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Weekly Warpath

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Tribe Back In Gear

While the start of the 2023 football season for our Indians has gotten off to a difficult start, it must be noted that seasons are long and that the key to any successful run is to improve week over week. Our Indians ARE improving and provided THE TRIBE and all our loyal fans a glimpse of that with a heart-stopping 38-35 win over Lakota East Friday night.

Our Indians must improve defensively if we have any hope of making a run, not only in the conference, but as the playoffs approach. While it may not look like it to the untrained eye, the defense is improving, albeit incrementally, but they are taking steps in the right direction. Leading the way on Friday were senior free safety **Braeden Shanklin** (8 tackles, 1 TFL), senior LB **Dorian Soriano** (7 tackles) and junior DB **Tyler George** (4 tackles, big 4th down stop). These three guys are instrumental in getting our guys lined up in the right spots and are the vocal and emotional leaders of the defense. The better they are, the better we are. As they continue to grow and develop into their roles, expect the defense to improve.

Offensively, the Indians were again led by do-it-all senior QB **Talon Fisher** (passing 8/16/172 yds./2 TDs, and rushing 20/147 yds./3 TDs) who put the team on his shoulders and willed them to victory. The air attack came alive with junior **No-ah King** (3 rec., 102 yds., 1 TD) and

A'Shion Ruff (2 rec., 42 yds., 1 TD) providing draw-dropping explosive plays.

The offensive balance (189 passing, 169 rushing) will be a key stat to keep an eye on as the season continues. Our



ability to keep defenses guessing and be dominant both on the ground and thru the air is vital to our success. The steady improvement of a

young offensive line will go a long way as we make our playoff push.

While special teams often get overlooked, coaches and true fans of the game understand not only their importance, but the impact they can have on wins and losses. The improvement of junior PK **Aiden McGuire** cannot go unnoticed. He has been consistent with his ball placement on kickoffs and his game-winning 27-yard FG with 11 seconds left in the game along with his 5 extra points won us the game!

Our Indians host the always dangerous Mason Comets on Friday night at Alumni Stadium. Per usual, we need THE TRIBE – the best student section in the state – to bring it and help propel our Indians to victory and get the dub train a rollin'!

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