

WEEK IN REVIEW

Jorgensen field goal wins it for De Pere

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PULASKI – Jack Jorgensen had never made a field goal in his high school career.

In fact, he had never attempted one.

But De Pere football coach Chad Michalkiewicz didn't hesitate to call on his senior with the game and a conference title on the line.

"(Before his kick), Jorgensen looked at me and said, 'I'm going to pound this thing,'" Michalkiewicz said.

Jorgensen was true to his word.

The 39-yard field goal came as the final horn sounded to give No. 3-ranked De Pere (Division 2) a 17-14 victory over No. 9-ranked Pulaski (Division 2) Oct. 8.

The win assures De Pere a share of the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) North title.

The Redbirds can capture the championship – outright for the first time since 2015 – Friday, Oct. 15, against Green Bay Preble.

Jorgensen – who is a starting defensive back as well as a starter on the boys' basketball team – said he wasn't stressed about the kick.

"I was calm," he said. "We do that in practice. We've got guys screaming at me when I'm trying to kick. This one was easier for me."

After the kick sailed through the uprights, it was pure jubilation for the De Pere players and pure heart-break for Pulaski.

Had the Red Raiders pulled off the home victory, they



De Pere quarterback Gabe Herman (1) prepares to take a snap Oct. 8 during his team's 17-14, Fox River Classic Conference victory over Pulaski. Jack Jorgensen kicked a 39-yard field goal as time expired for the win. **Cheri LaTour Photo**

would have gotten at least a share of the conference crown.

"That was a great high school football game," Pulaski Head Coach Jerad Marsh said. "Somebody had to lose, and unfortunately, it was us."

De Pere (7-1 overall, 6-0 FRCC) made Pulaski (6-2, 4-2) play catch-up all game, and it finally took its toll on the Red Raiders.

De Pere, whose seniors had never beaten Pulaski in

football in high school, set the tone on the game's fourth play from scrimmage.

Using jet motion, quarterback Gabe Herman hit a pop pass to Jack May.

The speedy wide receiver got around the left corner and was gone, racing 68 yards to the end zone.

After De Pere's defense forced Pulaski to punt on its first two drives, the Redbirds' offense went to work.

It took three plays to score

as Herman dropped back and spotted May, who had slipped past two defenders.

May got in for a 52-yard touchdown to put his team up 14-0 after the extra point early in the second quarter.

Working from a short field, starting at De Pere's 49, Pulaski needed a scoring drive before the half to stay in the game.

Quarterback Derek Block rolled out and found Jacob Doxtater, who got into the

end zone from 31 yards out.

The score pulled Pulaski within 14-7 after the extra point with 1:11 remaining in the opening half.

Pulaski – as it does best – kept pounding the ball up the middle.

Running back Maverick Cole opened the Red Raiders' second drive of the third quarter with a 23-yard scamper.

Three plays later, Aaron Maroszek took a handoff, bowled around the left side

and scored from 21 yards out to make it 14-14 after the extra point.

Pulaski's defense stopped De Pere with six minutes left.

The Red Raiders got the ball back with prime field possession at the Redbirds' 38.

Facing a third-and-2, Pulaski put the ball in the hands of Cole, who got one yard.

Pulaski opted to go for it on fourth-and-1, and Cole got another carry.

Again, the De Pere defense rose to the occasion as a host of defenders pushed him back to force the turnover on downs with 4:03 remaining.

On four of its eight drives in the game, Pulaski started either at midfield or inside De Pere territory.

In the final drive, De Pere mixed the run well with the pass.

Michael Alexander had back-to-back carries – his only two rushes of the game – and picked up 15 yards to Pulaski's 37.

Herman had a five-yard run, and Sean Colwell picked up four yards to the 22.

After an incomplete pass stopped the clock with 1 second left, Jorgensen trotted onto the field before Pulaski called a timeout.

Before the drive, Jorgensen told Michalkiewicz if the offense could get to at least the 28-yard line, he'd be good to attempt a field goal.

Jorgensen – who said he was drilling 45-yard field goals in warm-ups – also preferred to be in the middle of the field, but he ended up being on the left hash mark.

Notre Dame takes care of Pulaski in straight sets

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GREEN BAY – The Notre Dame Academy volleyball team had a shaky start to its match against Pulaski Oct. 7.

