



Tinora Rams VS Wayne Trace Raiders Football Preview



The (3-0) Tinora Rams travel to the Raiders of Wayne Trace (2-2) in week five of the high school football season. The Rams came away with a win during last year's meeting between the two teams with the score being 21-13. The Rams are coming off a red-hot start to their season. They are outscoring their opponents 119-0.

The Wayne Trace Raiders have been battling it out with their opponents this year. They have been outscored by their challengers at a score of 79-114. They come into Friday with their two wins coming against Ayersville and Troy Christian.

Wayne Trace Raiders Break Down

Offensive Scheme: Spread / Defensive Scheme: 4-3
The Raiders are coming off of a 4-6 record during the 2019 season. Head Coach Mike Speice takes the reins of the Raiders. Assistant coaches include Kenny Speice, Doug Etzler, Austin Speice, Tyler Iwinski, Tyler Showalter, and Colby Speice. They are looking to improve their winning percentage from the previous year and get the program moving in the right direction.

Prior Game Recap:

Last week the Raiders took a tough loss against their GMC opponent, the Hicksville Aces, with a score of 48-22. The Raiders gave up an astounding 570 yards of offense to the Aces. Out of the 570 yards, the Raiders gave up 212 of those on the ground to Hicksville running back Kole Wertman. Wayne Trace quarterback, Trevor Speice, had a passing touchdown and running back, Kyle Slade, had 101 rushing yards and 1 rushing touchdown.

2020 Football Season Scores

Week 1: Loss vs @Fairview Apaches (0-47)
Week 2: Win vs Ayersville Pilots (16-12)

Week 3: Win vs @Troy Christian (41-7)
Week 4: Loss vs @Hicksville Aces (22-48)

Individual Season Stats*:

SR-QB-6'0", 180 lb-Trevor Speice-[39-76, 51% completion %, 569 passing yards, 5 passing TD's]

*Prior to September 17, 2020 from the Crescent-News

Individual Game Stats*:

Week 1 vs @Fairview:

SR-QB-Trevor Speice-[18-39, 46% completion %, 226 passing yards]

SR-WR-6'0", 175 lb-Cameron Cox-[4 receptions, 60 yards]

SR-WR-6'1", 180 lb-Owen Manz-[4 receptions, 46 yards]

Week 2 vs Ayersville:

SR-QB-Trevor Speice-[14-26, 54% completion %, 172 passing yards, 12 rushing attempts, 50 rushing yards]

SR-WR-Owen Manz-[5 receptions, 60 yards]

SR-WR-Cameron Cox-[3 receptions, 43 yards, 1 TD]

SR-WR-5'6", 140 lb-Gabe Sutton-[3 receptions, 37 yards, 1 TD]

Week 3 vs @Troy Christian:

SR-QB/DB-Trevor Speice-[3 passing TD's, 1 rushing TD, 38-yard INT return TD]

SR-WR-Gabe Sutton-[4 receptions, 87 yards, 2 TD's]

Week 4 vs @Hicksville:

SR-QB-Trevor Speice-[1 passing TD]

SO-RB-5'7", 160 lb-Kyle Slade-[101 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD]

*Wayne Trace Statistics from the Crescent-News
Title Pictures. Credit Erica Roehrig.

Wayne Trace Keys to Success

Offense

This week a key to a Wayne Trace win over the Rams is going to be their ability to get the ball out to their receivers in the open field, like Owen Manz, Gabe Sutton, and Cameron Cox. I think QB Trevor Speice is going to have to be on his "A" game, in order for Wayne Trace to win this Friday. The Rams have struggled at times with their opponent's passing game and the deep ball. If Wayne Trace can keep the Rams honest in the passing game, it will open lanes for Speice to scramble for big yardage come crunch time.

Defense

On the defensive side of the ball, the Raiders need to stop the Rams run game. That is easier said than done, but it is going to come down to the front seven on the Wayne Trace defense. The defensive lineman and linebackers need to play their best game of the year to allow Wayne Trace a chance in Friday's game. The defensive lineman and linebackers need to play with violent physicality and take it to the Ram's offensive line. If the Raiders can pull through and slow down Tinora's run game, they have a chance to beat a very good Tinora football team.

Tinora Rams Break Down

Offensive Scheme: Wing T / Defensive Scheme: 5-2

The Rams are coming off of a 6-4 record during their 2019 season. Head Coach Kenny Krouse mans the green and white ship here in his 23rd year, obtaining a 163-70 record along the way. Tinora Assistant Coaches include Mike Heilshorn, Aaron George, Eric Becker, Jeff Schliesser, Casey Helton, Charley Kelly, and Roger McKelvey. Tinora is reloaded here in 2020 and knocking at the door of a potential conference championship in the Green Meadows Conference.

