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Tonsfeldt, Snobl Lead Trojans To Section Championship



Hunter Anderson make a sure handed open field tackle on a Nugget ball carrier.

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The Barnesville Trojans squared off against the Hawley Nuggets for the Section 8AA football championship for the third straight season. Barnesville was also seaching for their third straight victory and looking to avenge an earlier season 19-18 loss to the Nuggets.

Barnesville would capture both as the Trojans played four quarters of hard, physical football to wear down the Nuggets behind quarterback Adam Tonsfeldt's 15 carries for 142 yards and two scores, while completing one pass covering 60 yards that seemed to turn the game into Barnesville's favor. Back up quarterback, Preston Snobl had three touchdown runs, as well, to propel the Trojans to the victory by the score of 34-23, sending Barnesville into the State football playoffs for the third straight season.

"I could not be any more proud of the effort of the Trojan football team and our coaching staff tonight," stated Head Coach Bryan Strand. "We played four quarters of football and came away with the victory. Adam Tonsfeldt had the game of his life, leading us on both sides of the ball, as did Preston Snobl. Our offensive and defensive lines were outstanding and our special teams play was excellent too. The kids executed our game plan tonight, making big plays that led us to the victory.

"It was such an up and down game with so much emotion by both teams. I felt we played consistent in every aspect of the game. I was very impressed with our defense tonight holding Hawley to 242 total yards, which included a lucky bounce for a score that should have been an interception. But those things happen and we overcame that play by continuing to pound the football, driving down the field and putting the game away with Tonsfeldt's touchdown run.

These kids have worked their tails off since last summer to get themselves into this position. They continue to work hard every day and deserve this trophy with the efforts they have shown the whole season. This was a fantastic win, our third straight section championship," Coach Strand concluded.

The game did not start out on the right foot for the Trojans as they were forced to punt on their first possession, giving the Nuggets a short field to work with to start the

game.

Hawley quickly moved the ball down the field using both the run and the pass. Treyton Cossette took an option pitch to the one-yard line where quarterback, Jacob Vetter bullied into the end zone for the game's first score. Mason Klevgaard would add the extra point for a 7-0 Hawley lead.

Barnesville had a good drive going on their second possession before a fumble stopped the drive at the Nugget 31 yard line. But the Trojan defense would step up two plays later as linebacker, Aaron Schiefert stepped in front of a Nugget pass for an interception that he returned back to the 31 yard line, giving the Trojans some momentum that they badly needed.

It was not easy, but the Trojans used a 10 play drive before putting the ball in the end zone as Snobl took a shotgun, wishbone formation snap and rolled right for a touchdown from five yards out. Tonsfeldt would add the two-point conversion that gave Barnesville an 8-7 lead.

Barnesville would force a punt and had another nice drive stopped with another fumble that gave the Nuggets the ball close to the 50-yard line. Hawley would connect on a long pass to move the ball deep into Trojan territory and score on a Vetter to Chase Libak pass play covering nine yards for their second touchdown. Klevgaard would add the PAT for a 14-8 Nuggets lead.

The Trojans next offensive possession saw the team facing a 3rd and 19 play after a holding penalty.



Preston Snobl on his way to one of his three touchdowns for the night.

Barnesville pulled out a new play from the play book that saw Tonsfeldt complete a wheel route pass to a wide open Chase Brenner that saw Brenner race to the Nugget 17-yard line before has was tackled.

That play pumped life back into the Trojan offense as they began to assert their will on the line, pushing their way to the end zone. First, Kellen Hinsz would take a reverse and power his way to the nine for an eight yard gain. That play was followed up by a Nick Detloff run up the middle, as he bull dozed his way to the three-yard line.

Detloff would plow to the one on the next play with Snobl taking in a quarterback sneak for a one-yard touchdown run. Tonsfeldt would once again net the two-point conversion run that made the score 16-14 Barnesville.

The Trojan defense would force a quick punt getting the offense the ball back, with Brenner taking the first carry from the Trojan 32 yard line to the Nugget 26 for a big 42-yard run. The Trojans could taste another score as the line play of center Jackson Poepping, guards, Connor Morse and Jonny Robideaux, tackles Matt Samuelson and Gabe Dent and ends Hunter Zenzen and Snobl, as well as the blocking of the backs Hunter Anderson, Brenner, Detloff, Hinsz and Tonsfeldt, pushed the pile and gained yards in chunks.

Detloff would gain 11 yards on the next play that put the ball on the 15-yard line before Snobl took another shotgun snap and raced around the right edge, into the end zone for the touchdown. The two-point conversion play looked to be good, but the ball ended up on the turf for no score. However, the Trojans had taken a 22-14 lead that they would take into the half.

The Nuggets opened the second half with the ball and got a big 40 yard run from Gunnar Lawson that took the ball to the Trojan two-yard line. A penalty would back up the Nuggets and turn out to be a big play as Barnesville's defense stiffened and forced a 23 yard Klevgaard field goal that was good making the score 22-17.

