



2107 Trojan Season Marked By Solid Play On Offense



Members of the Barnesville Trojan Football team are, left to right, front row - Robert Mark, Brady Martz, Caleb Stetz, Matthew Bredman, Brady Tweeton, Tristan Elliot, Tyler Stage, Joey Marquart, Dom Leu, Jack Trowbridge, Jonny Kletsch, Jalen Plath, Noah Vandal, Alex Jenison;

row two - Student Manager Jacob Strand, Student Manager Christian Lien, Assistant Coach Robbie Strand, Assistant Coach Nate Strand, Assistant Coach Phil Trowbridge, Assistant Coach Scott Snobl, Head Coach Bryan Strand, Assistant Coach Nick Paur, Assistant Coach Dain Biewer, Team Trainer Tessa Martin, Assistant Coach Ace Gregg, Student Manager Jay Tschumperlin, Student

Manager Dawson Gregg;

row three - Brady Kroll, Kaden Zenzen, Jackson Poepping, Firmian Elsholz, Grant Inniger, Owen Lewis, Preston Snobl, Hunter Zenzen, Sam Askegaard, Connor Morse, Blake Ishaug, Matt Samuelson, Brooks Martinson, Brayden Duphorn;

row four - Marcus Paul, Mason Herbranson, Aaron Schiefert, Tanner Kadrmas, Jackson Wahl, Leif Enstad, Toby Elliott, Mason Moen, Ashton Johnson, Hunter Anderson, Cole Swenson, Cameron Heng, Joey Mark;

row five - Adam Tonsfeldt, Jake Affield, Connor Erickson, Logan Ernst, Brayden Becker, Noah Gray, Nolan Rick, Jared Poppel,

Ian Bolgrean, Graham Abarr, Noah Krause, Jacob Morgan, Chase Brenner;

row six - Student Manager Madi Sossa, Student Manager Callie Krause, Wyatt Roller, Eric Ackerson, Travis Affield, Bryce Krueger, Student Manager Allysa Allen, Student Manager Kaitlyn Thompson; Cheer Advisor Randi Trowbridge;

row seven - Cheerleaders Tori Buckhouse, Caroline Redding, Sommer Derro, Lilly Trowbridge, Alexis Abel, Sydney Engel, KayLea Berg, Jaycie George and Jaclyn Keller.

Solid offensive surges, which often led to the Trojans scoring 40 points or more, marked the 2017 season, which was marred by only one loss.

The first two post-season games were pretty much the same story, with decisive victories over Roseau and Crookston.

The Section 8AA championship game versus traditional rival Hawley Nuggets was a different story, but the Trojans hung on. Then, on a cold November night, Paynesville put an end to Trojan hopes of playing at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The first quarter of their opening game versus DGF was not indicative of what was to come during the 2018 season. But midway through the second quarter, Brady Martz got things rolling with a 24-yard scoring run en route to a 27-14 win over the Rebels.

The Trojans got an unexpected rest in week two as Frazee was unable to field a team and were forced to forfeit.

The break didn't affect either the Trojan offense or defense in the next matchup, a 21-0 shutout over the West Central Area Knights.

Staying on the road for the next

game, a 42-14 victory over Pelican Rapids, the Trojans' Jackson Wahl was handed the ball 12 times, ran for 69 yards and scored three touchdowns. He added two, two-point conversions.

Next up was the Trojan homecoming game, which turned into a 54-6 rout over Roseau.

Four times in the game, quarterback Caleb Stetz found end zone targets in Jackson Wahl, Brady Martz, Wahl again and Chase Brenner. Wahl's second TD reception covered 66 yards. Martz scored twice more on runs.

Brady Tweeton lit up a strong

rushing attack in game three that saw three backs gain more than 100 yards each in a 40-20 road victory over Crookston. Tweeton led Barnesville with 14 carries for 139 yards and two scores, with Brady Martz adding 15 carries for 115 yards and a score. Jack Wahl added 14 carries for 104 yards.

Hawley traveled to Barnesville fixed on ending the Trojans 38-game home field winning streak and winning the first Battle for Lee's Paddle, named in memory of a beloved Hawley coach. Although the Trojans held a 14-8 lead after the first quarter, the Nuggets played solidly against the Barnesville defense and took home the paddle with a 48-30 win.

Barnesville returned to their

winning ways when they faced the Breckenridge Cowboys. Tweeton again led the Trojan offense with 22 runs for 192 yards and four TD runs. The Trojans turned a halftime tie into a decisive third quarter lead on their way to a 35-20 win.

The Trojans were more than ready for the 2017 post-season.

Martz scored three touchdowns, while rushing for 165 yards on 13 carries to lift the Barnesville Trojans to a 42-8 first round playoff victory over visiting Roseau.

Crookston put up an early battle before the Trojans took control of the game behind Brady Tweeton's five touchdown runs in Barnesville's 48-24 second round playoff victory.

The Section 8AA Championship game against rival Hawley was

another classic between two great football programs. It looked like overtime would be needed to decide the victor. But that was until Jackson Wahl intercepted a Nugget pass and returned it deep into Trojan territory before netting the go ahead touchdown to secure a 29-22 Barnesville victory, sending the Trojans into the state tournament for the second year in a row.

The Trojans ran into an offensive buzz-saw in Paynesville on a very cold and windy night at Alexandria in the state quarter-final game.

Paynesville dominated the second quarter, scoring 26 unanswered points as turnovers doomed the Trojans in a 58-33 season-ending loss.



Named to the 2017 8AA All-District team were left to right, front row - Caleb Stetz, Brady Martz, Jonny Kletsch, Jackson Wahl, Jackson Poepping; back row - Jack Trowbridge, Hunter Zenzen, Preston Snobl and foreign exchange student Firmian Elsholz.



Named to the 2017 8AA All-Section team were left to right - Hunter Zenzen, Brady Tweeton, Preston Snobl, Brady Martz, Jackson Wahl and Alex Jenison.

Way To Go Trojans!

With You, In Every Edition, Every Step Of The Way!

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