

Glen Lake --

#### 1st Q

Benzie went on defense first and made Glen Lake punt after a short three and out. We took control moved the ball and gained a 1st down. We looked to make another first down with a pass from Stapleton to Gus Tanner but Gus was unable to hang on and we turned the ball over with 5:33 left on the clock. Glen Lake took over on downs and went the length of the field and scored making it 0-7 with 1:48 remaining. The kick receive team lost 3 yards on the return which put Benzie in poor field position. Three plays later there was a fumble between the exchange with Stapleton and Wixson which was recovered by Glen Lake in the 10 with :56 second left in the quarter. They scored on a quarterback run by Sneed which gave them 13 points. In their attempt to kick a field goal they botched the snap picked up and ran around the left side and scored 2 points ending the quarter 0-15.

#### 2nd Q

Benzie was given another shot at scoring with 8:15 on the clock and were fortunate to get a first down with a penalty committed by Glen Lake. Two pass attempts by Stapleton were incomplete and punted the ball away. Benzie dug in defensively and forced Glen Lake to punt but again on a botched snap to their punter they were able to scoop the ball from the turf run outside the Glen Lake wall of defense and lofted up a hail Mary that was caught within the Benzie's 10 yard line. One play later they scored making it 0-21 with 2:38 left. Benzie went for a quick score with little time on the clock but Stapleton's pass was intercepted on third down. Glen Lake turned the ball back over to Benzie with: 44 seconds remaining in the half. Stapleton hooked up with Sophomore Shane Roelofs for two back to back passes that chewed up 22 yards and valuable clock time. Stapleton then ran for another 9 yards before he threw a 9 yard touchdown pass to Gus Tanner. Benzie attempted the two point conversion and with all receivers covered Stapleton tucked the ball away and ran in himself. Looking to be short on the run Stapleton being the ever wise and talented player reached out and stretched the ball over the goal line to make it 8-21 ending the quarter.

#### 3rdQ

Following the half time intermission Benzie returned the open kick-off 18 yards and looked to get something started to get back in the game. Unfortunately they were forced to punt. Benzie's defense finally came to play and made Glen Lake punt. Benzie took over and began an impressive pounding the ball against Glen Lake's defense. Benzie was able to accumulate 4 first downs consumed a tremendous amount of clock time and was gaining confidence in their ability to move the ball. Tanner piled on 28 hard earned yards running behind the blocks of tackle Jacob Cox and running back Roelofs. With the ball on the 5 yard line, 1st and goal, Stapleton was given the go ahead to take the ball in and score but was unfortunately denied that benefit as the ball fumbled and Glen Lake recovered with 3:10 left in the quarter. The quarter came to an end with the score 8-21.

#### 4th Q

Throughout the 4th quarter Benzie would attempt to capitalize on their possession of the ball but was unable to sustain any drive with incomplete passes and an interception. As time ran out the final score was 8-21.

#### Defensively

Once again the defense was led by Linebacker Ryan Wixson who made huge contributions to the team with 16 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. Ryan was supported in tackling arena by Gavin Sauer with 10 and Robert Hopkins with 11. Other contributors were Mike Melton, Parker Nugent, Jacob Fekete and Nick Long.

#### Comments

Benzie totaled 163 yards passing and rushing and compiled 10 first downs for the night. Stapleton was 5 for 13 for 41 yards with 1 touchdown and 2 interceptions. Benzie running backs rushed for 122 yards with 42 attempts.

Overall I am disappointed in our efforts tonight. Our guys are way better than this score or effort showed. The ball was fumbled three times in the night and we haven't put the ball on the ground in practice or a contest in the last three weeks. Mental errors are devastating to our group. We have this Friday night curse whereby we seem to make mistakes early in the ball game; basically giving our opponent great opportunities to score and then we have to dig our way out this hole the rest of the game. On the positive ...we didn't commit near the penalties that we have in the past couple of weeks. We found that our Sophomore Shane Roelofs is finally healthy which enables us to utilize his talents in running and catching the ball. Furthermore as a group in the second half we found that our defense stepped up and didn't allow any more points by the Lakers. We also saw that our offense, when blocked properly can move the ball. I'll say this. When the mental errors are diminished and we play to our fullest potential and execute the way I know these young guys can. Watch out...success will surely be ours.