The Tritons fell behind 6-1 out of the gate to the Red Raiders but got back on track to claim a straight-set, Fox River Classic Conference victory (26-24, 25-19, 25-13).

"Our team has been working hard on staying together, depending on each other and picking each other up," Notre Dame Head Coach Lindsay Shauer said. "Our effort is there, and our commitment to each other is there – that's the biggest thing for us."

After the Tritons clawed their way back into the first frame, the score went back and forth until late when Pulaski got some breathing room at 23-19.

Notre Dame then took a timeout.

Whatever Shauer said to her crew worked because the Tritons tied the score at 24 shortly after thanks to an ace from Mya Kapalko.

The next point went to Notre Dame on a block from Gracie Grzesk and Danielle



Notre Dame Academy's Olivia Sullivan (5) tries to put a kill shot past Pulaski's Emily Bruss (7) Oct. 7. Notre Dame won the match in straight sets. **Josh Staloch Photo**

Dow before Kapalko put a serve on the out-of-bounds line for an ace to close out the set.

The second set was close early as well.

Pulaski's Jocelin Feutz was playing big at the net, but later in the frame, Olivia Sullivan responded with her own kills.

With some breathing room in hand, Madelyn Wolfram finished off another set for the Tritons with an ace that clipped the backline.

Kapalko provided much

of the power Notre Dame used to put away the third frame, including a cross-court kill that had no chance of being returned, making it 14-8.

When Kapalko and Sullivan weren't overpowering their opponents at the net, the Tritons used finesse to put the ball in play.

The match ended on such a shot when Matiah Christensen tapped a soft shot past the Red Raider defense for 25-13 and the end of the night.

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got the job done in those short-yardage plays near the goal line."

With seconds remaining in the first quarter, Wisconsin Lutheran backup quarterback Matthew Davis didn't see Karcz on another pass play.

Karcz nabbed his third interception of the game and took it 53 yards to the house for a three-touchdown advantage.

At the beginning of the second quarter, the Warriors started to move the

ball, but Karcz picked off Davis for a second time, going 71 yards for another score and a 28-0 lead after the extra point.

"It's good to see our defense getting back to being ball-hungry," McCarty said. "It makes our job easy. I'm happy for (Karcz) today. He's one of our leaders being a captain of this football team."

The Green Knights added two more touchdowns in the first half by Ethan Kleckler and Parker Lawrence to give them a 42-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, St.

Norbert outscored Wisconsin Lutheran 26-0 to garner its first win since opening day against Loras College.

"This was a great win for us," McCarty said. "These kids deserve it. We've been fighting and working hard. We're not where we want to be as a program, but our message on Sunday has been to keep going, have a short memory and move on. Our preparation was good all week in practice, and now we have to carry this momentum forward."

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the back of the net to give the Hornets a 1-0 lead.

"We had lots of great opportunities throughout the game," Chris Becker, Preble head coach, said. "It's been our method of operation all season to outshoot opponents but keep them around until the end. Sam stepped up to get the first goal."

The final few minutes of the first half were kind to the Redbirds, as they got their rhythm going with their forwards and midfielders.

In the 39th minute, the Hornets defense let De Pere leading scorer James Dorchester out front, and he blasted the ball in from

14 yards out to tie the game at 1-1.

"We were out of position on their goal," Becker said.

"We tried to substitute with some weary legs and got caught up. We knew going into this game we'd have to score more than one goal to beat De Pere." Midway through the second half, Preble appeared to take a one-goal lead, but Zach Ellenbecker's shot hit off the left post, keeping the game tied.

With 8 minutes remaining in the contest, Preble finally capitalized.

Brandon Ramirez sent a flick pass to a cutting Williams, who sent the header home for a 2-1 lead.

"Brandon probably ran about six miles today," Becker said. "He was all

over the field. Once he got the ball, the De Pere guys went to him, and he found Sam for the goal."

Preble's 18 seniors played their last game on the natural grass field at Preble.

They ended the regular season Thursday, Oct. 14, at Manitowoc Lincoln.

"We need to stay sharp against the Ships to prepare for the playoffs," Becker said. "We have to be mentally ready moving forward. I'm happy to get the victory for this group of seniors. The camaraderie of this group is unmatched by other teams – there is no divide. Everybody has stuck together to achieve the success we've had."