

WSU Owls football falls in season opener

WESTFIELD – Bridgewater State first-year QB Jayden Barber (Harwich, Mass./Dennis-Yarmouth) threw for 208 yards and three TD’s and ran for 97 more yards to lead the Bears to a 34-28 win over Westfield State in the Owls home opener and the MASCAC opener for both schools at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Bridgewater improves to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in the MASCAC, while Westfield is now 0-2 and 0-1 in the league.

Barber’s big day offset a strong performance from Westfield State first-year WR Malachi Hymes (Hartford, Conn/East Hartford) who caught three passes for 72 yards and a pair of TD’s, ran the ball twice for 52 yards, and returned three kickoffs for a total of 103 yards.

The two teams traded scores in the first half, with Barber throwing a pair of TD passes (36 and 20 yards) to Jay Comeau. Westfield

responded with a 1-yard run from Manny Mengata (Tewksbury, Mass.) that tied the game 7-7, then Owls QB Quinn Sumner (Dayville, Conn./Killingly) lofted a 33-yard scoring strike to Hymes to tie the game 14-all after Andrew Currier’s (Attleboro, Mass./Foxboro) point after kick with 1:12 left in the first half.

The Bears snatched the lead back from the Owls with a quick scoring drive, boosted by a pass interference penalty. Barber found Emanuel Pope (S. Berwick, Me./Portsmouth) with a 39-yard TD toss with 24 seconds left in the half to lead 21-14 at the break. Bridgewater doubled up on the lead with a 2-yard TD plunge from Oscar Weah (East Providence, RI) midway through the third quarter to lead 27-14 after Cooper Harvey’s (Schenectady, NY/ Niskayuna) PAT try was wide.

Westfield got a short field to work with late in the

third quarter after a Bears fumble was recovered by Westfield LB Nick Gauger (Westfield, Mass.) at the BSU 35-yard line. Sumner capped the 5-play drive with a 5-yard TD run after a fake handoff that fooled everyone in the stadium, allowing him to scamper into the endzone on the right side.

Bridgewater boosted the lead back to 13 on their first drive of the fourth quarter, cashing in on an inside handoff to Andrew Cloutman (Hanson, Mass./Whitman Hanson) for a four-yard TD run off the left end, and led 34-21 after Harvey’s kick.

The two teams traded series before Westfield answered with a nine-play, 99-yard scoring drive, with Sumner hitting Hymes over the middle with Hymes darting into the endzone at the left pylon to trim the lead back to 34-28 with 2:59 left, but the Bears were able to grind out the clock to end the game.

Sumner finished 7-18

passing for 149 yards and two TD’s for the Owls. Mengata led the Owls ground game with 61 yards rushing. Andrew Lovell (Barnstable, Mass.) made 15 tackles to lead Westfield, with Aydan Verba (Albany, NY/Colonie Central) making 14 stops, and Josh Marino (Ludlow, Mass.) 11. Tedi Hunt (Littleton, Mass.) had four tackles and an interception.

Barber led the Bears rushing game, with Poe snaring five catches for 85 yards and a TD. Jorge Aquino (Bergenfield, NJ) led Bridgewater with 12 tackles, with Mathew Piper (Townsend, Mass./N. Middlesex) adding eight.

Bridgewater outgained Westfield, 497-317 on the afternoon. Westfield stays home to host Dean College next Saturday, Sept. 19 with a 2 p.m. kickoff as part of Family and Champions Weekend. The Bears travel to Plymouth State the same day for a noon start.

Railers announce new signings ahead of season

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club proud ECHL affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, and Head Coach/ General Manager Nick Tuzzolino, announced the club has signed forwards Cole Donhauser and JC Campagna to contracts for the 2026-27 season.

Donhauser, 26, comes to Worcester for his third professional season. The Railers first signed Donhauser to his first full rookie season in 2024-25 following 21 games split between the Idaho Steelheads and Greenville Swamp Rabbits of the ECHL, and Coventry Blaze of the EIHL in 2023-24.

During the 2025-26 season with the Railers, Donhauser recorded 27 points in 68 games played, finishing tied for third in games played for the team. As a rookie during the 2024-25 campaign, the 6’0”, 190lb

forward played in 71 games, which was tied for third-most on the team. He had 29 points (10G, 19A) in the 2024-25 season along with a -6 rating and 92 penalty minutes. Donhauser led all rookies in shorthanded points with five (2G, 3A). His three assists were first among rookies as well.

Campagna, 33, signs in Worcester for his 10th professional season. The Dallas, TX native appeared at Railers training camp ahead of the 2025-26 season before playing in three games for the Utah Grizzlies, where he recorded one assist.

The 6’4”, 205lb forward played in 214 games in the ECHL across nine seasons with ten different teams, notching 147 points (77G, 70A) along with 151 penalty minutes. Campagna spent parts of the past two seasons in Europe, playing for HC Presov of Slovakia, EHC Freiburg of DEL2, and HC 19 Humenné of Slovakia2.

