



# ***Denison-Schleswig Monarch Football 2023***

***vs. Harlan  
September 1, 2023***

The Monarchs took on the Harlan Community Cyclones in their home-opener on Friday. Harlan received the ball to start the game and took the opening kickoff back for a touchdown. Wilson Riphin's tackle stopped the Cyclones from scoring on the PAT attempt. 6-0, Cyclones.

Facing 4th and 4 on their next possession, Harlan scored a touchdown on a 45-yard run. Zach Koch's tackle in the backfield made their PAT attempt unsuccessful. 12-0, Cyclones.

Harlan scored on the first play of the 2nd Quarter, converting on the two-point play, to extend their lead to 20-0.

After a punt was muffed by Harlan, Trae Hartwig's recovery gave the Monarchs the ball back in Cyclone territory. While the Monarchs couldn't move the ball offensively, Zach Koch tallied an interception on the next Cyclone possession. But even with two turnovers, the Monarch offense could not generate any yardage.

Harlan scored a 31-yard touchdown on their next possession. Miguel Hernandez's tackle made the two-point play unsuccessful. The Monarch offense picked up their first 1st Down of the game on 4th and 2 with :15 left in the first half. The score at the break was 26-0, Cyclones.

Grant Olsen's pass was intercepted by the Cyclones on the first play of the 3rd Quarter, and Harlan turned the turnover into points with another touchdown. Lucas Schneider forced a Cyclone fumble on the PAT attempt, and Josue Mendoza recovered the loose ball for an unsuccessful try. 32-0, Cyclones.

Harlan scored for the final time with a 45-yard run down the sideline in the 4th Quarter, producing the final score. Grant Olsen had a 40-yard run late in the game to move the Monarchs into Cyclone territory, but the drive yielded no points and the Monarchs ran out of time.

The Monarchs are back in the bowl next Friday, September 8 to take on the Carroll Tigers in a curtain-raiser at 4:15 p.m.