

Gladiator News

Bradenton Gladiators Weekly Game Recap

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Bradenton Gladiators (40) Daytona Beach Wildcats (0)

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BRADENTON - The 2010 season opened for the Bradenton Gladiators on the road in Daytona against a play-off team from last year, but clearly it became apparent that the only team that could stop the Gladiators were themselves. After penalties choked out the promising first drive, the Manatee County Squad punted for the first, and last, time of the evening. What came next was typical Gladiator ball, stifling defense and explosive offense that led to a 42 – 0 score at half-time.

The Gladiator Defense punished the Wildcats all night, shutting down the run game and clogging passing lanes leaving Daytona in 3rd and long situations all-night. Then the turn-overs started, with Rob Carlisto getting the first fumble recovery. The defense finished with 7 sacks, 2 interceptions, 4 fumble recoveries and a Pedro Vega fumble recovery for a TD. LB/DE Derrick Hugine finished a monster game with 8 tackles (3 solo, 2 for loss), 1 sack, 1 Interception, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery.

The Gladiator offense did its damage as well with what little time they held the ball and gave the Manatee traveling fans a good show. Ripping chunks of yardage on the ground only to pop-up and throw it deep for a score. The overall stats were not impressive because they were always on a short field and then a running clock, but Millard Dawson threw for 143 yds, 4-TDs against no interceptions in about a half of play. The Receiving end of those scores were WRs Jeff Charlton with a 32-yarder, Bon Bean with a 35-yarder, Marquis Murray with a 10-yarder and Tight End Frankie Romo with a 15-yard score. The running attack added a Chauncey Jones score as 6 different Gladiators got in the rushing column, led by Jones with 64yds on 7 carries and Glenn Woods with 39yds on 7 carries.