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Oshkosh Flyers Travel to Hartford

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The Oshkosh Flyers Football Club took three of four games from the Hartford Orioles this past Saturday in games played at Hartford Town Hall.

Defense was the name of the game for the 5th grade Flyers who posted a 20-0 win. Led by Nolan Martell, the defense controlled the line of scrimmage most of the day. Key plays by Wyatt Mraz and Carson Faust led to an early score with Faust taking it in from 2 yards out. Reed Yoder and Logan Henke also hit paydirt after catching short passes and finding the end zone, each from 25 yards out. Grant Abraham and Cameron Sorenson caught passes to convert PAT's for the young Flyers. Head coach, Andrew Spanbauer was ecstatic with his team's performance. "Today was a great day for this team. Not only did our defense play well as it has all year, but the offense executed plays. Our coaches are very proud of these boys, their dedication to practice and game day effort," said Spanbauer.

The 6th grade Flyers lost a heartbreaker by a score of 6-0. With time running out, the offense mounted one last drive to the Hartford 3 yard line only to have a deflected pass intercepted by the Orioles and returned the length of the field for the winning score as time expired. Despite the difficult loss, head coach, Jeff Franklin had praise for his team. "I am very proud of our team's effort this week, as well as how they conducted themselves following this disappointing loss. Offensively, we continue to struggle but our defense performed well," said Franklin. The Flyers received solid performances from Cody Meuler and Noah Schmidt.

"Overall, a fantastic effort by our entire team," was how 7th grade head coach, Bob Dahl described his squad's 28-0 victory. The Flyers used a balanced attack, mixing the run and pass effectively throughout the game. Billy Courchene threw scoring passes to Paul Egan and Andrew Steinert while Michael Lor and Josh Boyce finished off drives with rushing touchdowns. According to Dahl, "The offensive line did a terrific job all day long. The defense was shaky early in the game but made big plays when they needed to."

"We have been getting better every week and that's all we expect," said 8th grade head coach, Steve Frank following his team's dominant 32-0 win. Isaac Xiong stepped in at quarterback and fired two touchdown passes to match two Trevor Wenig rushing scores. Not to be outdone, the defense also put points on the board with Logan Handy doing his best Charles Woodson impression, taking one of his two picks in for a touchdown. "Our defense took control of the game with multiple turnovers and numerous tackles in the backfield. It was good to see the offense click and the defense step up and take charge," said Frank. Spencer Lemon and Logan Ohlsson led the defensive charge with several tackles and assists.

The Flyers return to action this Saturday, October 3rd as they travel to Oconomowoc.