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Playoffs bring second chance against Libertyville



Antioch running back Nate Hughes breaks through a hole in the Mundelein defense en route to the Sequoits' 62-28 win over the Mundelein Mustangs. The win enabled the Sequoits' to advance to the IHSA State Tournament. The Sequoits will square off against the Wildcats home field at 7 p.m. tonight.

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The Antioch Sequoits football team has been in a losing slump for the past two years, but this year there is a different story to tell.

Kicking off the season, their spirit was not very high after losing to Niles West. Proceeding to a four game winning streak against Larkin, Wauconda, Round Lake and Lake Forest, however their confidence was uplifted.

When asked how he felt about the team as a whole this year, senior quarterback Randy Frolich said, "Our desire and determination is what helped us succeed our goals."

The Sequoits gained two fresh

running-backs, juniors Nick Nathan and Nate Hughes and returning member senior Tom Rompella. These boys have been beneficial adding speed and agility to the offensive line. Head coach Del Pechauer also agrees that this year a strength these boys have is

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-Chris Kiddoo
Tight End

who could catch and was willing to run. "We gained everything this year," said senior Chris Kiddoo. "We are not concerned about just throwing the ball to our friends, but to someone who will enforce the

play."

As the Sequoits grew closer to the end, they were strong-minded going into what could have been their final game.

Last Saturday the Sequoits defeated the Mundelein Mustangs 62-

28. Scoring the first touchdown was Nathan. This gave the sequoits a lead they were able to keep for the rest of the game. According to coach Pechauer and his team, Saturday was the initiation to the playoffs because if they didn't win they were out. "We were really

Sequoits' Final Scores

* indicates victory

Niles West	32-21
Larkin*	21-14
Wauconda*	60-7
Round Lake*	31-10
Lake Forest*	31-14
Warren	20-13
Stevenson	52-21
Libertyville	49-31
Mundelein*	62-28
Playoffs	Tonight!

confident and positive," said senior Richard Brown. "Everybody on the team was mentally and physically for this challenge."

For the first time in three years, the determined Sequoits challenged themselves to further their success by winning five games, which means

a trip to the playoffs.

When they last faced Libertyville, they had four starters injured and only lost by 2 touchdowns.

After such a let down, Pechauer said, "I hope they stay healthy. They are all back and starting for this game."

Pechauer has been head coach for 14 years and had playoff appearances in 91, 98, 99, 2000, and now 2003. He is hoping to advance to a second game.

Defensive coordinator, Mike Gordy, along with the rest of the team, is very optimistic about facing Libertyville. "Practice has been going great. The boys are very upbeat and confident about coming back to Antioch with a victory to show."

Team unity is what the Sequoits will have coming into this game, according to Brown.

Tonight, the boys will head to Libertyville to play their first, and possibly last, game of the playoffs.

"We're not going to try anything different," said Kiddoo. "We're going to go out there with a fast offensive line, a strong defensive line, and play it like any game we would play."

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