

Up Next for the Lawmen

Once again the Lawmen came up a little short in the opening game of the season against Sheehan, dropping a tough decision 31-23. The Lawmen had the lead early in the game and were looking good at halftime with a 9-3 lead. However the Lawmen fell apart a little bit in the second half allowing 28 points in a variety of ways. The offense was decent, but too many penalties and inconsistent play hampered the effort put forth by the team. There were some bright spots in the game though. Connor Falaguerra started his senior campaign with a solid effort on both sides of the ball. He led the offense with 7 catches for 177 yards and a touchdown. He also had two INTs on defense and a forced fumble. Brody Deell ran the ball pretty well, leading the Lawmen ground attack with 70 yards. Another bright spot was the offensive line, which was a concern coming into the game. They stepped up and had a solid outing. Defensively, the team showed signs of being a very good defense. In the first half they were able to pretty much shut down the Titan offense.

As many people know, there is no rest for the weary in the very tough SCC. This week the Lawmen will play host to the Governors of Wilbur Cross. Last season, the teams put on a fireworks display in Cross' 49-27 win. However a lot of the big names from both teams from last season were lost to graduation. This season Cross is its usual self with some big offensive linemen and some very speedy skill players. The Lawmen are going to have a big fight on their hands. The Governors are coming into the game after a tough 27-18 loss to Shelton. As many of you know, the smaller schools of the SCC have not boded well in the crossover games with the bigger schools. In this game it will be very important for both teams to perform well and avoid falling to the dreaded 0-2 start.

When Law is on offense, Wilbur Cross will be in a 4-3 defense that is played with a strong safety that looks like an extra linebacker. Occasionally, the Governors will use a 3-man line and then shift a player down late to try to confuse their opponents. Cross is extremely aggressive with their defense and send linebackers almost every play. They count on their speed and aggressiveness to overcome any obstacles that their opponents might put in their way. Law's offense will need to continue to improve and will need to be able to adjust blocking assignments to compensate for all of the pressure that Cross will bring. Hopefully their balanced offense and ability to run the option will force Cross to play a more balanced defense and take them out of what they like to do.

When Cross has the football, they will use either an "I" formation with twins to one side or they will be in a shotgun spread formation. They try to use their speed and athleticism to quickly get ahead of their opponents. Law's defense is going to need to do a much better job of wrapping up ball carriers and not allowing Cross to use their athletic abilities and speed. Expect to see a lot of defenders in the box, as Cross has not shown much of a passing attack yet this season.

Law is now looking to break a two game losing streak dating back to last season. They have shown signs of being a capable team, but Coach Robinson and his staff need to do a good job lifting the spirits of the team this week and preparing them for a formidable foe. The possibility is there for the Lawmen to earn the upset, but they are going to have to play a near perfect game and minimize mistakes. Game time is 7 PM Friday night.