

LHS VS. WATERTOWN ARROWS – OCTOBER 20, 2014

The Patriot Sophomores dropped their season final 50-28 to the Washington Warriors. Lincoln trailed 19-14 at half. The Patriots took the lead 21-19 early in the second half but the Warriors scored 23 unanswered points to put the game away. Lincoln finished the season 7-2 with a Metro conference record of 3-1.

Lincoln rushed for 169 yards on 36 carries. Corey Fichter again led Lincoln in rushing with 106 yards on 16 carries. Fichter added to his sophomore team record with his 13 rushing touchdown on the year. Nolan Kiley added 46 yards rushing on 11 carries. Kiley rushed for 2 scores. The Patriots struggled through the air. Lincoln threw for a season low 29 yards on 7-17 passing. Trent Naasz was the leading receiver for the Patriots with 12 yards.

The Patriot Defense struggled to stop the Warrior option attack. Lincoln failed to force a Warrior punt. However, Lincoln did force a Washington fumble and did stop them on two fourth down conversions. Cole Deberg returned a Kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown for the Patriots final score.

For the season the sophomores established several team records. Lincoln rushed for 2119 yards. This shattered the previous record by 327 yards set in 2009. Lincoln had six athletes (Corey Fichter, Eric Looby, Nolan Kiley, Logan Mueller, and Jack Van Veldhuizen) rush for over 200 yards on the year. The previous high was three athletes over 200 yards. Corey Fichter had the most rushing TD in a season with 13. He broke the previous record held by Damon King and Caden Quintanilla. Trent Naasz had the most receiving yards by a tight end. (280 yards). As a team Lincoln averaged 29.4 points per game (4th all time) and gave up an average 19.2 points per game (5th all time)

LHS VS. WATERTOWN ARROWS – OCTOBER 16, 2014

The Patriot Sophomore team fell to the Watertown Arrows by the score of 35-0. With the loss Lincoln drops to 7-1 on the season. Lincoln trailed 21-0 at halftime.

Offensively the Patriots struggled to find consistency against the physical Arrow defense. Lincoln had three crucial turnovers that stalled promising drives. On the day Lincoln rushed for a season low 91 yards on 31 carries. Corey Fichter led the Patriots with 49 yards and Nolan Kiley added 32 yards on the ground. Threw the air Eric Looby completed 13 of 22 passes for 130 yards. Trent Naasz led the Patriots in receiving with 55 yards on 5 catches. Naasz moved into first place for receiving yards by a tight end. He now has 268 yards on the season.

The Patriot Defense failed to force a Watertown punt all afternoon. The Arrow offence was the first team all season to sustain drives the entire game against the Patriot Defense. The Patriots also did not force any Watertown turnovers.

Lincoln closes out the season on Monday October 20th against cross town rival Washington. Game time is at 7:00 pm at Howard Wood Field.

LHS VS. O’GORMAN KNIGHTS – OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Lincoln Sophomores scored with 22 seconds remaining to cap a come from behind victory against the O’Gorman Knights at McEneaney Field. The Knights scored the first 16 points of the game, but the Patriots responded by scoring 20 unanswered points to take the lead into the fourth quarter. O’G scored with 2:42 seconds remaining on a 50 yard throwback screen. With the win, the Patriots improved to 7-0 on the season and 3-0 in Metro Conference action.

Offensively the Patriots rushed for a season low 165 yards but threw for a season high 211 yards. The Patriot rushing attack was hurt by numerous negative rushes due to snaps over the quarterback’s head. Eric Looby rushed for three scores for the Patriots. However, Looby finished the game with 8 carries for a -9 yards rushing. Corey Fichter added the other score for the Patriots. Fichter rushed for 116 yards on 17 carries. His touchdown was his 12 of the season – which is a new sophomore team record for rushing touchdowns. Nolan Kiley added 70 yards rushing on 10 carries. Threw the air the Patriot attack was extremely efficient. Lincoln completed 14-17 passes on the Knights defense for 211 yards. Looby was 12-14 passing for 145 yards. Trent Naasz had 4 receptions for 57 yards including a key 20 yard screen on the final drive. Cole Deberg completed 2 of 3 passes for 66 yards; both of his completions were to Eric Looby.

Despite giving up 16 early points the Patriot defense was again strong. The Knights struggled to put together long drives and scored all of their points on long plays. Lincoln forced one O’G fumble and Cole Deberg had an interception for the Patriots. The Lincoln Defensive line of Jeremy Heirigs, Trent Naasz, Tucker Hall, and Joe Sudbeck had an excellent game.

Coach Alpers awarded the Hydrive players of game to the entire sophomore team.

Lincoln plays Watertown on Thursday October 16th in Watertown. Game time is 4:30 at the Football Stadium.

