



Tinora Rams VS Ayersville Pilots Football Preview “The River Rivalry”

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The (4-0) Tinora Rams play host to the Pilots of Ayersville (2-3) in week six of the high school football season. The Rams cruised to a 28-0 win during last year’s meeting between the two teams. The Rams are entering this week after a tough win against a very underrated Wayne Trace team, where they gave up their first points to an opponent this football season.

The Ayersville Pilots come into week six after an exciting and huge win over GMC opponent, the Hicksville Aces. Last week’s win could turn out to be a potential program changer for the young Ayersville team. The Pilots season has been full of peaks and valleys but are coming into this rivalry week riding a wave of momentum. The Pilots will present the Rams with more of a challenge than originally anticipated.

Ayersville Pilots Break Down

Offensive Scheme: Spread / Defensive Scheme: 4-3
The Pilots are back this year after finishing with a 1-9 record in the 2019 season. Head Coach Chris Dales chiefs the 2020 Pilots. Assistant coaches include Don Parrish, Austin Fritz, Goose Hinojosa, David Trevino, and Steve Rittenour. The Ayersville Pilots are looking to return to their winning history after a tough 2019 season.

Prior Game Recap:

Last week the Pilots showed their grit and perseverance against a worthy Hicksville Aces ball club. The game was close throughout the entire conference game matchup. Pilot quarterback Jakob Trevino punched in a 5-yard run to put Ayersville up 38-31 with 1:13 left on the clock. Hicksville had one final drive to overcome the late Pilot touchdown. Hicksville would go on to drive the ball down the field and give themselves a chance to tie or take the lead. A final pass from Hicksville was incomplete

and provided Ayersville a win on Senior/Homecoming night. The Pilots offense put up a total of 456 yards of total offense against the Aces. Jakob Trevino (JR-QB) finished the night with 128 rushing yards, 3 rushing touchdowns, and 1 passing touchdown. Ayersville running back (SR) Blake Eiden supported the Pilots running attack with 122 rushing yards. Ayersville would go on to give up 376 total yards of offense to Hicksville. Of the 376 total yards, the Pilots gave up 180 rushing yards and 4 rushing touchdowns (from 18 yds., 39 yds., 55 yds., and 30 yds. out) to Hicksville running back Kole Wortman. The Aces quarterback, Landon Turnbull, completed the ball game with 112 yards on the ground, 1 rushing touchdown (from 57 yds out), and 84 passing yards.

2020 Football Season Scores

- Week 1: Win vs Antwerp (14-6)
- Week 2: Loss vs @Wayne Trace (12-16)
- Week 3: Loss vs @Fairview (15-63)
- Week 4: Loss vs @Edgerton (6-42)
- Week 5: Win vs Hicksville Aces (38-31)

Individual Season Stats*:

- JR-QB-5’10”, 145 lb-Jakob Trevino-[42-94, 44.7% completion %, 617 passing yds, 5 passing TDs, 7 INTs, 95 rushes, 356 rushing yds, 3.7 yds/carry avg, 5 rushing TDs, 33.42 yds per punt avg.]
- SR-RB/LB-5’11”, 160 lb-Blake Eiden-[58 rushes, 254 rushing yds, 4.4 yds/carry, 4 receptions, 87 receiving yds., 1 receiving TD, 38 tackles]
- SO-RB/LB-5’11”, 195 lb-Weston McGuire-[24 rushes, 97 yds, 18 receptions, 210 receiving yds, 35 tackles]
- JR-WR-6’0”, 150lb-Ike Eiden-[10 receptions, 255 receiving yards, 25.5 yds/reception avg, 4 receiving TDs]

*Ayersville statistics from Digital Scout and Crescent-News
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Individual Game Stats:

Week 1 vs Antwerp:

JR-QB-Jakob Trevino-[5-13, 70 passing yds, 1 passing TD, 2 INT, 17 rushes, 77 rushing yds, 1 rushing TD]

SR-RB-Blake Eiden-[14 rushes, 77 rushing yds, 1 reception, 55 receiving yds, 1 receiving TD]

SR-DT-6'3",240 lb-Evan Clark-[8.5 tackles, .5 sack, 3.5 tackles for loss]

SR-DE-6'3",240 lb-Ryan Clark-[4.5 tackles, 1.5 sacks]

Week 2 vs @Wayne Trace:

JR-QB-Jakob Trevino-[13-24, 54.2% completion %, 135 passing yds, 1 passing TD, 1 INT, 22 rushes, 77 rushing yds, 1 rushing TD]

JR-WR-Ike Eiden-[2 receptions, 45 receiving yds, 1 receiving TD]

SO-RB-Weston McGuire-[5 receptions, 42 receiving yds]

Week 3 vs @Fairview:

