



## **TUCKER COUNTY FALLS IN CLOSE GAME WITH PETERSBURG 20-14**

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PARSONS – The Mt. Lions hosted Petersburg last Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Tucker County held Petersburg to zero points in the second half, but the Mt. Lions could not overcome the 20 point deficit and fell in the contest 20-14.

Tucker County won the coin toss and deferred their option until the second half. This gave the visiting Vikings the ball to start the game. Petersburg wasted no time on offense to start the game as they needed just 4 plays before scoring on a 40 yard touchdown pass with 10:09 left in the first quarter. The PAT kick was good to make the score 7-0 Petersburg early on. The Mt. Lions could not answer on their first possession as they were forced to punt. The Vikings would then put together another drive on offense. Petersburg then capped off the drive with an 18 yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was good once again to push the visitors lead to 14-0 with 4:13 left in the first. Tucker County then got their offense moving as they drove the ball down to the Petersburg 10. A Luke Poling interception pass on fourth down ended the Mt. Lions drive at the end of the first quarter.

Petersburg took over after the interception at their own 5 yard line. Then the Vikings broke off a 95 yard touchdown run with 11:31 left in the second quarter to push the lead to 20-0 after the failed PAT kick. Tucker County then put their offense back out on the field at their own 33. The Mt. Lions put together a big drive that would answer the Vikings and it was capped off on a 7 yard screen pass for a touchdown from Poling to Cole Rapp. The PAT kick was good to make the score 20-7 with 5:45 left in the second. The next drive for Petersburg was stopped by a Ben Cromer interception. Tucker County could not capitalize on the turnover and the Mt. Lions were forced to punt. The Tucker County defense would step up again when Brett Reall picked up an interception that gave the Mt. Lions the ball at the Petersburg 45 yard line. Tucker County would turn the ball back over to the Vikings as Petersburg got another interception from a Luke Poling pass. The Petersburg drive stalled as the second quarter clock expired to keep the score at 20-7 Petersburg at the half.

The Mt. Lions received the kick to start the third quarter and their offense went right to work. Luke Poling broke off a 56 yard run on the first play from scrimmage to put the ball down to the Vikings 14 yard line. Then 4 plays later Tucker County got into the end zone on a 1 yard touchdown run by Luke Poling. The PAT kick was good to cut the Petersburg lead to 20-14 with 8:58 left in the third quarter. Petersburg turned the ball over on down on their next possession. Tucker County could not capitalize on their next drive as they failed on a fourth down play at the Vikings 32 to give the ball back to the visitors at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was the quarter for the defense as both teams could not sustain drives and the score remained 20-14 Petersburg late in the fourth quarter. The Vikings then fumbled the ball back to the Mt. Lions with 1:10 left in the contest that gave Tucker County a chance. The Mt. Lions could not move the

ball, however, as the Vikings held Tucker County to four straight incomplete passes to picked up the win on the road by the final score of 20-14.

Luke Poling led the Mt. Lions in rushing with 24 carries for 121 yards and Poling added 12 of 30 passing for 121 yards. Cole Rapp had 4 receptions for 36 yards receiving and Ben Cromer added 3 catches for 34 yards receiving for Tucker County in the win. Petersburg was led by Jacob Hartman with 134 yards passing. Petersburg outgained the Mt. Lions in total yards 399 to 280.

Tucker County(3-6) will host Notre Dame this Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, kickoff is set for 7pm. Audio Broadcast Coverage will be provided online at TuckerCountySports.Com with pregame starting at 6:45pm. For more Tucker County Sports info visit TuckerCountySports.Com



**Tucker County's defense looks to stop Petersburg last Friday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at home. Tucker County fell in the contest 20-14. Photo by Dave Helmick**



**Cole Rapp pulls down a screen pass against Petersburg last Friday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at home. Photo by Susan Marks**