Football rewrite the record books, beats Lafayette 63-53

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It was a game that rewrite the record books. In front of a myriad of students and parents, the Holy Cross football squad improved its Patriot League record to 3-0 last Saturday with a record setting victory over Lafayette, 63-53. The offensive front that both teams managed to exact upon one another amassed a total of 1132 total yards on the day that accounted for 20 new, tied, or broken Patriot League win column.

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by sophomore Matt Van Doren. Van Doren burst down the right side line, avoided the pursuing Hall and brought Lafayette within two at 35-33. Glavic's pass to complete the two-point conversion was thwarted by the Holy Cross defense, and the final seconds of a wild first half ticked away. After opening the half 8-8 on his first three drives, Glavic finished 25-31 for 331 yards.

As both teams took the field for the second half, defensive adjustments produced a full in the scoring but only for a short time. Hall began looking to the ground and corralled his efforts with senior running back Calvin Soudier. Soudier eventually darted his way through the Cougars and into the end zone from 13 yards out to add his name to the scoring sheet. He lead all rushing on the day producing 136 yards from 21 carries.

Glavic would not be intimidated, and answered Soudier with a five yard pass to sophomore tight end Tim Walsh to close the gap once again to two at 42-40. Holy Cross' next drive was thwarted when quarterback Artie Grutt was shutdown on fourth and one and the Cougars took over on downs. The oppressed Crusader defense made its presence known, however. On first down, Glavic's passing attempt was tipped by the hand of senior linebacker Joel Lenzini and into the hands of sophomore John Carr who recovered his first interception. Hall would eventually run the ball in himself to extend the HC lead to nine. At this point, the junior QB had accounted for six of the Crusaders' seven touchdowns. Carr, however, was not finished. On the proceeding Lafayette drive, he picked off Glavic again, this time finishing the job himself by marching 52 yards downfield and tapping the nail into the Caps coffin with his first career touchdown.

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Brady, whose solid play in practice and exhibition games prompted the Patriots to elevate him to second string and cut Michael Bishop, is 3-1 as a starter since taking over for Bledsoe. Brady is making a good impression. As we all know, sometimes it is easier to win the affection of your opponents than it is to win the affection of New England sports fans.

But Brady has done it all. Not only does he have the attention of his teammates and opponents, he has even won over the New England fans and media with his clutch play and classy attitude. So what does all this mean? This means the Patriots could have quite a controversy on their hands when Bledsoe returns. Bledsoe, who signed a 10-year, $101 million contract extension in the off-season, has been on the sidelines since September 23 when he suffered internal injuries against the New York Jets.

Simply, New England is paying Bledsoe a lot of money, but Brady has established himself as a stellar quarterback in his own right. On the season, Bledsoe is 0-2 while Brady is 3-1. However, we have to take a look at the emergence of running back Antowain Smith and all that he has done to improve the Patriot’s offense. Many people would say that Bledsoe did not have a strong running component to work with, but Brady does not completely rely on Smith - he is still getting the job done with his passing game.

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