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Flag “Jams” in Derry

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The Wildcats Blue & White Flag squads kicked off the weekend with a football jamboree at Don Ball Park at Humphrey Field in Derry on Saturday morning. 20 teams representing 14 associations participated. Each team played four 20 minute games with 10 minute running clock halves. And as the day wore on, the Wildcats Flagster's only got stronger!



The opening matchup pitted our Cats against the host teams, Derry's Blue and Red squads. L-Derry's Blue found themselves deadlocked in a scoreless battle with Derry Blue in part to big defensive stops by #12 Jayden Gulotta and #3 Will Hazzard. #89 Jordan Ball contributed to the offensive effort with long and winding carries, but the Derry defense proved to be too much to break through. White, however, broke the silence early when #81 Owen Crafts hit his favorite target #3 Colton Boorda with a strike, who bobbed and weaved his way to the end zone for the games only score. #7 Tyler McGrath made some big flag pulls in the 2nd half to keep Derry Red scoreless.

After a short break in the 2nd period of the jamboree, both groups returned to action swapping opponents. The adjustment yielded little difference as these evenly matched foes struggled to score. L-Derry White's defense was led by #1 Oden Delorey & #99 Cole Owens who saw to it that Derry Blue's offense

couldn't get anything going with huge backfield stops. The situation for our boys in Blue who's relentless defense made it a long morning for Derry Red. #27 Carter Blanco made it his personal mission not to allow anyone beyond the half field marker while #36 Jayden Howard was a menace to Derry Red's offensive backfield. Both games ended in a scoreless tie.

Next it was the organizers turn to try to put as many “puppies in the box” as they possibly could, with an organized effort at photographing over 200 coaches and players in one shot. The 15 minute break quickly became 30...



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Moving on to the 2nd half of the event, both Londonderry teams faced familiar opponents in Salem's squads for their 3rd game of the day. L-Derry Blue scored quickly against Salem Black with a touchdown run nearly the entire length of the field on the 3rd play of the game by #20 Ben Williams. After holding Salem's offense to nearly nothing, Ben decided he hadn't had enough and posted his 2nd "mile long" score of the half. #5 Tyler Palma, was absolutely relentless on defense grabbing flags like he was collecting them and #4 Connor Beaudet added an amazing TD run of his own to close out the game. In White's game against Salem Yellow, it was #16 Blake Buttle's turn to step up and shut down the attack with a key touchdown

saving flag pull early on. #25 Justin McCormick added a couple of key stops himself to preserve the shut-out. Another Crafts pass to Boorda provided the second score for the duo on the day.

The jamboree would conclude with our little soldiers facing a formidable opponent in Concord's mighty mites. L-Derry White made their presence known fast with a big sack by #8 Jacob Cervantes. #15 Brock St. Gelais led the offense effectively at QB putting Concord White's defense to the test. L-Derry Blue got their game off to a great start with yet another long TD run by #20 Ben Williams for his 3rd on the day. Caelum O'Loughlin #11 gave the offense great field position with key carries leading to #87 Sully Daron's 1st score on the day and Blue's 2nd of the game. And because one is just never enough for the touchdown machine, he added a quick second at the end of the game for good measure, closing out the day on a high note.



Thank You – Mr. Lincoln

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The Wildcats note the passing of long-time Londonderry resident and friend Robert Lincoln. Bob's service to Londonderry stretches from a long term on the school board and an even longer tenure as "volunteer" leading field improvement efforts in Londonderry. Mr. Lincoln is widely known for his support of the youth of Londonderry and over the years his tireless efforts benefited all including the Wildcats.

Over the past decades our practice locations from Panther Park to the old "dirt bowl" at LHS, lower Nelson Road and now the par-5 were all a result of Bob's efforts. The par-5 field we practice on today was initially constructed after the gas pipe-line was moved further back in the woods. From that safe area Mr. Lincoln would arrange for "free" fill and "free" services and town/school help to create our fields. Literally hundreds of dump-trucks full of fill (most of which came from the Home Depot site) slowly filled and leveled the par- 5 area. Adding irrigation and lights the par-5 fields at LMS are now our practice facility and used by others including Londonderry Lacrosse.

We thank Bob for his service to Londonderry and he surely will be missed.

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Grade 3 “Offense Runs Wild”

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What’s the point of having defense when your offenses can rack-up over 800 yards and score 80 total points. Well there was some defense when it was needed and it was needed to avoid a tie game. Grade 3/U9 football by rule cannot go into overtime; and if it wasn’t for each team milking every last second of clock time this game would have ended in a tie. The G3/U9 Monadnock Mountaineers of Peterborough made the early morning tip to Londonderry this past Sunday to kick-off the day’s football activities.

