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A special teams recovery of a loose ball by Forest Lake's Derrick Cardinal led to a rush touchdown by running back Grant Yearling early in the second quarter. The Rangers held the lead for most of the game following this sequence of events, but they were hit by a late touchdown and lost to Park 14-12.

Homecoming heartbreak: Rangers fall to late Park TD, 14-12

Sports Editor

fingertips secured. Johnson's pulled in an overthrown the year.

The ning score came with score. The Rangers kept called an "accidental on-7:09 showing on the the Wolfpack in check side kick." Josh Schlicht- for two, but Trapp was fourth-quarter clock, so and forced a punt on the ing's kickoff went deep stopped short on a wide it was not immediately fa-following drive, but they and angled sharply to-bootleg run — a Park tal to the Rangers' hopes. found themselves start- ward the sideline. The stop that would prove However, it was a major ing from their own 4 with Park return man let the absolutely vital, given the momentum swing that less than three minutes to ball skip off the turf in eventual final. occurred after the Rang- play. A fourth-down link- the hope that it go out ers had stood up running up between Ranger quar- of bounds for an illegal with 59 rushing yards, back Carson Kons for a terback Colton Trapp and procedure penalty that while Yearling picked up 3-yard loss, forcing Park running back Troy Pleski would give his team the 49. Among the leading to burn a timeout to fig- brought the ball as far as ball in an advanced po- tacklers were Schlichture out a fourth-and-long the Ranger 38, but the sition. Instead, the ball ing (5.5) Logan Swanson plan. The Wolfpack went drive stalled after that, took a strange bounce (4.5), Austin Nelson (4.5) for it all, sending Johnson confirming the loss. on a sprint to the corner while quarterback Jake Kuemmel let fly. The pass

play late in the game, the Wolfpack ahead by ond quarter before Grant bobbled snap pushed the setting the stage for a 14- the eventual final score, Yearling scored on a pitch Rangers back to the 3, 12 win for his Wolfpack 14-12. The Rangers had play. team that pushed the plenty of time to strike Rangers' record to 1-4 on back but wasted some the point after, leaving collecting his second of it after fumbling on them down 7-6, but then touchdown of the quargame-win- first down following the pulled off what might be ter.

Second best

was well out in front of well as last in the game, diving in with him, and coming night victory tended arms and a slight The Rangers respond- peeled back. slip through its fingers bobble before falling to ed quickly — such as it after Park receiver Kaden the ground with the ball were — with a 12-play the Rangers up at the 16. dink-and-dunk The touchdown and that covered 66 yards and tin Evans for 8 yards and ball on a fourth-and-9 the ensuing kick pushed carried over into the sec- then scrambled for 7. A

> and stayed in the field of and Gabe Brisbois (4). play. By the time the retwo Ranger gunners were column when they visit two-game losing streak, recent showings.

its intended target, but opening the scoring with Forest Lake's Derrick The Forest Lake foot- Johnson hauled it in on a 48-yard touchdown run Cardinal was holding the ball team felt a home- the run with fully ex- by Christopher Brewer. ball when the pile was

Cardinal's recovery set drive Trapp passed to Quenbut that wasn't enough The Rangers missed to prevent Yearling from

The Rangers went

Pleski led the Rangers



Photo by Hannah Davis

Forest Lake quarterback Colton Trapp gets off a pass to Quentin Evans despite absorbing a hit from Park's Max

Irondale Friday at 7 p.m. having fallen to Coon The Rangers will try The Knights are 2-3 on Rapids 38-0 and Robbin-Park scored first as turner went for the ball, to get back in the win the year and are riding a sdale Armstrong 44-7 in





Left: Ranger Stadium was packed for the homecoming game on Sept. 27. Right: Head coach Sam Ferraro, a Forest Lake alum, lost his old Ranger memorabilia in a house fire eight years ago. Jill Green of Lakes Area TV, pictured with Ferraro, teamed up with the Ranger booster club to fund the purchase of a replacement class of 1990 letter jacket with Ferraro's football, hockey and track patches, and presented the new jacket to him in his classroom at the high school the morning of the homecoming game.

SPORTS GALLERY Homecoming Huskies will Dig Pink on Friday



Photos by Brad O'Ne.

This week's Sports Gallery provides your first look at the 2019 North Lakes Academy volleyball team. Photos are from a three-set defeat at the hands of Legacy Christian Academy on Sept. 17.

Since NLA does not have a football team, the volleyball squad traditionally hosts the homecoming game. The 2019 event is this Friday at 7:15 p.m. Math and Science Academy will provide the oppo-

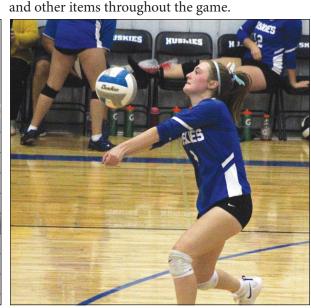
The other big game on NLA's annual schedule has



Senior Jaedyn Thoma leans back to go on the attack.

been the Dig Pink fundraiser game, through which the Huskies raise money for the Side-Out Foundation supporting breast cancer awareness and re-

This year, the two events are combined into one: Friday's homecoming game is also Dig Pink Night. Fans can expect to see plenty of pink in the Husky Den and will have the opportunity to contribute to the effort through donations or purchases of food



Junior Anna Povolny bumps the ball to pass to a teammate.

Junior Emma Crandell launches her serve.