LHS VS. SIOUX CITY EAST BLACK RAIDERS – OCTOBER 2, 2014

The Lincoln Patriot Sophomores defeated the Sioux City East Black Raiders 47-20 last night at Patrick Henry Middle School. The Patriots improved to 6-0 with the win. Lincoln fell behind 7-0 early after the Patriots fumbled and East scored on their first play from scrimmage. The Patriots then scored 33 unanswered points in the first half to lead 33-7 at the break.

Lincoln continued its dominating performance on the ground. The Patriots rushed for 388 yards as a team on 57 carries. The offensive line of Tucker Hall, Joe Sudbeck, Payton Sudenga, Harrison Backer, Jeremy Heirigs, and Xavier Kold dominated the line of scrimmage. Leading the way on the ground was Corey Fichter who rushed for 167 yards on 19 carries. Fichter added 4 touchdowns. He has now scored 11 times on the ground to tie the all-time sophomore record for rushing touchdowns in a season. Nolan Kiley added 87 yards on 11 carries. Through the air Eric Looby completed 5 passes for 90 yards. Trent Naasz was the leading receiver with 2 catches for 60 yards. In addition to Fichter's touchdowns – Eric Looby, Logan Mueller, and Austin Hennings each added rushing scores for the Patriots.

Defensively the Patriots continued its strong play in forcing four East turnovers. The Patriot Defense has held opponents to just 11 points per game on the season. East struggled to find consistency against the Patriot defense. East managed only one first half score on a long pass and then added two late touchdowns after the outcome was no longer in doubt.

On Special Teams Devon Lovro continued his strong play making many stops on the kickoff and Trevor Schaller had some big returns on kickoff.

Being named Hydrive Players of the game were Devon Lovro, Austin Hennings, Harrison Backer, and Peyton Sudenga.

Lincoln plays next Thursday October 9th when they take on Crosstown rival O'Gorman in Metro conference action. Game time is 4:15 at McKenney Field.

LHS VS. BRANDON VALLEY LYNX – SEPTERMER 25, 2014

Behind a dominating performance by the Patriot defense, and a punishing ground attack the Lincoln Sophomores defeated the Brandon Valley Lynx 27-0. With the win, Lincoln improved to 5-0 on the season and 2-0 in the Metro Conference.

Offensively the Patriots had a season high 507 yards; including a sophomore team record 414 yards on the ground. Corey Fichter led Lincoln with 180 yards on 12 carries. Fichter had runs of 78 yards and 52 yards on the day. Nolan Kiley added 90 yards on only 6 carries and Eric Looby had 84 yards on 14 Carries. Looby was 8-12 passing for 93 yards. Cole Deberg had 4 receptions for 39 yards. Four different Patriots scored touchdowns. Logan Mueller, Fichter, Deberg, and Kiley each rushed for a Patriot score.

The Defense continued its strong play in shutting out the Lynx attack. The Patriots forced 3 Brandon turnovers. Trevor Schaller had two interceptions and Jeremy Heirigs forced and recovered a fumble for Lincoln. Twice Brandon got inside the ten yard line but the Patriot defense tightened up didn't allow a score. For the season the Patriot Defense is allowing only 9.1 points per game.

Being named Hydrive Players of the game were Corey Fichter, Nolan Kiley, Trevor Schaller, and Xavier Kolb.

The Patriots next game is Thursday October 2nd when they take on Sioux City East. This is the Patriots first meeting with the Black Raiders in over 16 years. The game is at 4:15 at Patrick Henry Middle School.

LHS VS. MARSHALL – SEPTERMER 23, 2014

The Lincoln Patriot Sophomore team improved to 4-0 on the season, defeating the Marshall Tigers JV team by a score of 47-20. The Patriots battled through a steady rain throughout much of the game. Lincoln led 28-6 at the break

The Patriot offense was dominant against the Marshall Tigers. Despite playing only 10 minute quarters and a running clock for much of the fourth quarter the Patriots tallied season highs in yardage (384 yards) and Points (47). Lincoln continued in balanced rushing attack with 264 yards on the ground. Lincoln was led by Corey Fichter with 90 yards on only 6 carries. Jack Van Veldhuizen added 69 yards on 5 carries. Though the air the Sophomores threw for 118 yards on 5-8 passing. Eric Looby threw for 68 yards and Cole Deberg added 50 yards. Jack Van Veldhuizen and Eric Looby each scored twice for Lincoln. Corey Fichter, Cole Deberg, and Nolan Kiley added one score apiece.

One statistical oddity was that Cole Deberg threw a touchdown pass to Eric Looby and Looby returned the favor by throwing a scoring strike to Deberg. 3

The Patriots continued its strong defensive performance. Lincoln didn't allow any sustained scoring drives by the Tigers. Marshall managed to score three times on long pass plays. Two of those came late in the game. Lincoln's defense forced one Marshall fumble. On Special teams Lincoln blocked one punt and tackled the punter for a loss on another punt attempt.

