



GAME DAY HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 29, 2009



SMALL TEAM

SPARTANS 13 MARS BLUE 12

What another great day of football. Nail biter all the way. Our captains this week were John Trubic, Doug Huber, Rivers Roy, and Tanner Grassi. Mars Blue took the lead first with six points. With Payne Crouch stopping them for the extra point. 6 to 0 Mars. Well, we know the Spartans weren't going to let Mars be the only one with points. Alec Wray with an awesome interception led us to our six points with a sweet quarterback sneak taken in on the next play. Half-time had begun. It was anyone's game. Hats go off to our defense this week. Our defense includes Chase Carnahan, Brady McKee, Tanner Grassi, Connor Bachman, Matthew Goodlin, Alec Wray, Chase Mullen, Brett Adams, Joey Wojciechowski, and Doug Huber. On to the second half. Of course Mars did score again in the second half, but the boys had everything in control. They knew what they were going to do. In the fourth quarter the Spartans offense had control of the ball for over eight minutes! With the clock winding down, a few plays not going as planned then WOW! With a minute four seconds left a fumble by Mars! The quarterback got all his men in line and did the deed. Six points for the Spartans. Nice one Chase. Now the game is all tied up. Here we go. Chase Mullen hands off the ball to Brett Adams who then throws the ball to Alec Wray! Alec gets the extra point! Game over. By the way I don't know who loves the water boy this week, but I am sure his mom at least does. Because I know that every Spartan mom loves their boy! Good luck next week and eat at Kelley's on Main Street.

MIDDLE TEAM

SPARTANS 26 MARS BLUE 45

The Spartans were much like the weather on this game day. Blazing hot when the sun was out and in your face. Dark, black, and threatening at times, and unfortunately white, puffy, floating on the wind, and rather easy to fly right through. Not many people would have believed that the Spartans would score 26 points, cause 4 turnovers, and still lose by 19 points. On defense, LB Brandon Blystone and DE Lane Rodgers recorded fumble recoveries. CB Jayden Kunkle had an interception. DE P.J. Gourley picked up a fumble and ran it in for the Spartans first score of the day. NT Trace Trempus was rewarded for an intense and focused week of practice with playing time on the defensive side of the ball. Gourley continued his scoring on the offensive side of the ball. QB Cade Negley hit Gourley twice for TD passes. TB Josh Goodlin also found the end zone on a TD run and PAT. FB Jacob Herrit found the beef and scored on a PAT. Well guys, whatcha gonna do? This game was a reflection of our week at practice. On/off. Focused/daydreaming. Playing as team/selfish. Going 100%/ nailing it in. Which one of those scenarios works for you? We need to figure it out and quick. No time to dwell and feel sorry for ourselves. We are traveling to North Boro this week for a showdown with the Panthers. We need focus, we need to work hard, we need to work as a team, we need to get some intensity!! We need to actually be One and believe it.

BIG TEAM

SPARTANS 14 MARS BLUE 12

Let's just say the tone of this game was set on the opening kickoff when Cory Godlewski ran down the middle of the field and ran over the ball carrier like he was a train without brakes. Cory also had a fumble recovery, an interception, and went sideline to sideline all day at linebacker. Staying with special teams theme Austin" I got new PF Flyers" Hannes ran like a kid who was late for recess. Austin accumulated over 50 yards in kickoff returns to put the Spartans in great field position all evening. Today was a different day for the offense: they showed up! First let's start with the beef up front! Holes were plentiful that even had Coach Bozzo saying he could run through them. Opening the holes today were the unsung heroes, that included Austin Warman, Brandon "I am here on time" Yobst, Cole Shinsky, Dylan Pettit, Alex Stobert, and Matt Walter. Let's not forget the backs, who also take on all comers, which included, Dominic Bozzo, Shawn Gialanella, and Ryan Grossman. Carrying the load at running back was Logan Hickey and Bryan Jack. Both of these guys each had over 200 yards today! Bryan had an extra point today. Today, Logan ran like he was sick and had to run to the bathroom. Come to think of it, you may not have known this, but Logan got very sick and had to run to the bathroom during warm up, leaving coach Stobert say "see practice makes perfect" after the game. Addis Crouch played like Tom Brady with a TD and a couple of big runs where he got pummeled. On the last extra point, the play was designed to be a pass in the corner, but Addis turned it into the Okalahoma option to pitch to Troy Hixson before he went down. Addis was literally looking out the ear hole of his helmet. Troy also ran the go ahead touch down in from the 1 yard line right before time ran out on the game. For only the second day the Big Defense has only let up one score on a play coach Bachman said was due to thievery and down right trick-er-ation. Other than that one big play, the defense played outstanding. Big games were turned in by 6' 2" nose tackle Nick "call me Casey Hampton" Kuss. Other big run stoppers were Alex Walter, Mitchell Bachman, and middle linebacker Jeremy Frazier. Nobody got around our ends today, Garrett Traggi ai got the crowd chanting defense at the end of the second half when he laid out the quarterback. Asa Adams not only stopped everything on his side, he also recovered two fumbles. These games are way too close. The final nail in the Mars coffin came when Troy Hixson came up with a game ending interception. Way to go boys, this is the second rung of the ladder we intend on climbing. The early scores are in today and it looks as if there are not going to be any easy games this year. Let's have a good week at practice and get ready for North Boro.

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~~~~OK – get this: go to an opponent’s field and offer to run the sticks! Thanks to Jeff Beattie, Ken Stapchuck, and Josh Herrit – **THE SPARTAN FAMILIES ARE THE BEST!!**

## **BEYOND THE END ZONE!!!!**

The Spartans would like to acknowledge the “siblings” of the football team in this section. We have been blessed (this being an understatement) with the commitment of the extended Spartan Family. These children are to be proud of and appreciated! They are (in no special order):

### **THEY'RE BAAAACK!! (keeping with the water boy, (or girl) tradition):**

**Mikayla Crouch and Katie Bozzo:** These young ladies need to be thanked for supplying our boys with water, etc. Mikayla works the middle team helping out with the (4) play list, then works the big team! Katie Bozzo has done a fine job with the task given to her. She has replaced Coach Maziarz and is now our “T-girl”. Our thanks goes out to both of you!



**PRACTICE CHANGE NOTICE:** Practice will go down to only (3) days next week and for the rest of the season. Starting Tuesday – September 8<sup>th</sup>, all three teams will practice Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – 6:00 – 8:00.

"A football team is not about one player or two players.  
A football team is about the team.  
This is a unit and that's the way we have to play it."



# The Players Corner



Middle Team

Back row – left to right:

Brandon Blystone, Zach Boldy, Jackson Mckee, Dominick Bucko, Joshua Thrower, Zack Doran

Front row – left to right:

Zayne Mangol, Nash Michalski, Joshua Goodlin, Andrew Mullen, Lane Rodgers

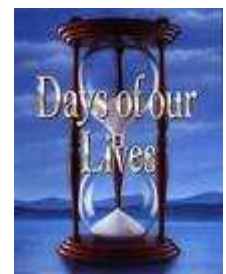


So what show did you think Coach Mullen records and watches?

The answer is:

**Do you know...**

what Coach Goodlin has tattooed on his shoulder? (no peeking)



- A. Cross
- B. Sponge Bob
- C. Bert & Ernie
- D. All of his Kids Names