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zero pass plays, capping the trip with a one-yard plunge to make it 13-0 with 1:13 left in the opening period.

"Some of it is the same old story in terms of size. I'm tired of saying it, but we just can't physically match up with certain players," O'Rourke said. "I felt like the game itself was a step backwards. We made a lot of mistakes."

The second quarter was certainly no better than the first, setting Lebanon up at the John Stark 30. Two rushes by Dylan Drew later, the latter of which was an 18-yard scamper, and Lebanon had punched it in for a 20-0 cushion. Three plays into the next series Lebanon connected on a 31-yard pass play against lagging coverage to put the ball at the one, and Drew polished things off with another scoring plunge and a 27-0 Lebanon advantage.

The first half scoring ended with 2:45 remaining in the second period on another long Lebanon pass, this one a well-thrown 38-yard strike that barely eluded the fingers of Stark defender Ian Franco and instead paved the way to a 34-0 Lebanon lead at intermission.

Oesterreich added a touchdown and two-point conversion in the second half, and Carson Dunn finished with a team-high 44 yards

on the ground. Jacob Bumford and Tim Barnes also earned praise from O'Rourke. But despite entering with identical records, Lebanon left with a clear statement made.

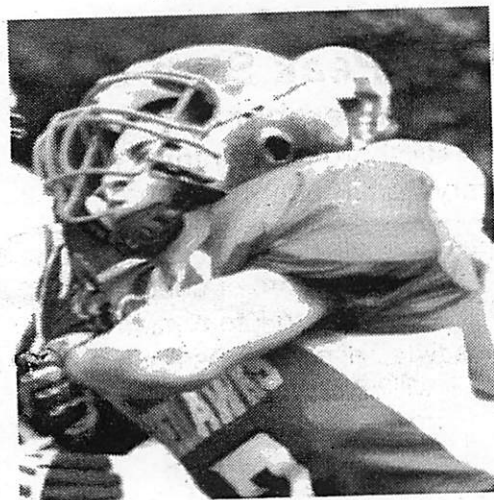
"These guys have no reason to believe that they were just going to walk on the field and have Lebanon give it to them," O'Rourke said. "Clearly one team came to play, and ours did not."

The key for the Generals now is to come to play in the two games remaining on the schedule. John Stark has still had a solid overall season, picking up a pair of victories after going winless last fall while also making steady progress in general. And that has to remain the goal down the stretch if that progress is going to continue into next year.

"That's the great thing about sports, you always have a chance for retribution the very next week. We get to play another game and get those bad tastes out of our mouths and really once again focus on the fundamentals and the basics," O'Rourke said. "We just had too many guys not doing their job. But the reality is we are still building, still laying a foundation. That doesn't mean it's OK, and it doesn't mean they should live with it. We need to get them there as fast as possible."



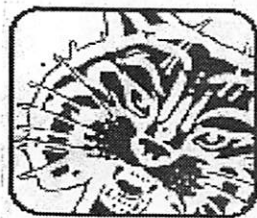
### The Villager's Athlete of the Week



#### Jay White Hopkinton/H-D Redhawks

White scored on a 79-yard punt return and a 31-yard run, while also tossing a halfback option touchdown pass to Dalton Morrisas the Redhawks rumbled, 49-0.

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## Generals lose game, composure against Lebanon

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If the opening kickoff wasn't a bad omen for the John Stark football team Saturday afternoon, the change in mood that followed on the sideline certainly was.

The Generals muffed the opening kickoff against Lebanon, handing the Raiders possession and ultimately spotting them a touchdown on the ensuing march, and as the deficit quickly grew, so did the frustration for a John Stark team that would ultimately swallow a 47-8 pasting.

Players bickered with teammates and challenged coaches over playing time in an uncharacteristic meltdown for a John Stark squad that has for most of the season remained positive and upbeat.

"I really kind of lit into them a little this week," John Stark coach Jim O'Rourke said of the days following the game. "I really was

not happy with some of the attitude exhibited and some of the lack of leadership. The bottom line is we still have too many guys that believe seniority matters, and that means nothing to me — merit does. Good organizations, good teams, good businesses do not succeed by having the most senior [member] play. It's an open competition, and it's all merit-based."

The wheels certainly came off quickly Saturday. Lebanon turned the flubbed kickoff into a touchdown in seven plays, extending the drive with a pass interference call against the Generals on a fourth-and-7 pass, to ultimately go ahead 7-0 with less than four minutes gone.

John Stark managed one first down on a Stefan Oesterreich 31-yard rumble on its first drive but had to punt the ball away, and Lebanon answered with a methodical, 11-play, 80-yard journey that ate up 4:08 and featured

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## Strong play again gets no reward for so-close Hawks

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The script is becoming all too familiar for the Hopkinton boys soccer team.

For the fourth time in the last two seasons, the Hawks traded punches with a higher-ranked Bow squad Monday afternoon. And for

on the turf field at New England College. (The game was moved rather than rescheduled because both teams worried about squeezing the contest in prior to the NHIAA deadline.)

The Hawks didn't pocket the only tally until the final minute of regulation, when Riley McNicholas delivered a 40-yard free kick that Cowan headed back against the grain for the



Nic Lloyd and Nick Simeone wrap up a Raiders ballcarrier. (Keith Testa photo)