Corey Fichter, Brennan Large, Peyton Sudenga, and Joe Sudbeck were named Hydrive Players of the game.

Lincoln plays again this Thursday against the Brandon Valley Lynx. Game time is 4:15 in Brandon.

LHS VS. BROOKINGS – SEPTERMER 16, 2014

The Patriot Sophomore team defeated the Brookings Bobcats JV squad 21-0 raising their record to 3-0 on the season. The Patriots rode a strong defensive effort in shutting out the Bobcats strong running game. The Soph's jumped out to a 21 point lead at halftime.

Offensively the Patriots were led by Quarterback Eric Looby. Looby rushed only 8 times but had 109 yards rushing. His rushing performance was highlighted by an 80 yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Looby also threw for 97 yards on 10 of 17 passes and one touchdown. Looby also had his first career reception from Cole Deberg. Jack Van Veldhuizen added 33 yards rushing. Corey Fichter had the other rushing touchdown for the Patriots. Stan Larson had 3 catches for 33 yards and his first touchdown on the season. Cole Deberg added 3 catches for 23 yards.

Despite giving up a lot of yards to the Bobcats the Patriot defense held when it matter the most. Lincoln's defense came up with some key stops 2 different times in the red zone to stop potential Bobcat scoring drives. The Patriot defense forced two turnovers. Brennan Large had his first interception of the season and Trent Naasz deflected a Bobcats lateral and recovered the fumble. Large also had a key deflection on 4th down in the end zone to stop another Brookings drive.

Hydrive Players of the game were Eric Looby, Trent Naasz, Chris Fetter, and Brennan Large.

The Patriots play next Tuesday September 23rd against Marshall (Mn) in Marshall.

LHS VS. ROOSEVELT – SEPTERMER 8, 2014

The Lincoln Sophomore team continued its early season success with a 35-20 victory over the Roosevelt Rough Riders JV squad. The Patriots fell into an early hole, trailing Roosevelt 14-0 after one quarter.

After a slow start, the sophomores were able to effectively run the ball on the physical Rough Rider Defense. Eric Looby was also efficient through the air – completing 10-17 passes for 98 yards and 3 scores. Corey Fichter led another balanced Rushing attack with 59 yards on 9 carries. Looby added 53 yards on the ground and Jack Van Veldhuizen chipped in with 33 yards. Cole Deberg led the Patriots receiving attack. Deberg had 7 catches for 69 yards. Lincoln had four different players score touchdowns on Offense. Fichter ran for the Patriots only score on the ground while Trevor Shaller, Cole Deberg, and Trent Naasz each caught a touchdown pass from Eric Looby.

After giving up 14 early points the Patriot Defense was able to hold the Rough Riders scoreless till the final minute of the game. Roosevelt struggled throughout much of the game due to the relentless pass rush of the Patriots. Lincoln forced 3 Rider interceptions. Trevor Shaller, Eric Looby, and Jack Van Veldhuizen each had an Interception for the Patriots. Trevor Shaller returned his 45 yards for a score.

On Special Teams, Devon Lovro made some crucial stops on the coverage units.

Being Named Hydrive Players of the Game were Trent Naasz, Cole Deberg, and Devon Lovro. The Patriots next game is Tuesday September 16th at Howard Wood Field when they take on the Brookings Bobcats. Game time is 4:15.

LHS VS. YANKTON - September 2, 2014

The Lincoln Patriot Sophomore football team opened the season with a hard fought 34-7 victory over the Yankton Bucks at Howard Wood Field. The Patriots who started nine players both ways showed a great deal of toughness in battling the heat throughout the game.

Lincoln's offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage in racking up 263 yards on the ground. The Pats threw for just 32 yards on 6-12 passing. The offense turned the ball over twice on two first half interceptions. Eric Looby led the balanced Patriot rushing attack with 81 yards on 15 carries. Looby turned numerous busted plays into positive gains with his athleticism. Jack Van Veldhuizen added 63 yards on the ground on 12 carries, Logan Mueller had 52 yards on 8 carries, and Corey Fichter chipped in with 43 yards on 8 carries. Trent Naasz was the leading receiver for the Patriots. Naasz had 2 receptions for 34 yards. Corey Fichter led the way scoring 3 touchdowns on the ground. Logan Mueller and Cole Deberg each added a rushing touchdown for the Pats.

The Patriot Defense was dominant throughout the game. The Bucks managed only one first half touchdown on an 80 yard run. The front seven rarely let anything develop for the Bucks offense. The D-line was constantly in the Yankton backfield making it difficult for the Bucks to ever put together sustained drives. The Patriots D forced three Bucks turnovers.

Being named Hydrive Players of the game were Eric Looby, Tucker Hall, Xavier Kolb, and Jeremy Heirigs.

The Patriots next game is Monday September 8th when they will host cross town rival Roosevelt at Roosevelt High School. Game time is 4:15.