JR-QB-Jakob Trevino-[8-19, 42.1% completion %, 189 passing yds, 2 passing TD, 3 INT, 15 rushes, 8 rushing yds]

JR-WR-Ike Eiden-[3 receptions, 108 receiving yds, 2 receiving TD]

SO-RB-Weston McGuire-[4 receptions, 76 receiving yds]

Week 4 vs @Edgerton:

JR-QB-Jakob Trevino-[6-19, 31.6% completion %, 47 passing yds, 1INT, 11 rushes, 66 rushing yds, 1 rushing TD]

JR-WR-Ike Eiden-[1 reception, 31 receiving yds]

Week 5 vs Hicksville:

JR-QB-Jakob Trevino-[10-19, 52.6% completion %, 176 passing yds, 1 passing TD, 30 rushes, 128 rushing yds, 3 rushing TD]

SR-RB-Blake Eiden-[12 rushes, 122 rushing yds, 1 rushing TD]

SO-RB-Weston McGuire-[5 receptions, 79 receiving yds]

JR-WR-Ike Eiden-[4 receptions, 71receiving yds, 1 receiving TD]

Ayersville Keys to Success

Offense

This week a key to a an Ayersville win over the Rams is going to be their ability to utilize the passing game more into their run heavy offense led by QB Jakob Trevino and RB Blake Eiden. Ayersville has ran the ball 190 times compared to just passing 101 times. That makes for the Pilots running the ball 65% of the time on the year. Out of the 190 season rushes, Trevino gets the ball 50% of the time. The Tinora defense has been playing hard-nosed and physical football all year and finally gave up their first points of the year to Wayne Trace. The kryptonite of the dangerous Tinora defense is by far the deep ball and the passing game. Wayne Trace took advantage of that last week against the Rams, leading to a couple of long touchdown passes for the Raiders. If Ayersville's offensive line can provide just enough time for Trevino to get the ball off to players like Weston McGuire and Ike Eiden, it gives the Pilots a chance for a win in the River Rivalry at Justin F. Coressel Stadium.

Defense

On the defensive side of the ball, the Pilots need to stop the dominant Rams running game. The Pilots will also have to deal with a Tinora passing game that has been slowly but surely revealing its presence as the season progresses. Last week Tinora opened up the playbook, making it difficult for the Raiders to defend. The Pilots this week will have to contain the passing game and explosive wide receiver Max Grube, in addition to the two headed beast of Tinora's run game consisting of KP Delarber and Christian Commisso. If Ayersville can slow down the Rams running attack and take away wide receiver Max Grube, the Pilots will give their offense a shot at scoring some points against the Rams.

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 faced a very underrated Wayne Trace team. The game was close throughout the first half, with a halftime score being a close 21-14 Ram lead. The game started out slow with Tinora's offense needing a few drives to get started. It took a first quarter 12-yard dime from Tinora QB Nolan Shafer to TE Casen Wolfrum to spark Coach Kenny Krouse's offense. Soon after the score, a blown Tinora defense coverage led to a 60-yard Owen Manz receiving touchdown from Wayne Trace QB Trevor Speice. The touchdown from Manz was the first points scored against the Rams all season. The Rams knew they were in a battle and were put to the test, the first time this year. It wasn't until the second quarter when things finally started to pick up for the Rams. Tinora RB KP Delarber and the offensive line of (SR) Owen Tong, (SR) Elijah Ackerman, (JR) Tyler Hesse, (SR) Braden Serres, (JR) Eric Bohn, and (JR) Baeden Hancock, turned the offensive Ram ship around. Running lanes were opened thanks to the physical offensive line play and KP Delarber ran with aggression and passion. The consistent Ram running attack followed by resilient offensive line play would go on to be the headline for the rest of the game. The Tinora defense still stayed strong, including a few QB pressures and sacks when the defensive scheme allowed. Though Tinora's defensive scheme prevented the Rams at times from additional pressures and sacks, the defensive line lead by DT (JR) Baeden Hancock, DT (SO) Javen Gaines, DE (JR) Bryce Bailey, and DE (SR) Ben

Mendez, performed their jobs well and maintained the athletic Wayne Trace QB Trevor Speice. Tinora would go on to beat Wayne Trace 41-20 and pulled away in the second half. Tinora finished with 454 yards of offense with 350 yards on the ground and 104 through the air. Ram running back KP Delarber finished with 168 rushing yards on 20 carries, with 2 rushing touchdowns. Running back Christian Commisso finished the night with an additional 117 rushing yards on 21 carries and 1 rushing touchdown. Tinora receivers Max Grube and Cole Commisso finished with 4 receptions for 42 yards and 2 receptions for 29 yards, respectively.



