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## Peacocks Ruin Gaels Senior Day Plans

### *Saint Peter's defeats Iona 30-15*

**NEW ROCHELLE, NY (November 4, 2006)** - The Saint Peter's College Peacocks (2-7, 1-2 MAACFL) won their first MAACFL game of the season this afternoon, defeating the Iona College Gaels (3-6, 2-1 MAACFL) 30-15, ruining senior day for 22 Gaels. This was the Peacocks first MAACFL victory since November 6, 2004, when Saint Peter's defeated Iona 27-14 in New Rochelle. The defense was the story for Saint Peter's, led by freshman Chris Hoyt, who recorded a game-high 11 tackles and returned a fumble 49 yards for a touchdown.

It was a field position game for most of the first half, as both teams moved the ball fairly well, but the offenses stalled inside the opponents 30-yard line. The Peacocks broke through late in the second quarter, as **Shaun Puluse** turned a screen pass from **Scott Bonnono** into an 86-yard touchdown. Puluse picked his way through the defense, found an opening and out ran the Gaels defense for the touchdown. The Peacocks held the Gaels for the rest of the half and took a 7-0 lead into halftime.

The defense immediately forced a three and out to start the second half and Saint Peter's took over in Iona territory. The Peacocks turned the good field position into points, as **Jacob Thomas** kicked a 33-yard field goal to give Saint Peter's a 10-0 lead. Saint Peter's defense forced another Gaels punt, giving the offense great field position once again. This time the Peacocks used nine plays to travel 53-yards and scored on an 11-yard touchdown run by Puluse, giving Saint Peter's a 17-0 lead. **Daniel Parker** intercepted an Iona pass, giving Saint Peter's the ball back, but a fake punt attempt on fourth down failed and gave the Gaels great field position. The Gaels turned it into points on their play first play as **Nick Rossetti** found **Greg Asplint** in the endzone for a 30-yard touchdown pass. The game went into the fourth quarter with the Peacocks holding a 17-7 lead.

The two teams traded possessions to begin the fourth quarter, but the Peacocks then got more points on the scoreboard. Saint Peter's went on a 10-play 61-yard drive that culminated in a 16-yard touchdown pass from Bonnono to **Raheem Onibudo** at the 9:01 mark of the fourth quarter. The PAT was good and the Peacocks held a commanding 24-7 lead. On the Gaels next series, **Dwayne Johnson** forced a Rossetti fumble that was picked up by Hoyt, who rumbled 49-yards for the touchdown. The PAT was not good, so with 7:40 to play Saint Peter's had a 30-7 lead. Iona did get on the board one more time as Rossetti found **Anthony Lugo** in the endzone for a 14-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt was good and Peacocks lead was now 30-15. The Gaels tried to drive again on the Peacocks, but **Rashid Smith** intercepted a pass in the endzone with under 30-seconds left the put the game away.

Puluse ran the ball 12 times for 39 yards and a touchdown and also made five catches for 110 yards and a touchdown. Bonnono was 28-49 for 294 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. **Jaleel Kindell** made eight catches for 72 yards, while **Mark Anderson, Jr.** made eight catches for 72 yards. Besides Hoyt on defense, **Jahmar Reynolds** had eight tackles and **Jerome Gordon** had seven tackles.

For Iona, **Dane Samuels** rushed the ball 21 times for 95 yards. **Dustin Croick** started at quarterback and went 10-24 for 96 yards and a touchdown, while his replacement Rossetti went 12-21 for 196 yards, two touchdowns and an interceptions. **Brian Watts** made six catches for 44 yards and Asplint caught three balls for 57 yards and a touchdown. On defense for the Gaels, **Ed Localzo** had nine tackles.

Saint Peter's will wrap-up the regular season on Thursday night as they host the La Salle University Explorers at 7pm at Cochrane Stadium.

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