The Trojan's first possession of the second half saw them get back to the ground and pound game. Tonsfeldt tallied the last 45 yards on a 17-yard run and a beautiful 28-yard touchdown run that saw him hurdle some bodies, making a great cut and running to the end zone untouched. The two-point conversion was called no good as the Trojans had taken a 28-17 lead.

Hawley's next series would see them move the ball down the field netting a pair of defensive encroachment penalties that kept their drive alive. They would also get a fortuitous bounce on a broken play that saw Barnesville swarm Vetter as he heaved up a pass that should have been picked off. However, the ball would bounce off of the defender's finger tips and land in the waiting hands of Hawley's Noah Glad who was five yards ahead as he corralled the ball and stepped into the end zone for a touchdown. The Trojan defense would deny the two-point conversion that made the score 28-23 with one quarter left to play in this historic rivalry.

After both defenses stiffened forcing a pair of punts on each of the next four possessions, Hawley tried to go for a trick play with a fake punt, but the pass was knocked down giving the Trojans the ball at the Nugget 37 yard line.

With the Trojans sensing victory, it would only take one play for Barnesville to hit pay dirt. A huge



Adam Tonsfeldt goes high in the air to pull down an interception of a Nugget pass. Their play really took the wind out of the Hawley offense. Kellen Hinsz and Aaron Scheifert also played a big part in the play.

hole was blown open by the Trojan offensive lineman for Tonsfeldt to take a keeper through. Add in some outstanding blocks by lead back Hinsz, guard Dent and end Zenzen and Tonsfeldt could see the end zone. He only had to make one cut to make as he raced in for a 37-yard touchdown, his second score of the game. The two-point conversion pass was incomplete, but the Trojans had taken a commanding 34-23 lead late in the game.

The Trojan defense would not allow any big plays before ending the game with a couple of their own as a great defense play saw Vetter's fourth down pass end with a Tonsfeldt interception.

The Trojan offense would take some much-needed time off the clock before being stopped on downs. But the Trojans would quickly force a fumble that would be recovered by Brooks Martinson to end the game as Barnesville's offense went into victory formation to run out the clock and give the Trojans their third consecutive Section 8AA title.

The Trojans finished the game with 385 yards of total offense, netting 325 yards on the ground and 60 yards through the air, while holding Hawley to 242 total yards of offense with 157 yards coming on the ground and 85 yards with the pass. Barnesville netted three turnovers for the game.

Other offensive individual statistics include Brenner who tallied 63 yards rushing on eight carries with one reception for 60 yards, with Detloff adding 55 yards rushing on 11 carries.

Hinsz added 32 yards rushing on seven carries with Snobl netting 21 yards on four carries and three touchdowns, while Anderson finished with 12 yards on three carries.

Defensively, the Trojans were led by Joey Mark, Brooks Martinson and Preston Snobl. Mark finished with seven total tackles (3 solo, 4 assisted) including one for loss, while adding three tackles on kicks.

Martinson tallied nine tackles (5s,4a), a fumble recovery and a tackle on a kick, with Snobl netting nine tackles (2s,7a) with one for

loss, a sack and a tackle on a kick.

Zenzen finished with seven tackles (1s,6a) including one for loss, a sack and a tackle on a kick, with Tonsfeldt adding four tackles (2s,2a), one for a loss and an interception, while Anderson tallied five tackles (2s,3a), a tipped pass and a tackle on a kick, with Schiefert adding an interception for the Trojans defense.

The win improves the Trojans record to 9-2 on the season. They will travel to Brainerd on Friday, November 9 to take on Moose Lake-Willow River who won the Section 7AA title with a 22-6 victory over Royalton. Game time is slated for 7:00 p.m.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	F
Barnesville	8	14	6	6	34
Hawley	7	7	9	0	23

H - Vetter 1-yard run (Klevgaard Kick)
B - Snobl 5-yard run (Tonsfeldt Run)

H - Libak 9-yard pass from Vetter (Klevgaard Kick)

B - Snobl 1-yard run (Tonsfeldt Run)

B - Snobl 15-yard run (Run Failed)

H - Klevgaard 24-yard FG

B - Tonsfeldt 28-yard run (Run Failed)

H - Glad 30-yard pass from Vetter (Pass Failed)

B - Tonsfeldt 37-yard run (Pass Failed)

Individual Statistics
Rushing:
H - NA
B - Detloff 11-55, Brenner 8-63, Snobl 4-21, Hinsz 7-32, Anderson 3-12, Tonsfeldt 15-142

Passing:
H - NA
B - Tonsfeldt 1-2-0=60
Receiving:
H - NA
B - Brenner 1-60



Jackson Poepping is giving this Nugget no additional yards.



Adam Tonsfeldt #5 looks for a hole in the line behind blocks set by Kellen Hinsz, Chase Brenner, Gabe Dent, Jonny Robideau, Hunter Zenzen and Nick Detloff.

Section 8AA Football Tournament

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#3 Roseau

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