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Gang tackle: Josh Campbell of the Leo Hayes Lions (in white) is tackled by Oromocto High School Blues' Courtney Brandon during New Brunswick High School Football League action at Leo Hayes Field Saturday. Campbell had a key touchdown in the Lions' 14-13 win.

# Reimer does a bit of everything for Lions

**Multi-tasking | Impressive Lion dominant on both sides of the ball in grid win**

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In a few months, Peter Reimer of the Leo Hayes St. Mary's Lions will have to make some difficult decisions regarding his academic and athletic future, but for now he has more pressing matters on his mind - such as deciding which position he'll be playing on the football field next week.

Reimer, a multi-sport athlete who has Canadian universities knocking on his door, was all over the field Saturday, playing - and dominating - as many as eight positions for the Lions in a 14-13 win over the Oromocto Beaver Brokerage High School Blues in New Brunswick High School Football League action before 150 wind beaten fans at Leo Hayes Field.

The 17-year old senior, who is also student council president, is being pursued by a number of schools to attend their institutions as a football/soccer/basketball/volleyball player. Saturday, he started for the Lions at cornerback and wide receiver, and saw time catching and kicking balls on special teams.

Saturday, he even took snaps as quarterback to add a different dimension to the Lions attack.

"I like to call Peter Reimer "God" at practice because he is just so good," said Lions starting quarterback Derek Broad, who would end the game nine for 20 with 95 yards passing in leading the Lions to their first win of the season and evening their record at 1-1.

"He was unreal today, our offensive line played phenomenal today everything is starting to come together for us."

Leo Hayes	14
Oromocto	13

It didn't seem like that at the outset however, as the Blues stuck for a major score on their first play of the game, with a screen pass from quarterback Jesse Rae to Nathan Heather at the three minute mark of the first quarter as the vaunted Oromocto aerial assault looked to be just getting warmed up under favorable weather conditions.

Not so fast.

The Lions came back 40 seconds later and on their first play of the next series reeled off a spectacular touchdown play of their own as running back Josh Campbell rambled through the Blues defense and sprinted 70 yards for paydirt.

The wind and rain became factors shortly thereafter and the game's complexion changed, forcing the teams to run more, pass less and come up with innovative ways to move the ball and maintain possession.

Enter Peter Reimer and advantage Leo Hayes.

Reimer would get warmed up with the point after kick on the Campbell touchdown, before he faked two punts on Lion third downs in the first half (and more throughout the game), once running for a gain of 20 and the next time hitting starting middle linebacker, Mike Benson on a dandy throw for 30 yards, each resulting in a first down and continued Lion momentum and possession heading into the half, keeping the Blues vaunted offense off the field.

"CIS coaches call me to ask if we have any 'blue chip' prospects on our team" and we have a few here, but Peter has really taken it up a notch for us this year," said Lions coach Rick Kelly. "He can play anywhere on the field and excel in any situation. He has in the past and he did it again today."

Reimer rolled up 326 yards of total offense for the Lions, including 143 yards from special team returns, including a 55-yard return for a touchdown late in the first half that, with the convert -- he kicked that too -- gave the Lions a 14-10 lead.

He also caught four passes from quarterback Derek Broad for 52 yards, while rushing for 59 on end-arounds and direct snaps. At quarterback, he completed one of two passes for 30 yards. On the other side of the ball, he intercepted three passes for a total of 42 yards on the returns.

Not bad for a guy who hadn't committed to football being his number one sport until this fall.

"I played Canada Games soccer this past summer but I decided to play football this fall (soccer and football seasons overlap) and I am looking at possibly playing football at University, but we'll have to see," said Reimer, who checks in at 6-3 and 180 pounds.

He has options. He plays varsity volleyball and basketball, as well as being a leader on the school debate team.

"I felt like we played a good game, after we got down 7-0 our first touchdown was the turning point (Campbell's), it seemed to give us energy and everyone seemed to come alive after that," said Reimer.

The Blues' Josh Blanchard hit a 15 yard field goal with five minutes left in the half to put Oromocto on top 10-7, and with the two teams flip flopping the ball between fumbles, onside kicks and 'two and outs' it appeared that both teams were content to run out the clock and regroup for the second half.

Reimer had other ideas. He fielded a Blues' punt at midfield with 20 seconds left, found a seam, cut outside and avoided a thundering herd of Blues defenders as he sprinted down the sideline for a touchdown. Add the

convert, and suddenly, the Lions were up 14-10 at the half.

"That punt return was unreal the way Peter put his stutter down and pushed out the sideline the way he did," said Kelly. "Once he gets outside like that, he's gone."

The second half was largely uneventful, both teams struggling with penalties, fumbles and inconsistency on offense, primarily due to the inclement weather conditions. The only scoring was a 35-yard field goal by the Blues' Josh Blanchard to start the fourth quarter.

Reimer set the tone on OHS's first possession of the second half, intercepting Rae and running it back 20 yards before being brought down at the OHS three yard line. Campbell fumbled on the next play though, denying the Lions a chance to extend their lead.

The Blues mounted a last gasp drive with a little under two minutes left.

Rae started to connect with his receivers on a drive with a little under two minutes left.

Mitchell McCoy looked as though he had a 35 yard pass for a first down at the Blues 40 yard line, but Reimer jumped in and stole a juggling ball, returning it for 15 yards and his second interception of the half.

Less than a minute later, after a two and out for LHH, and on OHS's 42 yard line, Rae threw a 10 yard pass to star receiver Heather. He had possession briefly on his way out of bounds, but Reimer came out of nowhere to knock the ball loose and force third down.

On the ensuing play the Reimer would pick off a 35 yard Rae pass with 42 seconds left in the game on the Lions' 45 yard line and return it 25 yards to end any hope the Blues had to kick a field goal or score before regulation would expire.

In addition to Reimer's gaudy all purpose yardage, Campbell added 125 yards rushing on 18 carries, including his TD run.

Blues fullback, Mitchell Player, ran for 51 yards from 12 carries, while the Blues QB Rae would have a line of 11 for 25 and 150 yards with four picks. Nathan Heather and Josh Blanchard were Rae's primary targets as Heather hauled in 5 passes for 53 yards and a TD. Blanchard gained 64 yards on 7 receptions, while kicking the two Oromocto field goals and a point after.

Both coaches felt that the conditions were difficult and brought out the best, and worst, in their teams.

"I'm very proud of my team today," said Kelly. "We suffered a tough loss last week and the word of the week for us at practice

was 'focus', my guys rose to the challenge, they showed courage and sportsmanship this last week and especially today."

Oromocto's coach was frustrated with the result but optimistic of better days to come.

"Although I thought we did a lot of good things today, every time we needed a big play we had to fight that wind," said Blues head coach Rob Wilson. "Leo Hayes played hard, they ran the ball well today and ate up a lot of clock." "I'll be surprised if we didn't come back well from this. The guys on our team have the character to come back from this and we will." Oromocto will be at home this Saturday to host the Saint John Greyhounds, fresh off a 22-13 victory over the Fredericton High Black Kats, with a 1 p.m. start time at OHS field. The Lions will host the Hampton Huskies on Friday night as they square off with the team that eliminated them from the playoffs last year, 10-7. The game will be played at Chapman Field under the lights at 7 p.m.