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Peacocks Fall to Explorers in Season Finale

La Salle defeats Saint Peter's 37-28

JERSEY CITY, NJ (November 9, 2006) - The Saint Peter's College Peacocks (2-8, 1-3 MAACFL) had their 2006 season come to an end this evening with a 37-28 loss to the La Salle University Explorers (3-7, 1-3 MAACFL) at Cochrane Stadium. The Peacocks lost despite a school record 90-yard punt return for a touchdown and a school record 72-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

Saint Peter's took the opening kickoff and immediately put points on the board. The Peacocks traveled 73 yards in six plays, culminating in a 6-yard touchdown pass from **Scott Bonnono** to **John Bond**, giving Saint Peter's a 7-0 lead. La Salle responded with a great drive of their own, traveling 13 plays in 80 yards and scoring on a 10-yard touchdown pass from **Chris Hanson** to **Geoffrey Nagle**. The remainder of the first quarter was scoreless and the game was tied at 7-7 after one.

The Peacocks forced a La Salle punt early in the second quarter and **Anthony Bey** took the punt at the 10 yardline made some men miss then turned on the afterburners and took it 90-yards to the house. It was the longest punt return in Saint Peter's history since going to IAA in 1993 and gave the Peacocks a 14-7 lead. On the Explorers next drive, Hanson was sacked and fumbled the ball. The ball was picked up by **Sydney Murray** and he rumbled 72 yards for the touchdown and 21-7 Peacock lead. The fumble return was also the longest in Saint Peter's history since going to IAA in 1993.

The Explorers responded scoring on their next possession after a nine play, 35-yard drive that ended in a six yard touchdown pass from Hanson to **Bernie Cevis**. Saint Peter's then went three and out, giving the ball back to La Salle with 5:24 to play in the half. They traveled down the Peacocks 27 yardline, giving Anthony Perlozzo a 44-yard field goal attempt that he nailed. The Peacocks went into the intermission with a 21-17 lead.

La Salle took the third quarter kickoff and drove the ball 80-yards in 10 plays, scoring on a three-yard pass from Hanson to **Eric Frazier** giving La Salle their first lead at 24-21. Saint Peter's responded going 73-yards in nine plays, scoring on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Bonnono to **Mike Evans**. The Peacocks took the lead back at 28-24. La Salle then had an answer of their own, putting together an 11-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a two-yard touchdown run by **CJ Creighton**, giving the Explorers a 31-28 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was all about field position. Saint Peter's finally got inside La Salle territory and took the ball down to the Explorer 21 yardline. The drive stalled, giving **Jacob Thomas** a 48-yard field goal attempt which he made, but the play was blown dead as the Peacocks were flagged for illegal procedure. Thomas now had 53-yard attempt which fell short, giving La Salle the ball back with 5:37 to play. The Explorers ran the ball, trying to run out the clock and Creighton broke free for a 36-yard touchdown run to seal the deal and give La Salle the 37-28 victory.

For the Peacocks offense, **Shaun Puluse** ran the ball 10 times for 36 yards. Bonnono was 18-39 for 216 yards and two touchdowns. **Jaleel Kindell** made eight catches for 113 yards and **John Bond** made five catches for 72 yards and a touchdown. On defense, **Jerome Gordon** had a game-high 19 tackles. **Jahmar Reynolds** added 10 tackles, while **Will Mitchell** had nine tackles.

For La Salle's offense, Creighton carried the ball six times for 54 yards and two touchdowns. **Josh Brumfield** had 12 carries for 40 yards. Hanson was 28-36 for 322 yards and three touchdowns. **Lou Russo** made 13 catches for 169 yards, while Cevis made seven catches for 83 yards and a touchdown. On the defensive side of the ball, **Nick DePointo** made seven tackles, 1.5 for loss and a sack. **Stephante Kent** made six tackles.

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