



The Tupper Lake Rotarians celebrated the tenth anniversary of the "Field of Dreams" Friday night during halftime of the varsity football game. It's been that long that teams have been playing on Frank Tice Memorial Field and setting new records on the all-weather Rotary track. Pictured from left are just a few of the major volunteers who helped with the project from logging the land, grading, hauling, planting, irrigating, digging, leveling, scraping and raising money among other jobs that eventually led to fruition of the dream. Pictured from left are Mark Moeller, Eric Sears, Greg Gachowski, Pam Martin, Sandie Strader, Roger LaClair, Tony Mercurio, Bob Tebo, Doug Bencze, Roger Amell, Jeannel Lizotte, Richard Amell and Tim Larkin, who were in attendance at the game that night. Many others helped but were not available for the photo. (Greiner photo)

# Lumberjacks overwhelm Patriots in first game of season

by Maynard Peroza

It didn't take long for the Tupper Lake varsity football team to begin making a name for itself in the opener played at Frank Tice Memorial Field on Friday night.

The Lumberjacks scored a touchdown following a 27-yard drive that was set up by an exciting run back of the opening kickoff by Ian Smetanick. Smetanick followed up his 55-yard kickoff return with a 16-yard TD run on the fifth play from scrimmage. The two-point conversion failed but the Jacks took a 6-0 lead with just 1:22 into the game.

As it turned out that lead would never be threatened for the remainder of the game.

Smetanick scored two touchdowns in the game and piled up 86 yards on 16 carries.

His running mate, Jordan Nason who recorded a 70 yards on 20 carries, added the second score for the home team with just under five minutes to go in the first quarter.

Nason scored on a one-yard plunge following an interception by defensive end Brian Guiney at the Patriot 26 yard line.

Guiney crashed in on Patriot QB, Brad Belanger who had the snap carom off his shoulder pads. Guiney picked the ball out of the air to set up the short drive that gave the Jacks a 12-0 lead. Smetanick added the two point conversion to make it 14-0.

Special teams play and great defense helped the Jacks maintain

advantageous field position throughout the game.

"We have been emphasizing the importance of the special teams play to the kids. We have a team of 20 players where we stress that each kid has a role to play. Special teams play accounts for a third of the success of our team. It is not just the offense and defense that we need to make plays for us," Coach Dennis Klossner asserted in the post game interview.

"Our kick off coverage prevented Ausable from breaking on long run backs. And, our punt return teams gave us great field position all night. It took a load off both the offense and defense. I don't think we had possession of the ball any deeper than our own 40-yard line," he added.

One such special team play occurred late in the first quarter. Jim Merrihew followed his blockers on a 30-yard punt return to the Patriot 47 yard line. Unfortunately, the offense stalled on that possession and had to turn the ball over on downs around the Ausable 30-yard line.

The Patriot offense spent a majority of its time in the shotgun formation. Poor snaps to the quarterback coupled with a strong pass rush by the Jacks resulted in three interceptions in the game.

On the first play from scrimmage to begin the second half, linebacker Evan Dechene picked off a down field throw and ran it back 40-yards to pay dirt to extend the Tupper lead to 20-0. Nason ran in the Jacks

had put the Patriots into a very deep hole, 22-0.

The Jacks capitalized on yet another Ausable Valley turnover on the very next possession.

This time, Jacob Klosser intercepted a short pass and returned it 15-yards to the Patriot ten-yard line. Smetanick scored on a nifty seven yard run off the right side and when quarterback Zack Meade hit split end Matt Dechene in the end zone, the score mushroomed to 30-0 with just three and half minutes gone in the third quarter.

The Patriots scored a TD with 8:29 left in the game on a sensational run by tailback Ben Prentiss. Once he broke the line of scrimmage, Prentiss ran the Jacks secondary on a 77-yard dash to the end zone. The PAT by Montefusco closed out the scoring at 30-7. Previous to Prentiss' big run, the Patriots had been able to muster less than 100 yards of total offense.

To say the least, the retooled Tupper Lake offense impressed the hometown fans in the inaugural game of the season.

Coach Klosser was encouraged by what he saw from his offense.

"We are real excited.

Jordan Nason and Ian Smetanick really compliment each other. Nason is quick to the hole as our fullback and he is strong after first contact. Smetanick is more of a slasher and can accelerate once the holes open up. They both played last year in the shadows of other players. I think they are out to prove something now that they are getting their chance. They looked good. So, did Brandon LaVassaur. He had 20 yards in 5 carries and that gives us some depth there," coach Klossner remarked.

Klossner added, "We are very impressed with Zack Meade. He did a great job in his first varsity start. He

only played one year on the JV's. He kept his composure and was in command of the offense. His passing was very accurate. We couldn't have asked for more from a first year QB."

Meade ended up completing 6 of 11 passes for 62 yards. Hayden Lamere had two catches for 25 yards. Five different receivers caught passes for Tupper. That fact could improve the chances for a balanced attack as the season progresses.

The Jim Merrihew coached defensive team improved a lot since the scrimmage with St. Lawrence Central a week ago.

The center of the defensive line was shorn up with penetration from the likes of tackles, Nick O'Neill and Kyle Baldwin.

As Coach Klossner explained, "After the scrimmage, we knew what we needed to do. Mostly, work the defensive line. We were very happy with the

defensive tackles. They stepped up and played well. Our defensive secondary also played well. Those two interceptions made a big difference."

Joe Christmas led the defense with 6 tackles. Fellow linebackers, Adam Arnold and Evan Dechene added 5 tackles apiece with Dechene turning an interception into a touchdown. Kyle Baldwin made four tackles. Brian Guiney recorded three tackles, a QB sac and an INT. Guiney had the Ausable QB on the run most of the game.

### EXTRA POINTS:

- Eleven successive regular season league wins and counting.
- Varsity @ Seton Catholic on Friday with a 7:30pm start at Bailey Field in Plattsburgh.
- Seton lost to Moriah, 40-0.
- JV's @ Indian River on Thursday with a 5:30pm start.

### JVs BEAT OFA, 24-16

The junior varsity football team played an exciting game against the Ogdensburg Blue Devils. The Junior Jacks used their good size and speed in an evenly played game to pull out a hard fought victory.

With less than four minutes left in the game and the score tied 16-16, the junior varsity defense recovered a Blue Devil fumble in their opponent's end zone to take the lead.

The Jacks then held off a passing onslaught that got the ball down to the Tupper Lake 25 yard line when time ran out.



Ian Smetanick powers the ball over the goal line through a big hole created by the Lumberjack offensive line. He then scored the two point conversion.

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