



8-23-19: Hornets Roll to 32-12 Win to Open Season



The Ware Sholas Hornets opened the Chris Johnston era last Friday night with a 32-12 win over the Oakbrook Prep Knights up in Spartanburg.

The Hornets won the toss and elected to defer to the second half... On the second play from scrimmage the Hornet's Jermarius Goodman intercepted a Knight pass and raced about 54 yards for a pick six with 11:27 left in the first quarter... The PAT failed so the Hornets led 6-0 early... Neither team could gain traction the rest of the quarter and as the score stood 6-0 Hornets at the end of the first quarter.

With about 7:55 left in the second quarter the Knights managed to get on the board on a pass but the Hornets' Ethan West blocked the PAT attempt so the score remained 6-6

The Hornets scored again with 56 seconds left in the half as J. Goodman capped a 60 yard drive with a 1 yard TD run... The Hornets went for 2 points and the attempt failed keeping the score at 12-6 Hornets... That is also the score at the half.

The Hornets scored about as quickly as you can to open the second half as David Blakely returned the kickoff about 70 yards for the score... Alan Pedraza added the PAT to make it 19-6 Hornets.

The Hornets forced the Knights to punt at the end of their first possession of the second half taking over on their own 11 yard line with 11:00 minutes left in the quarter... The Hornets then started down the field and scored on a 59 yard run by Dana Givens at eh 9:17 mark of the third quarter... Pedraza again made the PAT to make it 26-6 Hornets.

Oakbrook returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 23 yard line and then on the first play their running back broke loose on a 67 yard TD run... The PAT failed so the score stood 26-12 with 8:59 left in the third quarter.

The Hornets scored their last TD on a 33 yard TD run by J. Goodman giving him 3 TDs on the night... The point conversion failed and the score stood 32 – 12 with 1:50 left in the third quarter...

The Hornet offense sputtered the rest of the game but the defense did step up to stop the Knights Just before the end of the third quarter Adam Hicks recovered a Knight fumble and about halfway through the fourth quarter Jalen Coates intercepted another Knight pass.