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## Peacocks Drop Tough Game at Western Connecticut

### *The Colonials upend Saint Peter's 21-3*

**DANBURY, CT (September 9, 2006)** – The Saint Peter's College Peacocks (0-2) dropped their second game to begin the season this afternoon, falling to the Western Connecticut State University Colonials (1-0) 21-3. The Peacocks had control of the football for nearly three quarters, but three late touchdowns by WestConn was the difference in the game.

The first half was a half of mistakes and punts as neither team could get on the scoreboard. WestConn took the opening kickoff and could only get down to the Peacock 42 yardline before having to punt. The first Saint Peter's possession ended in a bad punt attempt, giving the Colonials the ball at the Peacock 22. Western got down to the seven yardline, but kicker **Vinny Consentino** missed a 25-yard field goal to turn the ball back over to Saint Peter's. The Peacocks went three and out on their next drive, giving WestConn good field position. They again took the ball in Saint Peter's territory and to end the drive this time **Kevin March** missed a 41-yard field goal attempt. The first quarter ended with no score.

The two teams' traded punts on the next four possessions. On the Colonials final drive of the first half, they went for it on fourth and one at the Peacock 34, but **Michael Rosario** blew the play up, turning the ball over on downs. Saint Peter's got the ball with 1:47 to play trying to get some points before the half. They got the ball up to their own 45, but faced a fourth down. **JP Larmore** converted a fake punt to give the Peacocks a first down, but there was not enough time on the clock to make anything happen. The game went into the half with no score.

The Peacocks started the second half with the ball and made it count. They drove the ball 70 yards in nine plays, ending in a 28-yard field goal by **Jacob Thomas**. The two big plays on the drive were a 37-yard completion to **David Lewis** and a 35-yard completion to **Raheem Onibudo**.

On the ensuing Colonial drive they took the ball all the way down the Peacock nine yardline, where they had four attempts to bunch the ball in. On a fourth and goal at the one inch line the Saint Peter's defense, led by **Jerome Gordon** and **Will Mitchell**, busted into the backfield and took down the WestConn running back for a loss of four yards and a turnover on downs.

The game then changed on the next possession. The Peacocks could only gain two yards forcing a punt from the end zone. The snap was fumbled by punter **Aaron Rey** in the end zone and was recovered by the Colonials **John Hoke** for a touchdown. Following the extra point, WestConn had a 7-3 lead. The third quarter came to an end with the score 7-3.

The Colonials then drove the ball down the field on their first possession on the fourth quarter and scored on a quarterback sneak by **James Williams** from one yard out to give WestConn a 14-3 lead. The Peacocks then tried to drive the ball down the field, but turned the ball over on downs at the Colonials 36. Western needed just five plays, culminating in a 25 yard touchdown pass to **Adamis Gonzalez** to give the Colonials a 21-3 lead with 7:42 to play. The Peacocks tried to mount a comeback, but could not and took their second loss of the season.

**Scott Bonnono** was the Peacocks leading rusher, with seven carries for 12 yards, while **Shawn Puluse** had eight carries for nine yards. Bonnono was 21-45 in the air for 206 yards and an interception. Onibudo made six catches for 73 yards, while **Jaleel Kindell** had 43 yards on six catches. **Jahmar Reynolds** and **Jerome Gordon** were the defensive leaders with nine tackles each. **Jeff Ward** rushed the ball 25 times for 93 yards for Western Connecticut. Williams was 17-23 for 203 yards and a touchdown, while Gonzalez made seven catches for 120 yards and a touchdown. Their defensive leader was **Rick Jackson** with seven tackles.

Saint Peter's will return to action next Saturday as they travel to West Long Branch, NJ to take on the Monmouth University Hawks. Kickoff is scheduled for 1pm and can be heard at [www.redzonemedia.com](http://www.redzonemedia.com).

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