

Plymouth drops FC opener to St. Paul

NORWALK → Putting together back-to-back 21-point quarters in the first half Norwalk St. Paul rolled to a 56-0 triumph against Plymouth in the Firelands Conference football opener for both teams Saturday evening at Whitney Field.

The Flyers, who are 3-1 on the season, led 42-0 at the intermission and tacked on a low blow in each of the last two quarters for the final margin. The loss drops the Big Red to 2-2 under first-year coach Mark Genders.

Joel Graziani piled up 158 yards on a mere five carries for St. Paul, which totaled 342 yards on the ground. For the game, the winners generated 384 yards in offense.

Plymouth finished with 129 yards in offense and was topped by Cody Smith with 44 yards on 14 carries.

The Big Red will look to rebound Friday evening when they welcome Western Reserve for a league game at 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul cruises past Plymouth in 56-0 win

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In the Firelands Conference opener at Whitney Field, it was a rout for the Flyers.

St. Paul beat Plymouth 56-0 Saturday night while rolling up 300 yards rushing.

"This is the way we wanted to start the conference the right way," St. Paul coach John Livengood said. "We wanted to pick up where we left off against Elyria Catholic even though it was a losing effort."

The Flyers made sure they wouldn't lose with Joe Graziani picking up 152 yards rushing on just five carries.

Graziani scored three touchdowns, all on runs of longer than 40 yards.

He scored first on a 46-yard run, followed by one from 52 yards out and one from 47 yards out.

St. Paul's Matt Wilde ran for 60 yards on seven carries, scoring two touchdowns. He ran in a 21-yard scoring strike with 4:31 left in the first quarter and a 22-yard run later on.

Daniel Tracht had an 11 scoring run for the sixth rushing touchdown for St. Paul.

Ryan Frank hauled in a 31-yard pass from St. Paul quarterback Eric Schwieterman with another score coming off a 56-yard interception return by Mark Masser.

Plymouth coach Mark Genders said his team was not ready to play and he took responsibility for that. He also said the Flyers are a top notch opponent.

"St. Paul is truly a great football team," Genders said. "One that will go deep into the playoffs."

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St. Paul	21	21	7	7	— 5

SP — Matt Wilde 21 run (Wes Stein kick)		
SP — Joe Graziani 46 run (Wes Stein kick)		
SP — Joe Graziani 52 run (Wes Stein kick)		
SP — Joe Graziani 47 run (Wes Stein kick)		
SP — Matt Wilde 22 run (Wes Stein kick)		
SP — Ryan Frank 31 run pass from Eric Schwieterman (Wes Stein kick)		
SP — Mark Masser 56 INT return (Wes Stein kick)		
SP — Daniel Tracht 11 run (Wes Stein kick)		
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First downs	13	5
Run-Pass-Pen	9-2-2	3-2-0
Rush-Yds	300	79
Pass-Yds	42	26
Comp-Att-TD-INT	2-4-0-0	2-13-0-2
Fum-Lost-3-1	2-1	
Pen-Yds	6-60	4-46

Individual stats

Rushing — SP Graziani 5-154; Wilde 7-60; Pugh 6-33; (P) Aaron Predieri 9-80; Cody Smith 7-20