

CLASS 1A SEMIFINALS – Saturday, November 14, 2009

10:00 a.m. –No. 3 West Branch Bears (12-0) vs. No. 9 South Winneshiek, Calmar Warriors (11-1)

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ROAD TO THE DOME: West Branch is making its 17th playoff appearance and brings a 25-13 playoff record to the semifinals. This is their sixth trip to the elite four. They bring a 12-0 mark into the game and after a close 20-14 call with rival Pekin they have outscored their last six opponents by a whopping 250-26 margin. That lifted their offensive average to 39.9 ppg and lowered their defensive average to only 10 ppg. South Winneshiek has had one of the best seasons in their school's history, making the playoff field for just the third time and the first since 2003. This is their debut in the semifinals and will be trying to improve on a 2-2 all-time playoff slate. The Warriors' final two playoff games were eyebrow raisers as they swarmed defending champion Emmetsburg, 40-6, and avenged their only loss of the season with a 22-20 thriller over Turkey Valley, Jackson Jct. The team sports a 42.2 ppg offensive clip and has allowed an average of just 9.5 ppg on defense.

WEST BRANCH BEARS		SOUTH WINNESHIEK WARRIORS	
Tipton	35-6	Riceville	52-6
Wilton	31-6	Postville	68-6
Eddyville-Blakesburg	56-28	BCLUW, Conrad	74-8
Wapello	55-28	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	40-0
Belle Plaine	34-12	Grundy Center	40-0
Pekin	20-14	Nashua-Plainfield	44-0
Iowa Valley, Marengo	52-0	Denver	34-21
Durant	41-0	Aplington-Parkersburg	36-13
Van Buren, Keosauqua	61-0	Turkey Valley, Jackson Jct.	14-28
Bellevue (substate)	34-6	Lake Mills (substate)	42-6
Eddyville-Blakesburg (first round)	33-13	Emmetsburg (first round)	40-6
Clayton Ridge, Guttenberg (quarterfinals)	27-7	Turkey Valley, Jackson Jct.	22-20
<i>Offense: 479/39.9</i>		<i>Offense: 506/42.2</i>	
<i>Defense: 120/10.0</i>		<i>Defense: 114/9.5</i>	

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THE COACHES: West Branch Coach Butch Pedersen has a 27-year career mark of 225-55, all with the Bears. A native of West Branch and a graduate of the University of Iowa, he has directed all 17 of the Bears' playoff teams. He staff includes Larry Rummells, Jarod Tyler, Ray Woods, Casey Bouska, Matt Wisniewski, Terry Ruess, Craig Verlo, Scott Kelly and Chris Robertson. The Warriors are coached by Jason Ohrt, in his third season at South Winneshiek with a 20-11 mark. He is a graduate of Dubuque Senior and the University of Dubuque. He is assisted by Mike Johnson, Loren Straube, Steve Hoffert, Chad Poshusta and Joel Hageman.

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GAME SNAPSHOT: This game has all the indications of a "black and blue" battle. Both teams boast strong defensive units and can move the ball. South Winneshiek's offensive balance may be a little stronger with 3,107 ground yards and 1,577 in the air. West Branch has rushed for 3,110 and passed for 833. Each has a talented running back. The Bears feature versatile Cole Kelly who has carried 184 times for 1,856 yards and 24 TDs. He has also caught a scoring pass, returned a fumble for a score and has returned three kick-offs and two punts to the end zone. Fellow senior full back Jayson Madsen has rambled for 433 yards on 86 trips. Quarterback Travis Kaufman has connected on 48 of 90 aerials for 672 yards and six TDs while running for four more. Juniors Rilen Carew and Logan Murry top the receiving corps. Carew has grabbed 18 passes for 222 yards and two scores, while Murry has 14 catches for 202 yards and three TDs. Sophomore Brandon Young has hit on 45 of 48 extra point tries and has a 28-yard field goal. Sophomore Eli Elliott leads the tackling charts. He has been in on 104 stops while Mitch Moon, Jake Rozinek and Jack Rummells follow with 69, 68 and 67 respectively. The Bears' defenders have 22 take-a-way including 18 interceptions led by Carew's six picks. Jordan Andera triggers the Warriors' offense. The senior has rolled up 1,911 yards on 196 rushes for 22 TDs and he has 36 pass completions for 528 yards and 12 touchdowns. For added measure he has three scoring receptions. Fellow senior Danny Sender has 106 carries for 797 yards and eight trips to the end zone and numbers five touchdowns among his 22 pass receptions. Sophomore Jared Holien has zeroed in on 61 of 117 passes for 1,016 yards and 15 TDs. Logan Einck is one of seven Warriors to snare a scoring

pass. He has 10 among his 29 receptions for 673 yards. Sender has had a solid year punting, averaging over 37 yards per try. Senior Tanner Hageman and junior Matt Schmelzer headline a proud defense that has 113 tackles for losses. Hageman has been in on 140 stops and Schmelzer 100. The South Winneshiek defensive clan has 16 interceptions and 15 fumble recoveries.

