

Denison-Schleswig Monarch Football 2023

vs. Spencer September 29, 2023

Game	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Final
Monarchs	0	0	0	7	7
Tigers	6	6	8	14	34

Missed opportunities was the story for the Monarchs against Spencer tonight. The game couldn't have started any better for our team, as our defense forced a three-and-out, backing the Tigers into their Black Zone, where they faced 4th and 15. Spencer faked the punt and was stuffed! 1st and 10 Monarchs at the Tiger 10! Our offense drove to the two yard line, only to fumble the quarterback/running back exchange on the next play. The ball was recovered by Spencer.

The Tigers drove downfield on their next possession, picking up two first downs, advancing their Line Of Scrimmage beyond the Black Zone. Miguel Hernandez ended their drive when he recovered a loose ball, giving the Monarchs 1st and 10 at the +29. The Monarchs, however, gave the ball back to the Tigers after a fumbled exchange between quarterback and center, leading to a turnover on downs. With just over one minute left in the 1st Quarter, Spencer scored their first touchdown. The two-point play was foiled by Sawyer Neeman. 0-6.

The ensuing kickoff was squibbed and mishandled by Enrique Santos-Saucedo and Trae Hartwig, giving the Tigers the ball back in Monarch territory. Again, though, Spencer put the ball on the turf, and it was recovered by Owen Fink at midfield. The Monarchs moved the chains one time, only to be forced to punt at the +40 yard line. A long, sustained drive by the Tigers led to another touchdown late in the 2nd Quarter. Their two-point pass fell incomplete. Down 0-12, the Monarchs had momentum at the break, stopping another scoring threat by the Tigers as time expired.

The Monarchs got the ball to start the 3rd Quarter, and a big run by Josue Mendoza put the Monarchs in Tiger territory. Another fumbled exchange, however, between center Kyler Desy

and quarterback Grant Olsen was recovered by Spencer, who drove downfield for another touchdown. This time, they converted on their two-point play. 0-20.

On our next possession, a big run by Grant Olsen down the sideline gave the Monarchs a fresh set of downs on the positive side of the field. Jackson Steinkuehler's fumble on 1st Down, however, gave the ball back to the Tigers. Spencer drove into the low red zone as the 3rd Quarter expired.

The Tigers scored, and converted on their two-point play. 0-28. Their kickoff sailed out of bounds, setting the Monarchs up at the 35 yard line. On 1st Down of the drive, Grant Olsen heaved the ball to Miguel Hernandez who ran down the sideline for a 65-yard touchdown. Osvan Diaz made the extra point attempt. 7-28.

The Tigers scored once more in the 4th Quarter, extending their lead to 7-34, but failed on their two-point play. Then, Elliott Green recovered another Spencer fumble, giving the Monarchs the ball at the +15 late in the game. Grant Olsen threw an interception on the last play of the game, and the Monarchs lost, 7-34, falling to 1-5 on the season.

This was the last game for the Monarch Freshmen, as games against Storm Lake, Le Mars, and Sioux City West will all be 9/10 games. The Monarchs host the Storm Lake Tornadoes next Friday in their Homecoming game.