(RB) KP Delarber #22.Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

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)

Week 5: Win vs @Wayne Trace Raiders (41-20)

Individual Season Stats:

Offense

JR-QB-6'0", 175 lb-Nolan Shafer-[25-45, 56% completion %, 379 passing yards, 2 passing TD, 2 INT, 14 rush, 121 rushing yards, 3 rushing TD]

JR-RB-5'10", 175 lb-KP Delarber-[53 rushes, 438 rushing yards, 3 rushing TD, 8.3 yds./carry avg.]

SO-RB-6'2", 210 lb-Christian Commisso-[49 rushes, 316 rushing yards, 8 rushing TDs, 6.4 yds/carry avg.]

SR-WR-5'10", 165 lb-Max Grube-[12 receptions, 220 receiving yards, 1 receiving TD]



(OL) Tyler Hesse #52.Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

Defense

JR-LB-5'11", 210 lb-Casen Wolfrum-[31 tackles, 1 INT, 1 forced fumble]

JR-LB-KP Delarber-[29 tackles, 1 pass break up, 1 INT]

JR-DT-6'0", 245 lb-Baeden Hancock-[25 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 2 sack]

JR-DE-6'1", 180 lb-Bryce Bailey-[11 tackles, 3 sack, 1 forced fumble, 3 fumble recoveries, 1 TD, 1 pass tip]



(DE) Ben Mendez #30.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 Schafer-[4-9 for 53 passing yards]

Week 4 vs Antwerp:

JR-QB-Nolan Schafer-[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/WR-Max Grube-[2 INT, 1 receiving TD]

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

Week 5 vs @Wayne Trace:

JR-QB-Nolan Schafer-[10-13 for 104 passing yards, 1 passing TD, 3 rush 31 yards, 2 rushing TD]

JR-RB/LB-KP Delarber-[20 carries, 168 rushing yards, 2 rushing TD, 8.4 yds/carry avg., 1 INT]

SO-RB-Christian Commisso-[21 carries, 117

rushing yards, 1 rushing TD, 5.6 yds/carry avg.]

JR-TE-Casen Wolfrum-[1 reception, 12 receiving yards, 1 receiving TD]

Tinora Rams Sports Live Player(s) of the Game

Week 2-Christian Commisso and Max Grube

Week 3-KP Delarber

Week 4-Nolan Schafer

Week 5-Offensive Line-Owen Tong, Elijah Ackerman, Tyler Hespe, Braden Serres, Eric Bohn, and Baeden Hancock



(DE) Bryson Stevens #53.Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

Tinora Keys to Success

Offense

This week a key to a Tinora win over their longtime conference rival, the Pilots, is going to be their ability to run the ball and eliminate the penalties. Ayersville is coming into Friday riding an upsurge of momentum following a big win against Hicksville. The Rams cannot afford to have additional penalties, especially in a rivalry game. Throughout the year, Tinora has often found themselves acquiring unnecessary 15-yard personal foul penalties. In a rivalry game those penalties tend to arise more often and in the Rams case, need to be prevented at all costs. As long as the Rams continue to mix the pass

game into their dominant run game, it keeps teams honest and the running lanes wide open.

Tinora quarterback, Nolan Schafer, has continued to show growth in the Ram passing game as the year has gone on. Nolan has the ability to be a sound pocket passer, in addition to his ability to gain yards with his legs. He has handled the football well and has begun to show decisions one would see in a veteran high school quarterback. If the Rams stay focused, keep their heads focused on the game, and continue to utilize their passing game with their dominant running attack, they will soon be in route to becoming a 5-0 football team.

Defense

Similar to last week, the Rams need to continue trying to eliminate the big plays, especially in the passing game. Last week the Rams gave up a few scores due to long receiving touchdowns. The Rams need to get back on track this week with another shutout, especially against Ayersville. A shutout should be within sight for the Rams, as long as the backend of the Ram defense is prepared for Ayersville to throw the football. Last week's game against Wayne Trace opened up Pandora's box against this Tinora Rams hard-nosed, physical defense with their long ball passes.



(FB) Christian Commisso #29.Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

Creating additional turnovers is crucial going into Friday's game. Last week the Rams only created one turnover, thanks to a KP Delarber interception. Prior

to last week's game, the Rams created multiple turnovers in every other game. An interesting research study performed on turnovers and win percentage showed, "From 1950 to 2016, the average winning percentage of teams (NFL) that won the turnover battle was 78%" (Stuart 1).

The last key to a Ram win is going to be their ability to pressure Pilots quarterback Jakob Trevino. Trevino is either throwing the football or running the ball himself 67% of the time on the season. The Tinora Rams need to express their physical play early on in the game. This will allow the Rams to shut down the Ayersville play caller and a majority of the Pilot's offense. If Tinora can follow these keys, they will be ready to play Friday night under the lights.



(DT) Dallas Dachenhaus #24 and (TE) Wil Newman.Picture Credit Erica Roehrig.

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