

# FOOTBALL

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football, the Bulldogs played state-ranked Bishop Ludden in Week 2 instead of their Cider Street rivals and lost 46-7. A week later, they gave West Canada Valley a game for a while, only to lose 27-14.

"We were 0-and-3, but we were very competitive with Frankfort and the West Canada game was 7-6 at the half," Gates said. "We just made a couple of mistakes in the second half of that game, and we're not a good enough football team right now to make mistakes and still win.

"We knew it was going to be a struggle, those first three games, but we were able to take a lot of positives from those (Frankfort and West Canada) games. Now, we're going to try to do our own thing in our division. Hopefully, we're on the right track."

When Gates sent his usual "general outlook for the season" to the local media in mid-August, he listed this team's "overall inexperience at the skill positions" as one of his primary concerns. At quarterback, Sweeney had started only one game last year. But in one quarter, he threw three touchdown passes and Westmoreland beat Morrisville-Eaton/Hamilton 37-0, and he has been on target more often than not again this season.

Sweeney threw a touchdown pass to Cory Andron and he ran for another score in Friday's win at Beaver River. He also threw his first interception in more than 80 attempts, "and that was a pass play I shouldn't have called, so I'll take the blame

for that," Gates said.

Junior fullback Dominick Russello also returned this season with limited experience, but Friday he rushed for 134 yards on 22 carries and scored three touchdowns. Mike Allogio, another junior, added 62 yards on 11 carries.

"We did a good job executing the game plan," Gates said, the Bulldogs able to establish the run thanks to center Collin Arquette, guards Andrew Scalise and Cam Rothdiener, and tackles Will Carroll IV and Russell Schreck. "We saw some things they were giving us so we kept at it and the kids kept getting more and more confident."

Defensively, three-year starter Arquette has been "pretty much unblockable" at inside linebacker. He had eight tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery in the win over Beaver River. Russello is also among the team's top tacklers, and Westmoreland's other three-year starter — two-way senior standout Donte Hubal — tight end Andron, and split end Joe Schreck are the leading receivers for the Bulldogs, who travel to Morrisville on Friday night and then host Sauquoit Valley and Waterville.

## Notre Dame kicker turns center of attention

From the bleachers, much of what Tom Roefaro did to help Notre Dame beat New Hartford 21-7 in Saturday's Class B East game at Brother Victor McCarthy Memorial Stadium must have gone unnoticed. It was not unappreciated.

Teammates and coaches let that be known, loud and clear, after Roefaro — a 5-foot-8, 165-pound place

kicker and backup receiver and linebacker — played the whole game at center.

"There was an open spot, and it was going to help the team, so I told the coaches, 'I'll do it,'" he said.

"The spot was wide-open for whoever wanted it and he volunteered," Notre Dame head coach Jake DerCola said. "That's the definition of a team player right there."



Roefaro

Every one of Roefaro's shot-gun snaps to quarterback Treijen Garrett was on target, too. It was 'Victory Formation,' with Garrett behind center for the last-minute kneel-downs, that gave him a little trouble.

"My worst one was my last one," he laughed. "I hit my butt."

## Oh brother, another Enos in Oriskany

Remember Ryan Enos, the school record-setting quarterback who threw and ran for over 1,000 yards as Oriskany's senior quarterback last season? He may be gone — off to play baseball at Oswego State — but little brother Matt Enos has picked up right where Ryan left off.

In Oriskany's 8-man season opener Saturday, the younger Enos completed 13 of 22 passes for 263 yards, including touchdowns to Devon Lacy and Mykal Warcup in a 32-26 win over Cooperstown.

Warcup had five catches for 165 yards, including the 48-yard game-winner from Enos with 1:43 left to play.