Prior Game Recap:

Last week the Rams took it to their GMC conference opponent, the Antwerp Archers, at Justin F. Coressel Stadium. The Rams defeated the Archers 54-0. The Rams were led by (JR,QB) Nolan Schafer who was 5-9 for 81 passing yards, 1 passing TD, and 1 rush for 80 yards, and a rushing TD. Tinora rushed for 332 yards on the ground and led by (SO,RB) Brandon Edwards with 7 rushes for 62 yards and 2 rushing TD's. The hard-nosed

defense held strong again and was able to complete their third consecutive shutout. The Tinora defense was filled with big plays including 2 interceptions from (SR,DB) Max Grube, and fumble recovery for a touchdown by (JR,DE) Bryce Bailey.

2020 Football Season Scores

Week 1: Bye

Week 2: Win vs @Edgerton Bulldogs (24-0)

Week 3: Win vs @Hicksville Aces (41-0)

Week 4: Win vs Antwerp Archers (54-0)

Individual Season Stats:

Offense

JR-QB-6'0", 175 lb-Nolan Shafer-[15-32,47% completion %, 275 passing yards, 1 passing TD, 12 rush, 90 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD]

JR-RB-5'10", 175 lb-KP Delarber-[33 rushes, 270 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD, 8.1 yds./carry avg.]

SO-RB-6'2", 210 lb-Christian Comisso-[28 rushes, 199 rushing yards, 7 rushing TDs, 7.1 yds./carry avg.]

SR-WR-5'10", 165 lb-Max Grube-[8 receptions, 178 receiving yards, 1 receiving TD]

Defense

JR-LB-5'11", 210 lb-Casen Wolfrum-[23 tackles, 1 INT]

JR-LB-KP Delarber-[22 tackles, 1 pass break up]

JR-DT-6'0", 245 lb-Baeden Hancock-[20 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 sack]

JR-DE-6'1", 180 lb-Bryce Bailey-[9 tackles, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble, 3 fumble recoveries, 1 TD]



Baeden Hancock #70. Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

Individual Game Stats:

Week 2 vs @Edgerton:

SO-RB-Christian Commisso-[2 Rushing Touchdowns]

JR-DE-Bryce Bailey-[1 Strip Sack, 1 Fumble recovery, 2 tackles for loss]

SR-DE-5'10" 175lb-Ben Mendez-[1 Sack]

Week 3 vs @Hicksville:

SR-DE-Ben Mendez-[1 INT]

SO-RB-Christian Commisso-[3 Rushing TDs, 103 rushing yards]

JR-RB-KP Delarber-[1 Rushing TD, 190 rushing yards]

SR-DT-6'0" 260 lb-Zaine Gaines-[Forced Fumble]

JR-QB-Nolan Shafer-[4-9 for 53 passing yards]

Week 4 vs Antwerp:

JR-QB-Nolan Shafer-[5-9 for 81 passing yards, 1 passing TD, 1 rush 80 yards, 1 rushing TD]

JR-DE-Bryce Bailey-[Fumble recovery for TD]

SR-DB-Max Grube-[2 INT, 1 receiving TD]

SO-RB-5'10", 165 lb-Brandon Edwards-[7 rushes for 62 yards, 2 rushing TDs]

Tinora Rams Sports Live Player of the Game

Week 1-Christian Commisso and Max Grube

Week 2-KP Delarber

Week 3-Nolan Shafer



Marc Grube #1. Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

Tinora Keys to Success

Offense

This week a key to a Tinora win over the Raiders is going to be their continued dominant running attack. The Rams offensive line needs to continue to

mesh and become a single, physical, and dominant unit. This type of offensive line play will create hefty running lanes for the backs and allow the Tinora Rams to become a force to be reckoned with come playoff time. The Rams have two good running backs coming into Friday's game in KP Delarber and Christian Commisso, averaging 8.1 and 7.1 yds./carry avg. respectively. Throw in a pass here or there to their top wide receiver, Max Grube, and Tinora will be in great shape for another win.

Defense

Defensively, the Rams need to be able to eliminate the big plays. The Tinora defense has three consecutive shutouts but had many moments where the defense bent but did not break. The defense needs to eliminate those bending moments and bring it to Wayne Trace offense all night. The defensive backs need to be able to cover the shifty and quick Wayne Trace receivers in their spread offense. Guys like Marc Grube, Gavin Eckert, and Max Grube, need to be able to lock down the Raiders receiving core and create turnovers. Additional pressure up front from the defensive line and linebackers will make it easier on the back end of the defense. Once the Rams do that, they will need to be able to contain the scrambling Wayne Trace quarterback in Trevor Speice.



Javen Gaines #23. Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

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