

NEWS: 98 YARD DRIVE LIFTS TIGERS OVER HAVERFORD

The Marple Newtown Tigers made Homecoming 2007 a night to remember, as they defeated the Haverford Fords 14-7 at Harry Harvey Field. The win kept Marple Newtown in the District 1 AAA playoff hunt, while Haverford's loss may have ended their playoff aspirations.

The Tigers (6-3, 5-3) struck first, blocking a punt on Haverford's first possession and scoring 2 plays later. Haverford (6-3, 5-3) answered back with a touchdown on the next possession to tie the game 7-7. Both teams failed to score for the remainder of the half.

John Gallagher could not keep his footing on the opening kickoff of the second half and the ball was downed on the Tigers own 2 yard line. The Tigers offense methodically drove 98 yards, eating up over 9 minutes of clock, to take a 14-7 lead on John Rutecki's touchdown run. The drive was kept alive on a clutch fourth down conversion by John Gallagher to put the ball within the Fords 25 yard-line.

As the rain increased, the Tigers defense remained steady, holding Haverford scoreless in the second half. Jay Trio recovered 2 fumbles for the Tigers, stopping Haverford drives in the fourth quarter. The Fords attempted to make a comeback in the game's final minute, but a sack by Pete Massaro dashed their hopes as time expired.

Marple Newtown will host Conestoga (7-1, 6-1) on Friday, November 2 at 7:00 PM. Senior night ceremonies will take place before the game.