



BERKLEY STEELERS

WEEK TWO RECAP

FLAG: Week two begins with a Road Trip to Shelby Lions territory and the Lions were ready for battle. Berkley was able to put up one quick score early on, but the Shelby lions figured a way into the Offense shutting the Steelers down the rest of the game. Great plays by **#12 Grant Smith, #3 David Ramey and #20 Anthony Jordan** on Defense kept the game at a 14-6 loss. The clock and play counts were not on our side and Coach Dienes told us after the game, that he will be ready for week 3 vs. Chesterfield.

FRESHMAN: After the Superbowl victory last year against Shelby, we knew they would be out for blood when we met up in week 2, and they were. Coach Courser knew right away he had to get on the score board, and so did his son, **#9 Owen Courser** who scrambled for 65 yards in the first series to open up the score 6-0. But with blood in the air, the Lions smelled something they wanted, and that was a victory. Shelby came back strong with four straight touchdown drives. The referees were not our friends this day missing several holding calls that lead to two of those touchdowns. A missed fumble recovery, helmet to the head calls and more holdings didn't go our way in the land of the lions. An interception by **#44 AJ Green** gave us some hope in the 4th, but with the den of Lions not budging, the Steelers could not force their way into the end zone. Shelby was able to get two more scores making the game 40-6 (Mercy rule). At the end of the game, first year freshman player **#8 DJ Ramey** broke for a 60 yard pounce over the Lions, but not enough to bring back a victory. Defensively **#9 Courser and #28 Tanner Gibson** led the way with 9.5 and 7.5 tackles respectively. Tough Defensive efforts also noticed with **#1 Braxton Roche, #18 Braylon Miller and #22 Connor Kosciolk**. With no sacks and only the one interception (and a few injuries) the Steelers walked away humbled and knowing what they need for week 3 against the Chargers.

JUNIOR VARSITY: With the storms moving in even closer, the darkening on the horizon was not faring well for Berkley today. JV would have no better luck. An early 4 and out for Berkley gave Shelby the ball who took 11 play drive to score, eating up the clock. Berkley regained the ball, but again no movement and Shelby forced their way past the Steel curtain to score again 14-0. Berkley regained possession by an interception gave Shelby the ball with short field position and 5 players later, a 20-0 lead going into half time. **#1 Willie Edwards** was not happy and

began the 3rd quarter racking up 25 yards on 3 runs, but again, the Lions came up fierce and took the game away, scoring for another time making it 26-0. Another interception to Shelby and the Steelers knew that they needed to regroup in this non-divisional series for next week. The Steelers only amounted +3 rushing yards total against Shelby and allowed 209, something Coach Walstad is intending on fixing. Strong Defensive efforts by **#15 Tristan Nored** who had 15 tackles! **#35 Carlos Harvey** and **#3 Trevion Lott** added to their numbers being tough when needed. **#99 Connor Dienes** got into his first game with 3 tackles, but intends on shutting down offenses as he gets more reps. Next up, Chesterfield Chargers on our turf.

VARSITY: After the upsetting week 1 loss to Royal Oak, Keith knew that Shelby would be just as difficult. With the cold front moving in, lightning in the distance and wind picking up, Coach wanted to get ahead early and quickly. But on the first offensive play, **#3 Dover** threw a half back pass that was intercepted and Shelby knew what opportunity they were gifted. 7 plays later they scored and kicked the extra point for an 8-0 lead. Berkley tried again, but a punt was required and was taken back to the 25 yard line. Shelby took no time punching that in for another score, 16-0. Another series in and out, and that gave Shelby the ball again and a quick score two plays later to make it 24-0 in the first. Shelby retained possession again after a fumble and heaved a 52 yard pass down the left side to score 30-0. The rain was on the horizon, and so were the heavy hearts of the Steelers kids. Another failed play lead to a fumble recovery two plays later that was picked up by Shelby **#18** and zoomed off for a Fumble Recovery Touchdown. At this point the game was a Mercy (32-0) and the storm was rolling in strong. The signs were not with the Steelers today, and Shelby walked away with 4 wins. Berkley only was able to muster 38 rushing yards, and gave up 137 yards in total offense in two quarters.

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. They stormy weather didn't dampen their spirits at all.