The first few minutes of the game did not start off well for the Wildcats. The Mountaineers won the toss and three plays later lead 6 to 0 on a 54 yard TD run. With Londonderry fumbling on their first possession, Monadnock would quickly score again on a 42 yard TD run to lead 12 to 0. The young Cats would not give up.



On their next possession #59 Reagan Fitzgerald would get two needed first down carries setting up a 14 yard TD run by #52 Carson Palma to inch Londonderry closer. The Cat defense held on the next series and with Londonderry on offense the Monadnock defender stripped the ball and returned it 48 yards for the defensive score and the 19 to 6 lead over Londonderry.

The defenses for both teams made a stand in the 2nd quarter. Notably in the game Reagan Fitzgerald lead all tacklers with 8 solo tackles 4 for a loss. #33 Colby Walden would get 5 solo tackles total and 2 for loss.

With under 3 minutes in the half Carson Palma would score a 34 yard TD run to bring the Cats closer 12 to 19. But, Monadnock with 40 seconds in the half scoring on an 86 yard TD run. With time expired in the first half Reagan Fitzgerald would score again this time from 52 yards out to make it Londonderry 18 Monadnock 25 at the half.



The Mountain men would score after a long drive to pull ahead 31 to 18 early in the 2nd half. Londonderry would start to hit their stride. Two 3rd quarter TD runs were called back for penalty, but Carson Palma would score on a 54 yard TD run late in the 3rd to make it Londonderry 25 Monadnock 31.

Carson would find the end-zone again mid-way through the final period on a 34 yard score. Quarterback #8 Samuel Ogden would connect on the point-after attempt to Colby Walden to tie the score at 31 !!



Tie Breakers

All ties will be broken in all regular season and playoff games in all divisions except Flag and Grade 3 division.

The frantic final minutes were a blur of running backs on long un-contested runs. With under 4 minutes in the game Monadnock would score on two long rushing scores to pull ahead 43 to 31. With 10 seconds in the game Carson Palma would score again on a 34 yard TD run and with Reagan Fitzgerald’s point after TD run pull Londonderry close 37 to 43 and the final Mountaineer victory.

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Grade 4 Cruises Over Crusaders

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The G4 Nashua Elks-Crusaders have struggled this season going winless through 3 games. They traveled to Londonderry this past Sunday to take on the 2 and 1 Wildcats.

Out of the gate Londonderry started to churn out yards, scores and take control of the game. On the opening series #2 Quinton Delorey's 16 yard run would set up #11 Matthew Carroll's 26 yard score (#1 Cam Brutus EP). On Nashua's first play from scrimmage #84 Jaydon Navarro recovered a Crusaders fumble. Matthew Carroll's two 1st down carries would set up Quinton Delorey's 16 yard

TD run and after 2 minutes of play the Wildcats were up 13 to 0.

On their next series facing a 4th down and falling back to punt #34 Michael Thistle would crash through the line block the punt, recover the ball, and rumble for the score – but the play was called back on a penalty. On the next play Cam Brutus would run 36 yards and with his EP pass to Matt Carroll the Wildcats pulled ahead 20 to 0 to end the first quarter.

On the Cats next possession #12 Owen Romanek would storm up the middle untouched for a 41 yard RD run putting the Cats comfortably ahead 27 to 0. Defensively Nashua was shut down and held to under 100 yards offense and 2 first downs. Matthew Carroll, #32 Isaac Proctor, #75 Tyler Miles, #51 Kyle Jasper and #78 Owen Rondeau would each record 3 solo tackles.

Late in the 3rd quarter Londonderry would get the lop-sided victory on a 19 yard TD run by #87 Conor Williams. Cats cruise to a 33 to 0 victory and a 3 and 1 season record. A special EndZone shout out to #75 Tyler Miles, who in the 4th quarter took the handoff on the 1 yard line and right up the middle lumbered 99 yards untouched for the late TD.

GRADE 4 - 10U			
	W	L	%
Man East	4	0	1.000
Pelham	4	0	1.000
Londonderry	3	1	0.750
Plymouth	3	1	0.750
Derry	2	1	0.667
Nashua PAL	2	1	0.667
Hudson	2	2	0.500
Keene	2	2	0.500
Salem	2	2	0.500
Goffstown	1	3	0.250
Laconia	1	3	0.250
NorRock	1	3	0.250
Windham	1	3	0.250
Man South	0	3	0.000
Nashua ELKS	0	3	0.000

Grade 5 Defense Delivers

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Bending but never breaking until it didn't matter the Wildcat G5 team handled the Nashua Crusaders improving their record to 3 and 1.

#42 Andrew Kullman on Londonderry's first possession would score on a 26 yard run, the EP run after TD attempt was stopped. On Nashua's next possession #10 Nathan Pedrick would recover a fumble to go along with his 4 tackles (2 for loss) in the game. #79 Nicholas Lemay (*below-lower left*) was a tackling machine flying everywhere and getting 8 solo tackles.

