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Speedy Dylan Soriente gained 43 yards on a screen pass to set up Caldwell's first touchdown.

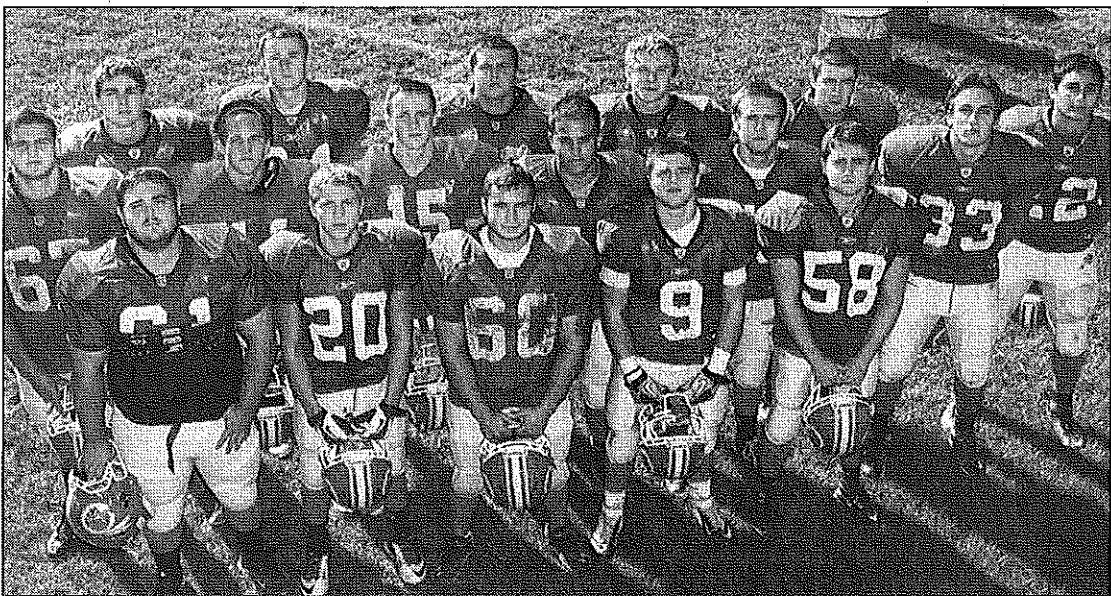


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The senior year members of the James Caldwell High School team are, front row, from left: Kyle DiBri- ta, Dylan Soriente, Joe Valentino, Jimmy Stille, and Nick DeSena; middle row, from left: Joe Galioto, Ray Iodice, Joe Salter, Matt Aiello, Vincent Biasi; back row, from left: Jack Docteroff, and Sean Clarkin, David Norton, Michael Gurriere, Steve Brown, Jack Kinney and Max Pletnev.

Caldwell Chiefs dominate Belleville

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WEST CALDWELL TWP. — It would be nearly impossible for a team to look as dominant as the Chiefs football team did on Saturday, or for a game to look as one-sided as Caldwell's home-opener, where they embarrassed Belleville, 60-0, at Bonnel Field. The 60-point margin of victory isn't even fully indicative of how badly the Caldwell boys beat Belleville.

Raymond Iodice set a new school record, scoring four touchdowns in the first quarter, on his way to a five touchdown performance, to go along with 110 total yards. Caldwell scored nine touchdowns in all, were up 40-0 at half, and even with the substitutes in, the Chiefs tacked on 20 more in the second half.

"Our goal today was to come out sharp after a bad loss last week," Iodice said. "Our line really played good out there again, like they did week one and week two. We really wanted to be sharp this week and get back on track."

Defensively, the Chiefs were maybe even more impressive. Belleville gained just three total yards in the first half and 17 total overall, not picking up a single first down until the late stages of the fourth quarter, with the game well in hand. Caldwell tallied eight tackles for a loss, five by Joe Galioto, in what can only be described as a suffocating performance.

"When you play almost your entire team, it's hard to pick one

kid out or another kid out [who stood out]," said Caldwell head coach Ken Trimmer. "The defensive line, the linebackers, the offensive line, there was one after the other, and after the other. There wasn't one bad part of the whole thing."

Things got out of hand early for Belleville. They gained six yards on their first possession, and gave Caldwell the ball near midfield. The Chiefs drove down in five plays, featuring a 33 yard bubble screen to Dylan Soriente, and capped the drive with a seven-yard Iodice touchdown run. After another three-and-out for Belleville, Caldwell took over on Belleville's 29, and three plays later, Iodice scored on another seven yard run.

"He's the real deal," Trimmer said of Iodice. "He has come in in great shape and he's the go to guy. Right now, you have to say he is a quality high school running back."

A fumble recovered by Galioto (who picked up his fifth sack of the season) set Caldwell up with a first and goal at the six, which was quickly converted into a six yard touchdown run by Iodice on the first play of the ensuing drive. With 27 seconds left in the opening quarter, Iodice capped a six-play 35-yard drive with a one-yard Iodice touchdown run. Up 27-0 with more than three quarters to play, it was clear the Chiefs were headed for a big-time blowout.

Iodice added another seven-yard touchdown early in the second quarter, and Michael Gur-

riere punched in one, also from seven-yards out with 2:25 left in the opening half. The Chiefs took a commanding 40-0 lead into the break.

"It felt good. That was our goal. We wanted to make that scoreboard keep going all day," Iodice said. "We wanted to be respectful about it, we wanted to run the ball very good, which we did."

On Caldwell's opening drive of the third quarter, third-string quarterback, Thomas Bryant, showed off some speed, taking a run through the right side of Belleville's defense untouched for a 29-yard touchdown. Later in the quarter, Gurriere added his second score of the game to go along with 87 rushing yards. Caldwell's final score came on a Bryant 15-yard run. Bryant finished with 78 rushing yards.

"We played a lot of kids today, and still scored 60 points. I think this was a huge win for us," Trimmer said. "We appreciate it [the win]. We worked hard, we had a good week of practice."

The Chiefs were without starting quarterback Joe Salter, who is nursing a shoulder injury. In his stead, Jack Kinney stepped up and completed all three of his pass attempts for 62 yards. Salter is expected to be back for the next game.

Belleville fell to 0-4, while Caldwell improved to 2-1. The Chiefs are on the road tomorrow night against unbeaten West Side in Newark.