

2008 JVFL Senior Bowl

REEDSVILLE- What started out as a barn burner proved to be just another victory for the West team as they defeated the East for the 5th consecutive season in Juniata Football League action, winning 32-19.

However, the first half was one to remember as the East took a 19-18 lead going into the intermission. It was a first half that produced two touchdowns in the final 12 seconds.

The East took the lead first, scoring on its first drive of the game via an interception by Little Mingo's Dakota Parson as he took the interception back 70 yards for the touchdown, making it 6-0.

After numerous changes of possessions, the West went on its first scoring drive of the game. It took just one play before State College's Ben Roeshot took it in from nine yards out, tying the game at six.

Defensively, the West played tough on its next time on the field, forcing the East to a four and out. With the ball on the East 31, the West moved the ball down to the East 17 before being forced into a fourth and eight by the East's defense. From there the West went to the air as Mount Union's Dylan Smith found State College's Chris Seighman on a 17-yard touchdown pass giving the West a 12-6 lead with only 3:08 left in the half.

That's when the excitement really started as the East battled back, going on a 4-play drive that culminated in a Parson's 1-yard run, tying it for a second time at 12. The East got a big break as the defense forced a fumble to give the ball back to them with less than a minute to play. But the West countered with a interception by Devon Clarr giving the ball back at the West's 13-yard line. With 12 ticks left on the clock Smith found Roeshot on an 87-yard touchdown reception. With the missed extra point, the West looked as if they would go into the intermission with a 18-12 lead. Somebody forgot to give the East the memo. With two seconds left, Alex Pupo scrambled his way to a 40-yard touchdown run. After the successful PAT, the East held the one-point lead.

But the West would pull away in the second. The West scored on its first play from scrimmage when Mount Union's Nathan Goodrich blasted his way on a 40-yard touchdown scamper, making it 24-19 with 9:49 left in the third. Goodrich's name was called again with time running out in the contest to ice the game for the West 32-19.