Undefeated Warriors Overcome Early Turnovers To Win Region Opener

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The Oak Grove Warriors celebrated Homecoming on Friday night as they hosted the Forrest Hill Patriots in the region opener for both schools. Things didn't quite start off in the warriors favor in the early going. Four times in the first half the warriors reached the red zone, only to turn the ball over each time (2 fumbles, 2 Interceptions). After a scoreless 1st quarter the warriors got on the board in the 2nd on a 24 yard field goal by Luke Little with 8:51 remaining in the half. Oak Grove led at that point 3-0. The score stood that way up until halftime after a hard fought 1st half by both squads.

The Patriots drove the 2nd half kickoff down to the Warrior 37 Yard line before the Warrior D rose up and forced a fumble that was recovered by Warrior Safety John Addison Ford. The warrior offense would use that momentum to put together an 8-play drive that was capped off by a Kirk McCarty to Johnathan McNair catch and run for a 15-yard touchdown play. This put the warriors up 10-0 with 7:03 left in the 3rd.

The Warriors got on the board again in the 3^{rd} when McCarty hit Logan Scott on an 11-Yard pass for a touchdown. Oak Grove added 2 touchdown runs in the 4^{th} on runs by J.C. Keys(3 yards) and Jay Jordan(21 yards). The Warriors improved to 5-0 on the season and 1-0 in region play. McCarty finished the night 18/26 with 200 yards 2 touchdowns and 1 interception. The

warriors will face Petal Thursday night 9/27/12 on the road. Game-time is set for 7:00p.m.