

Maple Grove Red Dragons Dominates in 2008 and Claims it's 2nd State Football Title

The Maple Grove Red Dragons dominated each opponent with an wide opened offense which set a Section 6 record of 661 points and allowing 114 points, to claim their 2nd State Championship in their history (1998), making the margin of victory a whopping 42.1 points per game. During the playoffs they started out with a 70-0 win over Brocton, the sectional semis were against rival Randolph which ended with a 49-14 verdict. Then came to the Section 6 Championship game with Clymer at Ralph Wilson Stadium which the Dragons overcame a size difference to overtake the Pirates 48-13. Onto the Far West Regional Game at UB Stadium against Section 5 Champ the Dundee Scots, again the Dragons put the game away at halftime which every 10 games before was done. The final score was 57-12. The State Semi Final game was against the Walton Warriors defending Class D state Champion, being much bigger than the Dragons, the quickness of MG's Offense and Defense left the Warriors in the dust of snow that fell that night. Leading at half 28-6 the Walton faithful were getting colder. Maple Grove stunned the number #1 state ranked team 49-14. Which sets up the State Championship Game at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

The Moriah Vikings from Port Henry, N.Y., which represents Section 7 in the Champlain Area would be the next victim for the Red Dragons. The Red Dragons took the opening Kickoff 58 yards in 6 plays with a 13 yard run by MVP player of the game, QB Chris Secky. After MG kicked off Moriah fumbled at their own 13 yard line and took only three plays to reach the end zone by a 4 yard run by Sr. Jake Larson. Then a four and out Moriah punted and the Dragons ended up with great field position at mid field, on a 6 play drive Secky takes to the end zone on a 3 yard scamper. As like a broken record in the past 12 games, The Vikings couldn't believe what was happening, with 4:31 left in the 1st quarter they were down 21-0. On the first play of the 2nd quarter, Branden Fain blocked Moriahs punt and he recovered it on their 4 yard line. First play Jake Larson gets his 2nd TD of the game. With the score 28-0, again the Dragons held the Vikings. So Coach Curt Fischer thought he would show off his other part of his Offense with the next three scores coming thru his aerial attack which included 1st Team All Western NY Wide Receiver Joe Caporale, having touchdown receptions of 63, 48, and 62 respectfully. Moriah got on the scoreboard in the Fourth Quarter with a 10 yard run by Ron Schofield

with Mike Brassard kicking the extra point. Maple Grove finished the scoring with a 8 yard run by Sophomore Brett Tordoff.

Honors of the Game for Maple Grove:

Adam Hover –Sportsmanship Award

Andrew Wascher-Most Valuable Offensive Lineman

Matt Fox- Most Valuable Defensive Lineman

Jake Larson- Most Valuable Running Back.

Chris Secky- Most Valuable Player,2 rushing TD,Threw for 3 TD & 7 Xtra Points

Senior Lineman Cory Gens was on the top twelve list Trench Award Winner in Western NY.

Chris Secky Passed for 1815 yards 23 Touchdowns and threw only one interception all year. Rushed for 8 TD's and a Special Teams TD. Set a Ralph Wilson record in passing going 10 for 10 for 266 yards. Kicked 73 Extra Points which is a Section6 record and ranks him 2nd in the state for most extra points kicked in a season. 1st Team All Western NY.

Joe Caporale ended the season with 45 receptions for 1134 yards and 14 touchdowns and setting a record for 182 yards receiving in a state championship game at the Dome. 1st Team All Western NY.

Jake Larson rushed for 1514 yards and 30 Touchdowns for the season.

Coach Curt Fischer Buffalo Bills HS Coach of the Week Award. Week 3

Buffalo Bills HS Coach of the Year

Career Record 138-33 80.9% 17 years

As one of the sportswriters wrote from Syracuse, this team will go down as one of the most dominating High School Football Team in New York State history.

A side note: The two teams one from Bemus Point the other from Port Henry were the furthest teams in miles ever to compete in a state championship game 441 miles apart. Its closer from Bemus Point NY to South Bend, Indiana(Notre Dame) than to Port Henry.