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PROBABLE STARTERS

WEST BRANCH OFFENSE						SOUTH WINNESHIEK DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt	Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt
TE	15	Logan Murry	11	6-4	200	DE	70	Aaron Ashbacher	12	6-3	200
T	61	Clay Cook	11	6-4	210	DT	52	Matt Schmelzer	11	5-10	195
T	70	Jake Joens	12	6-3	240	DT	71	Austin Ashbacher	10	6-3	225
G	50	Jack Rummells	12	6-5	240	DE	73	Chris Bollerman	12	6-5	195
G	62	Derrick Miller	10	5-8	190	LB	45	Matt Meyer	10	5-10	175
C	79	Mitch Moon	12	6-0	195	LB	1	Dakota Smith	12	5-9	230
QB	10	Travis Kaufman	12	5-8	170	LB	22	Tanner Hageman	12	6-1	205
FB	44	Jayson Madsen	12	5-11	180	LB	54	Nolan Hageman	12	6-3	200
RB	20	Cole Kelly	12	5-11	185	C	16	Dominik Lensing	11	5-11	165
WB	17	Rilen Carew	11	6-1	175	FS	25	Danny Sender	12	5-11	185
WO	3	Jordan O'Neil	12	5-9	170	C	15	Logan Einck	12	6-3	180
P	19	Brandon Young	10	5-10	165						
PK	19	Brandon Young	10	5-10	165	KO	25	Danny Sender	12	5-11	185

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QB	14	Jared Holien	10	6-2	200	E	25	Jake Rozinek	12	5-8	170
RB	5	Jordan Andera	12	6-0	185	E	15	Logan Murry	11	6-4	200
RB	25	Danny Sender	12	5-11	185	T	50	Jack Rummells	12	6-5	240
WR	15	Logan Einck	12	6-3	180	T	63	Logan Avant	11	6-0	180
WR	16	Dominik Lensing	11	5-11	165	LB	79	Mitch Moon	12	6-0	195
WR	10	Jon Hackman	12	6-3	200	LB	21	Eli Elliott	10	5-11	195
LT	54	Nolan Hageman	12	6-3	200	LB	44	Jayson Madsen	12	5-11	180
LG	70	Aaron Ashbacher	12	6-3	200	C	17	Rilen Carew	11	6-1	175
C	52	Matt Schmelzer	11	5-10	195	C	20	Cole Kelly	12	5-11	185
RG	71	Austin Ashbacher	10	6-3	225	S	10	Travis Kaufman	12	5-8	170
RT	61	Nick Schmelzer	10	6-2	200	S	3	Jordan O'Neil	12	5-9	170
P	25	Danny Sender	12	5-11	185						
PK	25	Danny Sender	12	5-11	185	KO	19	Brandon Young	10	5-10	165

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ROAD TO THE DOME: Saint Albert (12-0) has taken home three championship trophies (2004, 2006, and 2007) after finishing second in 2003. This is the school's 21st playoff trip and their 13th in succession. It also marks the ninth time they have made it to the semifinal round. The second-rated Falcons closest encounter was a 24-21 quarterfinal win over West Lyon, Inwood. That came after throttling West Sioux and Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn to run their season offensive average to 42.7 ppg against a stingy defensive clip of 12.8 ppg. Saint Albert brings a playoff record of 30-17 to the game. Fourth-rated Prairie Valley made their playoff debut last fall and advanced to the semifinals so the Warriors are two for two. They outscored Nodaway Valley, Manson-Northwest Webster and Woodward-Granger 115-15 in the post season to stay perfect at 12-0. PV brings a playoff record of 4-1 into the game.

ST. ALBERT, COUNCIL BLUFFS FALCONS		PRAIRIE VALLEY, GOWRIE WARRIORS	
Glenwood	31-12	Southern Cal, Lake City	23-13
Lewis Central	31-12	Southeast Webster-Grand, Burnside	57-6
West Monona, Onawa	59-19	Woodward-Granger	35-8
Underwood	38-6	Manson-Northwest Webster	28-8
Tri-Center, Neola	44-7	Audubon	38-19
Riverside, Oakland	41-0	Guthrie Center	35-0
Clarinda Academy	72-6	Ogden	41-6
Griswold	41-21	West Central Valley, Stuart	42-0
Logan-Magnolia	35-14	Panorama, Panora	41-18
West Sioux, Hawarden (substate)	52-13	Nodaway Valley, Greenfield (substate)	41-7
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn (first round)	44-22	Manson-Northwest Webster (first round)	40-8
West Lyon, Inwood (quarterfinals)	24-21	Woodward-Granger (quarterfinals)	34-0
<i>Offense: 512/42.7</i>		<i>Offense: 455/37.9</i>	
<i>Defense: 153/12.8</i>		<i>Defense: 93/7.8</i>	

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THE COACHES: Falcons' Coach Kevin Culjat is a 1982 St. Albert graduate and is in his first year. His staff includes Mike Kayl and six former players of the Falcons – Vince Rew (1986), Jake Driver (1998), Tony Stuntz (1999), Pat Ryan (2000) Jerrad Mitchell (2000) and Zac Gradoville (2003). Mike Swieter is in his six year of resurrecting the Warriors' grid program and is 37-24 to boost his nine year career record to 55-35. The Hampton-Dumont graduate who received his degree from William Penn coached the Lakeland Raiders previously. His staff includes Jeff Kruse, Bill Rahm, Jon Eastman and Jim Duncan.