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Holyoke, who’s a member of the Suburban North Division, finished with a 3-8 overall record a year ago. They were able to beat Comp on the gridiron for the first time since squeaking out an 18-13 win at the Roberts Sports Complex on October 6,2023. The last time that the Purple Knights celebrated a season opening victory was in 2022 when they posted a 35-0 shutout over Putnam Voc/Tech High School, which was held at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus.

Chicopee Comp, who’s a member of the Suburban South Division, had outscored Holyoke, 66-20, during their previous two meetings.

The Colts went 8-0 during the 2025 regular season and qualified for the Division 3 state tournament. They lost to top-seeded King Phillip Regional in a round of 16 road contest before losing to Minnechaug Regional in the inaugural Western Mass. Class A Bowl. They did beat cross-town rival Chicopee High School, 41-12, in the annual Sword Game held at Szot Park last Thanksgiving morning.

Prior to last season, the Holyoke and Chicopee Comp football teams were both members of the AA League.

In their only meeting of this season, Comp was forced to punt on the game’s first series.

Holyoke junior Georlee Aponte carried the ball five times before the visiting team turned the ball over on downs.

The Purple Knights got the ball right back following an interception by freshman Jayden Velez with 1:55 remaining in the opening quarter.

Aponte carried the ball on the first three plays of the series before an incomplete pass on fourth down gave the ball back to Comp at the start of the second quarter.

Starting at midfield, the duo of sophomore Brayden Klett and junior Jacob Cedeno took turns carrying the ball for the home team. The Comp offense, which is led by senior QB Chris Chagnon, reached the Purple Knights 24-yard line before Aponte picked off a pass.

The contest was still scoreless at halftime.

“We knew it was going to be a grind out type of a game,” Guzman said. “We were feeling very good at halftime.”

Holyoke, who received the second half kickoff, managed to put together an eight-play scoring drive, which covered 77 yards.

Junior Jostyn Reyes Cruz, who didn’t have any rushing yards during the first half, entered the game for the first time during the opening drive of the second half. He picked up seven yards on his first carry before gaining 14 more yards on the next play. Then Cruz capped off the drive with a 34-yard touchdown run with 6:43 remaining in the third quarter.

“Jostyn came in during our first drive of the second and was the difference maker,” Guzman said. “He always runs very hard and has outstanding vision.”

There was a bad snap on the extra point try and Holyoke junior William Ramirez, who was the holder, was tackled by several Colts players. It gave the Purple Knights a 6-0 advantage.

After both teams exchanged a couple of punts, the Colts had one final scoring chance.

Starting from their own 28-yard line, Klett took a direct snap from center and carried the ball on the next eight plays, which moved the ball to the Purple Knights 28. Following an illegal formation penalty on Comp, Chagnon reentered the game. He threw an incomplete pass on third down. Another pass attempt on fourth down was broken up in the end zone by junior Darel Sierra-



Joziah Rodriguez makes a block.



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Derek Nunez goes for a sack.

Feliciano, who was also Holyoke’s starting QB.

A couple of the Purple Knights’ other key defensive players are senior Parker Brunelle and junior Janiel Diaz.

Then Sierra-Feliciano, who started his first varsity game, took a knee on the final three plays before he and his teammates took a team picture.

“We’re a very young team this year, as we start mostly sophomores and freshmen,” Guzman added. “Hopefully, this win gives us a lot of confidence.”

Holyoke will be looking to celebrate another road victory against Northampton on Friday night.

Comp will be making a longer bus ride on Friday night to Hopkinton High School.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
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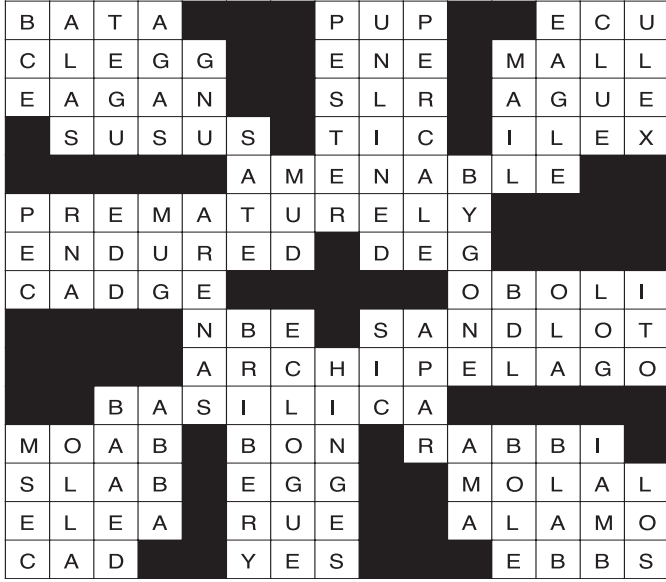
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