

Greater Lowell grounds Lowell Catholic 21-8

Gryphons quarterback scores game-winning touchdown while adding three PATs



Axel Diaz (4) and the Greater Lowell football team managed to give Lowell Catholic the slip, 12-8, Nov. 24 at Chelmsford High. SUN/Julia Malakie

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Chelmsford – Jayson Frasca did it just for the kicks, Wednesday night.

The Greater Lowell sophomore quarterback rushed for the game-winning touchdown, while adding three extra point kicks, as the Gryphons gave Lowell Catholic the boot, 21-8, Nov. 24 at Chelmsford High.

With the win Greater Lowell closed out 2021 with a 4-7 record, while the Crusaders wrapped the season at 6-5.

Freshman running back Averin Chipasueth got the Gryphons ground game going, breaking into the end zone on a 9-yard strike in the opening moments. The rising star rushed 28 times for a game-high 117-yards, including his tenth TD of the season. Frasca added the extra point kick, giving his club the early advantage. The sophomore signal-caller was just getting warmed up. He capped the first stanza with a flurry, breaking through on a 14-yard touchdown scamper, adding his second PAT to take the 14-0 lead. His team never looked back.

Steven Perrin (11-for-70 rushing) provided a little extra insurance, charging one more yard to paydirt in the second quarter, with Frasca adding his extra point hat trick, giving Greater Lowell the 21-0 advantage at halftime.

Lowell Catholic seemed to catch its second wind in the third quarter. Triston Yepdo picked off a Frasca pass, jetting 90-yards on the interception. And when eighth grade quarterback Laden Silton (8-for-13, 168-yards passing) found Andrew Kanakor on the ensuing two-point conversion play, the Crusaders managed to cut the deficit to 21-8.

That's as close as they would get, as the Greater Lowell defense held the Crusaders ground game to a virtual standstill, at -1 yards on 11 carries. Receivers Ryan Penrose (3-for-51) and Riley Nichols (8-for-41) were the bright spots in Lowell Catholic's limited air attack.