



## **Sherwood Park Northstars vs. Edmonton Seahawks August 30**

On a hot, windy day on the last weekend of summer freedom, the Northstars were held captive by a near unstoppable number 23 Seahawk. The game started out promising with the Northstars scoring on their first possession with a short pass to Alex Irving who then scampered 38 yards for a touchdown. A short kickoff was recovered by the Northstars starting their second offensive possession at the Seahawks 50 yard line. After 2 plays for over 30 yards each were called back due to penalties, the Northstars were kept from scoring when their field goal attempt hit the uprights.

With the Seahawks starting at their own 20 yard line, they began a series of plays that led them inside the Northstars 10 yard line. The Seahawks started the second quarter with a naked bootleg by their quarterback for a touchdown and a missed 2 point conversion.

The Northstars next series was again punctuated with penalties, ending in a punt and giving the Seahawks great field position. In 2 plays the Seahawks had scored another major and completed the conversion, making the score Northstars 7 and Seahawks 13.

The Northstars next drive was shortened by an intercepted pass which was run back for a Seahawk touchdown.

The next drives were highlighted by each team's running backs exchanging yards until the end of the half.

With the score Northstars 13 and the Seahawks 20, the second half began with a touchdown run by the Seahawks number 23. Despite having multiple Northstars hanging onto him, Peter Wallace, was able to lumber his way into the end zone.

North Star penalties again thwarted the next two drives, giving the Seahawks great field position and resulting both times in touchdown runs by Wallace.

In the fourth quarter with the score North Star 13 and the Seahawks 41, the Northstars were able to shake off more penalties and come back with an exciting pitch to Grady Forsberg who then completed a 20 yard pass to number Michael Dominiuk who ran for another 34 yards. This drive ended in a short run into the end zone by Irving.

The next Seahawk drive resulted in a fumble that was recovered by the Northstars. Their series of plays ended successfully with a 49 yard reverse touchdown run by Daniel Marshall for the final points of the game.

The final score Northstars 27 and the Seahawks 41 was the result of "mental errors" according to head coach Rob Mackenzie. The game was a "coulda, woulda, shoulda" and if some things had gone differently in the beginning, the Northstars could have been ahead earlier on. "Some players are learning the game" said Mackenzie. "They are still figuring out the rules." Overall the running backs had a good day and Daniel Marshall's outside speed was very good. Mackenzie hopes that they (the team) "feel good about it, have a couple of days off and go from there."