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Walkertown striker Stephen Sanchez, No. 10 in black, dribbles past two Northwest defenders trying to score a goal.



The Northwest goalie prepares to stop a shot on goal from the Walkertown offense.

Kicks

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some things to work on.

"My team got up 2-0 early and they began to relax in the first half," said Tapia. "But I am here to try and push that out of them and it helps when you have very good players. We learned today that we cannot relax until the game is over."

When the second half started, the Northwest offensive players came out with an intensity they didn't show at the beginning of the game. The Falcons finally put one in the net when they scored during a scramble in front of the net following a corner kick, cutting the score in half 2-1.

Minutes later, the Falcons tied up the game when the ball ricocheted off of a Wolfpack defender and got past the goalkeeper. Each team attempted to break the 2-2 tie late in the second half but both defenses held strong. The game ended in a tie but due to this being a conference game, penalty kicks were required to determine a winner.

Walkertown made their first two penalty kicks, which put the pressure on the Northwest team. The Falcons made one of their first two, putting them behind. Both teams then scored on one of their next two shots, leaving Walkertown with a 3-2 advantage. The game was sealed when the Falcons missed their last penalty shot, giving Walkertown the victory.

Northwest head coach Kevin Bretz says at halftime

they decided to make some lineup changes and was proud his team did not give up going down two goals early.

"Overall, this is one of the best games we have played all season," Bretz said. "We were down 2 to nothing at the half and we came back to tie the game and force penalty kicks. Unfortunately, we lost the penalty kicks, but it's a learning experience and if it happens again we know what to work on."

Bretz continued by saying, "They shouldn't hold their heads down because the last couple of games that's what we have been doing. The other teams would score a couple of goals, and we kind of give up but for some reason today we fought back and we will try and get them next time."



Kevon Springs, No. 15 in black, breaks free from an attempted tackle from the Surry Central defender.



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Surry Central quarterback Maisen Holt, No. 9 in white, looks for an open receiver against the Carver defense.

First Win

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into the half.

Yellow Jacket head coach Walter Black says he loves to win and to be able to pick up his first victory as JV head coach feels good. He said he hopes his team can come out this week and play as well as they did in the second half of last week's game.

"I thought we started very fast, but we didn't finish the first half very well and that was attributable to the spirit Surry Central displayed. They didn't quit, they fought hard and we kind of lost focus and they made it a good ballgame, but I really appreciate the way our team finished the game. They finished like they want to be champions,

and I'm happy about that," said Black.

The Golden Eagles attempted to build on their late first half score as they had possession to begin the third quarter. They unfortunately fumbled on that drive and Carver recovered. The Yellow Jackets scored a few plays later when McMillan hooked up with Fogle for a touchdown

pass.

The Carver defense continued to hold strong as they did not allow any more Golden Eagle drives to develop into points. McMillan struck again late in the third with his second rushing touchdown of the night, putting Carver up 24-8 going into the fourth. Kevon Springs capped off the scoring for Carver

he ran a quarterback keeper in from 32 yards out late in the fourth quarter.

Surry Central head coach Monty Southern said his team did not play as well in the second half and was disappointed in the mental penalties his team committed.

"We felt like we finished the first half pretty strong. We went down two

scores pretty early, but we battled back and was able to score late in the first half," Southern said. "It felt like we had a little momentum, but Carver made some nice plays because they have a lot of speed. It's frustrating because on defense, we felt like we set the edge pretty well but every time we didn't they made us pay for it."

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Head coach Tyler Hiatt says his guys showed signs of a good team if they are able to put all four quarters together. He said they are either starting fast and fading late or starting slow and leave their best play for the second half.

"We do not have much information on Carver's JV at this point. Based on previous years, I'm sure they will have good speed in all phases of the game that we will have to prepare for," said Hiatt. "Based on previous years, their strengths will be speed in space and the ability to have multiple players that can make plays on any given play."

Coach Hiatt went on to say his team is getting better in both offense and defensive phases of the game. He says they have a good football team that competes in every quarter of the game. He thinks his teams' intensity is very important and a must when they play a team such as Carver.

Coach Black says he doesn't want to change



Coach Black

much from last week but simply wants to perfect the schemes that are in place now. He says he understands how speed can impact the game and use their team speed to expose the defense in some fashion.

"They will probably do some things to keep us from doing what we like to do and we will do some things to try and take advantage of the changes they will make," Black continued. "I hope my guys come in with the right attitude, ready to play hard, and we will see how it goes."

Black says a successful season for him would be an undefeated conference season but he will be happy as long as his guys are working hard to achieve that goal.



Backup quarterback Maurice Reid scrambles out of the pocket during last week's practice.

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