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Falls prevails in three OTs

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It was gut-check time Friday night for the Sheboygan Falls High School football team, as the winless Falcons went up against the winless Waupun.

The two hungry teams fought for 48 minutes and three overtimes. Somebody had to win. In the end, it was the Falcons standing tall, pulling out a very hard earned 32-29 victory in front of a fire-up home crowd.

The Falcons had the first possession in the third overtime and took the lead 32-29 on a 26-yard field goal from kicker Will Meyer. Falls quarterback Zach Van Engen turned in a valiant effort to set up the score, with a 10-yard run to the Warriors 16-yard line.

It was then the Falls defensive unit's turn. It was a defense that had bent, but never gave up. The Warriors had little trouble on offense early in the game, despite playing without their starting quarterback and running back.

Waupun's backup quarterback Keegan Pinch and back-up running back Ryan Chase moved the ball to the Falcons' 12-yard line, after a 9-yard pickup by Chase.

On third down, Pinch set up a pass to the back corner of the end zone.

The Falcons' dismal season finally turned on the play, as cornerback Alex Grabowski leaped up to grab an errant pass from Pinch to save the win for the Falls squad.

"We gave up some big plays," said Grabowski. "This was gut-check time." We wanted this so bad, I grabbed the ball and came down with it, looked down and

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	W	SF
First Downs	14	14
Rushing Yards	130	198
Passing Yards	162	135
Comp./Att./Int.	12/19/2	12/24/2
Penalties/Yards	7/50	8/57
Punts/Averages	2/33	2/22
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/0

Score by Quarters	
Waupun	0-22-0-0-0-7-0-29
Sheboygan Falls	7-8-7-0-0-7-9-32

Scoring	
SF Andy Ansay 31 run (Will Meyer kick)	
W Ian Ashby 7 run (kick failed)	
W Adam Schmitt 15 pass Jeremy McCarty (Ashby run)	
W Ashby 31 run (Schmitt pass McCarty)	
SF Jason Fenner 16 pass (Nick Roelke Ansay run)	
SF Zach Van Engen 1 run (Meyer kick)	
W Keegan Pinch 28 pass McCarty (Ryan Mitchell kick)	
SF Van Engen 3 pass Matt Hasler (Meyer kick)	
SF Meyer 26 field goal	

Individual Leaders	
Rushing - Waupun: Ian Ashby 29-118; Sheboygan Falls: Andy Ansay 14-35; Jason Fenner 10-89; Zach Van Engen 14-49	
Passing - Waupun: Adam Schmitt 8-11-118-1; Keegan Pinch 4-8-44-1; Sheboygan Falls: Van Engen 3-16-76-1; Nick Roelke 1-2-20-1; Fenner 3-3-39-0	
Receiving - Waupun: Jeremy McCarty 6-110; Jordan Moul 3-32; Sheboygan Falls: Matt Hasler 6-55; Roelke 4-46	

said we did it."

Grabowski gave up a touch down in the second quarter and got payback with his second interception of the game.

The Falcons finally did it. There were so many heroes, so many second chances and when it came down to the final play, the team pulled together and did it.

Not only was it the Falcons' first victory of the 2010 season, but the win also broke a 10-game losing streak, dating back to 2009.

The Falcons are now 1-4 in the EWC (1-6 overall); Waupun drops to 0-5 in the EWC (0-7 overall).

"The kids really stepped up," said an elated Mike Nikson. "Van Engen, Meyer, Grabowski, Jason Fenner and Matt Hasler all had big games. This team fought their hearts out."

After the Falcons jumped out to an early 7-0 lead on a 3-yard touchdown run by Andy Ansay, the Warriors came back in the second quarter with 22 unanswered points and were seemingly in the driver's seat.

Falls was unable to stop the 1-2 tandem of running back Ian Ashby and receiver Jeremy McCarty. Ashby had two touchdown runs and McCarty caught the other touchdown pass and scored on a two-point conversion try.

In a flurry of action right before the end of the first half, the Falcons managed to put together a

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69-yard touchdown drive in which they used three different quarterbacks.

Nick Roelke threw a completion to Cole Hehl for 20 yards. Van Engen hit Roelke for seven more, and then Fenner found Roelke again for a 16-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 22-13 before halftime.

The Falcons took advantage of good field position at their own 44-yard line toward the end of the third quarter. Fenner got the offense going with a nice 20-yard run to the Warriors' 35, and Van

Falls answered back when Van Engen drilled a 33-yard touchdown pass to Hasler and Meyer's kick tied the score at 29-29.

Van Engen finished with 76

yards passing and 49 yards rushing. Fenner had six catches for 89 yards and a touchdown, added 89 yards on the ground and 39 yards passing.