdown sprint. More back and forth action occurred until late in the 4th, when Berkley took over with a 33 yard Touchdown run by **Ramey #3**. **Ramey #3** ended the game with 163 yards and 3 TD on 9 carries. Great flag plays made by **Daniel Trotto #5**, **Grant Smith #12**, **Rollen Estmond #19** and **Mason Sprinkle #17** kept the game close and the Titans on their heels. The final score in the books goes down with a 24-0 Victory for Berkley (Royal Oak Forfeit too low of players), and we will take that "scrimmage" work, into Shelby Lions Home Field on Sept 1.

FRESHMAN: Coach Courser first head as head coach started out with promise as the Berkley Steelers took home their first win. Early in the first, Defensive End **#1 Braxton Roche** was able to snag a fumble and rumble in for a 30 yard Defensive score. But luck was not on our side as Royal Oak returned the favor by rumbling down for a 12 play drive, scoring from 4 yards out. Royal Oak took the lead later with a second Touchdown. But with QB **Tanner Gibson #28** behind the helm and the ever speedy **Owen Courser #9** who broke out early for a 19 yard trot in to the end zone to close the gap. In the second half, **Courser #9** didn't waste anytime with a 50 yard TD run. With a slight lead, all it took was **Ruell Estmond #30** to jump on a fumble, giving Berkley the ball. Before we knew it, **Courser #9** was off to the races for another 53 yard touchdown run. **Courser #9** had a little gas left in the tank and put one more on the board from 50 yards to make the score 32-12. Royal Oak knocked one more in, but not enough to take over the commanding lead, ending the game at 32-18. Courser ended the day with 212 yards on 12 carries. Defensive efforts lead by **Roche #1**, **Courser #9**, **Ben Kacin #72** and **Charlie Hadfield #99** helped stifle any hopes from Royal Oak. Week 2, Shelby Lions who are hungry for revenge from last years Superbowl loss.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Beginning his 20th year coaching, Coach Jeremy Walstad has high expectations for this group. Royal Oak had other plans. Royal Oak #30 had eyes on Big **Willie Edwards #1** and would try to contain him all day. Royal Oak got our early in the first with a 10 yard score and later in the second with a 30 yard run. Berkley game plan and field position was prime for a score, until a costly fumble, gave Royal Oak the ball with #30 scampering for another TD, making the score 20-0 at half. Second half was a different game with Berkley shutting out Royal Oak. **Edwards #1** was all loosened up and began with a 50 yard TD only to be called back for Holding. Two plays later he grabbed a 49 yard Reception from QB **Lavelle Shannon #12** into the Endzone with no one in sight. A great defensive stop with **Trevion Lott #3** coming up with a fumble gave Berkley some hope. But our own woes and unable to get momentum stalled the drive until the 4th. **Shannon #12** was able to hook up late with **#15 Tristin Nored** for a 28 yard Touchdown pass, but not enough time to keep the momentum going ending the game on a knee for Royal Oak with a 20-13 loss for our Steelers. But don't worry, game plan is in place for the Mighty Lions coming up. Defensive performances led by **Edwards #1, Lott #3, Anthony Anderson #13, Parker Hadfield #4 and Princeton Bass #16** helped show some promise for the upcoming schedule.

VARSAITY:

With Keith Sikorski at the helm, and 18 dedicated boys, the Steelers Varsity was set for a victory. But Royal Oak Titans had different plans scoring 4 plays into the game with a 43 yard Touchdown pass to #80. Back and forth action with some great hits and tackles gave Royal Oak the ball with a long way to go. But the moisture in the air must have made those Royal Oak uniforms slippery as they broke out for a 90 yard drive off a 70 yard run, scoring a few plays later making it 16-0. But have they met the lightning fast **Miron Dover #3**? Well two plays later they did as he broke for a 65 yard score late in the second. Second half was on our side to start as **John Coleman #40** decided it was his turn, and put on the jets for a 76 yard dash to the end zone leaving the titans eating his dust. With the game close at 16-12, the crowd could feel the tide turning. Into the fourth and with a costly turnover and lack of pressure on defense, Royal Oak was able to knock in two more scores. Defensively newcomer **Jaramiah Mcgee #1** and **Dover #3** each had 6 tackles and some great plays along with **Derrius Hallman #25** playing with a broken arm. **Coleman #40** made the most tackles, but not enough to secure the win. Berkley travels to Shelby for a tough non-divisional matchup against the Lions.

CHEER

As always, special thanks to all the girls who were loud and proud each and every cheer and chant, and all the love they give these boys. As I always say, without Cheerleaders, it's just a silly game.