

## Whitman JV Outlasts BCC 19 - 6

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The Whitman Vikings JV football team outlasted the BCC Barons in another game played in wet conditions. The game started with a short BCC kick off to the Whitman 32 yard line. The offense was unable to run or throw the ball during the first series. On fourth down, Whitman set up to punt. A fumbled snap resulted in BCC taking over on the Whitman 25 yard line. BCC's first offensive series was marked by inside handoffs to their big full back. On third and five, BCC drew Whitman's defense off-sides resulting in first and ten deep in the red zone. The Whitman defense stiffened only to let a quick pass completion and then a quarterback scramble result in first and goal from the one yard line. Another inside hand off to the BCC fullback put BCC up 6 - 0. The extra point was blocked.

Whitman got the ball back with another short BCC kick that #8 Matt Howell took 8 yards to the Whitman 42 yard line. On Whitman's second series, the Wildcat offensive formation was installed with a strong 20 yard run by #7 Nick Newsham and another tough run from #44 Jack Calder. From there, another direct snap and "student body" right resulted in a touchdown for Newsham. The extra point attempt was no good leaving the scored knotted and 6 - 6.

The Whitman kickoff resulted in a touchback. After a somewhat slow start earlier in the game, the Whitman defense began to feel it and held BCC to only nominal gains. A BCC punt resulted in the Whitman offense starting at the Viking 40 yard line. Once again, Whitman lined up in the Wildcat; the series was highlighted by tough runs by Calder and Newsham. The possession ended when Freshman QB Evan Smith threw his first interception of the season.

After the pick, BCC started on their own 35 yard line on and was driving the ball when a big defensive hit by Calder resulted in a fumble recovered by #98 Alec Spear at mid field. Once again Whitman came out in the Wildcat formation but BCC seemed to know what was coming and was able to stop the ground game. Whitman had a nice long punt that pushed BCC back to their 20 yard line. The BCC offense sputtered and #88 Anton Casey sacked the runner for a big loss. BCC punted again and Whitman took over at the 40 yard line. After one first down, a mishandled snap pushed Whitman back. The first half ended with the score tied 6 - 6.

The second half opened with BCC returning the Whitman kickoff to the 31 yard line. After some good progress running the ball, #40 Mark Norris intercepted a BCC pass at the 50 yard line. Once again, Whitman came out in the Wildcat with direct snaps to Newsham and Calder. The Wildcat offense led by Newsham took the ball to first and goal at the 10 yard line but penalties and lack of progress from there resulted in a missed field goal attempt from the 15 yard line. The ensuing BCC drive resulted in another interception, this time by #54 Alec Gould deep in BCC territory. With a spark of creative play calling with 7 minutes to go in the game, #9 Nicolas Benninghoff took an inside reverse handoff around the left side for a 20 yard score. With Whitman up 12 - 6, they went for the 2 point conversion but came up short on the run.

Big #76 Zachary Snyder registered another kick off touch back forcing BCC to start at their own 20 yard line. A sack by #78 Calvin Schalch resulted in another BCC punt. This time though, the snap was low and the punter's knee touched the ground resulting in Whitman taking over at the BCC 8 yard line. On this series, Whitman went back to their conventional offense and on first down, #45 Nate Chandler ran through a big hole off tackle for the score. Now up 18 - 6, Whitman kicked the extra point bringing the score to 19 - 6. A couple of minutes later, the Whitman Vikings left the BCC field as 19 - 6 winners with a very competitive 3 win and 1 loss record.