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#53 Drew Heenan would gain over 100 yards on the ground. Kullman would score again later in the half on a 78 yard side-line hugging run and Londonderry lead 12 to 0 at the half.

#37 Brandon Robbins would get 5 solo tackles, #80 Grant Kocak 2 tackles, and #79 Hunter Rheame 3 solo stops.

Recording a sack #87 Padraig Provost would stall a Nashua Drive. Rounding out the defensive effort #99 Nicholas Kotsakis would record a fumble recovery (*above bottom of pile*) and 2 solo tackles.



Nathan Pedrick would cap the Londonderry scoring in the 3rd quarter on a 28 yard TD run set up by Pedrick's recovery of a Nashua kick-off return fumble. The Crusaders would score late in the game on a 52 yard run. Londonderry's defense holds strong in the 18 to 7 victory over Nashua.

Below - #87 Padraig Provost – KICKS OFF !!



GRADE 5 - 11U			
	W	L	%
Concord	4	0	1.000
Pelham	3	0	1.000
Derry	3	1	0.750
Londonderry	3	1	0.750
Nashua ELKS	3	1	0.750
Nashua PAL	3	1	0.750
Salem	2	1	0.667
Windham	2	2	0.500
Bedford	1	3	0.250
Laconia	0	3	0.000
Man West	0	3	0.000
Hollis Brookline	0	4	0.000
Milford	0	4	0.000



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Grade 6 Power Passing

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Wildcat Quarterbacks lead by #75 Cole Duarte and #19 Ben Martin would lead a pass-heavy attack in their game against the Nashua Elks-Crusaders. Completing 18 of 25 passes for 185 yards, 2 TD's and one pick for a QB rating of 102.9 (a QB rating of 158.3 is as high as it goes) to 6 different receivers the Wildcats controlled the tempo for most of the game.

On Londonderry's first possession Cole Duarte would hit his favorite receiver #88 Colby Ramshaw for a 26 yard TD score with 24 of those yards on YAC (yards after catch) late in the opening quarter. Spreading the ball around to other receivers including #23 Nathan Carroll, #12 Grady Daron, and #41 Devin Ortiz the Cats offense would control the ball most of the game.

Londonderry would again threaten near the end of the 2nd quarter but an interception by Nashua on the 5 yard line with 13 seconds left in the half would leave Londonderry ahead 6 to 0 at the half.



GRADE 6 - 12U			
	W	L	%
Derry	4	0	1.000
Keene	4	0	1.000
Laconia	4	0	1.000
Salem	4	0	1.000
Goffstown	3	1	0.750
Pelham	3	1	0.750
Nashua ELKS	2	2	0.500
Londonderry	1	3	0.250
Man East	1	3	0.250
Plymouth	1	3	0.250
Windham	1	3	0.250
Hudson	0	4	0.000
Man South	0	4	0.000
Nashua PAL	0	4	0.000

Colby Ramshaw would lead all defenders with 7 solo tackles one for loss. #6 Riley Boles with 4 solo tackles; #19 Benjamin Martin 3 solo tackles; #41 Devin Ortiz 3 solo tackles; and #75 Cole Duarte with 2 solo tackles (including a stop of an EP run) would round out the defensive effort.

Cole would again connect with Colby Ramshaw on a 31 yard TD pass, but another missed EP after TD run would prove critical. A Londonderry turnover near the end of the 3rd quarter would allow Nashua to score on a 39 yard TD run. At the end of 3 quarters Londonderry held a 12 to 6 lead.

Half way through the final period on a broken play, the QB scrambled first up the middle and then twisting outside scampered 66 yards for the score. With the EP after TD run successful Nashua would hold on for the come from behind narrow victory 13 to 12 over Londonderry.

GRADE 7 - 13U			
	W	L	%
Nashua PAL	4	0	1.000
Nashua ELKS	3	0	1.000
Windham	3	1	0.750
Pelham	2	1	0.667
Goffstown	2	2	0.500
Londonderry	1	3	0.250
Salem	1	3	0.250
Bedford	0	3	0.000
Milford	0	3	0.000



GRADE 8 - 14U			
	W	L	%
Londonderry	4	0	1.000
Pelham	4	0	1.000
Salem	4	0	1.000
Goffstown	3	1	0.750
Man East	3	1	0.750
Hudson	2	2	0.500
Milford	2	2	0.500
Windham	2	2	0.500
Keene	1	3	0.250
Man West	1	3	0.250
Nashua ELKS	1	3	0.250
Nashua PAL	1	3	0.250
Man South	0	4	0.000
NorRock	0	4	0.000