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GAME SNAPSHOT: As talented as these two teams are on defense, this game could have a lot of offensive fireworks. Both have quality skilled people and offensive lines that can spring ball carriers. St. Albert boasts one of the top talents in western Iowa and in Class 1A in the person of all around athlete Jake Waters. The 6-2 senior has over 2,000 yards total offense. He has connected on 92 of 143 aerials for 1,465 yards and 25 TDs while being intercepted only twice. He has rushed for 551 yards and five touchdowns. His supporting task has stepped up often. Jake Gentile has romped for 735 and 11 TDs while averaging over 7 yards per carry. Andrew Brown chips in 648 yards and 12 scores. Brown has also caught three scoring passes. Topping the catch corps is Steve O'Neill who has 27 receptions for 507 yards and 14 TDs, while Paul Johnson has snared 26 for 362 yards and six touchdowns. Defensively the Falcons have a remarkable 41 take-a-way including 21 aerial thefts. O'Neil leads the high-jacking crew with eight, while 12 players have at least one fumble recovery. Junior Gabe Meis is the newest of a long line of quality place kickers. He has 57 PATs and has connected on seven of eight field goal attempts with a long of 47. Brown's punting has been solid, averaging 37 yards per boot. The Warriors counter with Jon Elmore's rushing and Cole Jaeschke's aerial show. In week seven the senior duo set an Iowa mark when they each reached the career 4,000 yard plateau in their specialty in the same game. For this fall Elmore has been a workhorse with 321 carries for 1,747 yards and 25 rushing TDs. That elevates his career total to 4,731 yards and 67 end zone jaunts. Jaeschke has completed 81 of 153 passes for 1,609 yards and 26 touchdowns to lift his total to 4,801 yards and 46 scores. (The duo has a combined 9,532 career yards – nearly 5.5 miles.) Junior Caden Duncan has 112 carries for 766 yards and nine touchdowns and

Mike Martin (32 catches for 705 yards and 10 TDs) and Keaton Martin (26 receptions for 615 yards and eight touchdowns) lead the receiving corps. Defensively the Warriors have 31 take-a-ways with 20 interceptions – four each by Keaton and Mike Martin. Tucker Kehoe has 49 successful PATs and a 29 yard field goal, while Jaeschke has averaged 36 yards per punt.

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PROBABLE STARTERS

ST. ALBERT OFFENSE						PRAIRIE VALLEY DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt	Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt
WR	2	Paul Johnson	12	5-10	170	NG	74	Nick Lantz	12	6-0	220
WR	4	Stephen O'Neill	11	5-11	165	T	79	Tucker Kehoe	11	6-2	240
RB	5	Andrew Brown	12	5-11	180	T	50	Justin Brinkman	12	6-3	220
QB	15	Jake Waters	12	6-2	205	DE	9	Nate Schill	11	6-2	185
RB	26	Jake Gentile	11	6-1	190	DE	52	Dillon Vosika	12	6-4	185
TE	6	Mickey Russell	11	6-1	190	LB	83	Mike Martin	12	6-2	180
TE	80	Jesse Parks	11	6-5	210	LB	88	Derek Lewis	12	6-1	175
OL	53	Marco Naughton	10	6-1	240	LB	84	Cole Jacobson	12	6-0	180
OL	56	Rick Romano	12	6-0	195	LB	3	Curtis Anderson	11	6-2	165
OL	57	Scott Moran	11	5-11	185	DB	12	Keaton Martin	12	6-1	175
OL	72	Eric Golwitzer	12	6-0	190	DB	25	Caden Duncan	11	5-11	170
P	5	Andrew Brown	12	5-11	180						
PK	18	Gabe Meis	11	6-1	170	KO	79	Tucker Kehoe	11	6-2	240

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RB	2	Jon Elmore	12	5-9	170	LB	3	Ian Finn	12	5-7	155
FB	25	Caden Duncan	11	5-11	170	DB	4	Stephen O'Neill	11	5-11	165
C	60	Eli Wellman	12	5-5	180	LB	5	Andrew Brown	12	5-11	180
RG	74	Nick Lantz	12	6-0	220	LB	6	Mickey Russell	11	6-1	185
RT	71	Tanner Kehoe	12	6-2	210	DB	26	Jake Gentile	11	6-1	190
LG	50	Justin Brinkman	12	6-3	220	LB	55	Kevin Russell	11	5-9	160
LT	79	Tucker Kehoe	11	6-2	240	DL	54	Matt Butcher	12	6-1	195
TE	83	Mike Martin	12	6-2	180	DL	56	Rick Romano	12	6-0	195
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SE	84	Cole Jacobson	12	6-0	180	DL	80	Jesse Parks	11	6-5	210
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