

Still Perfect: Arlington Escapes Martin 32-25

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With Arlington's undefeated record in doubt, junior QB **Jahari Rogers** rose to the occasion.

The Old Coach's own Jordan Litten captured the craziness as Rogers marched his team down the field, punching it in himself from a yard out to take a 32-25 lead with just 18 seconds remaining as the Colts improved to 7-0.

Martin had been a thorn in the Colts' side all game, shutting down the Colts offense in the first quarter to take a 9-0 lead after the first 12 minutes.

Arlington held their own, opening the second quarter with two quick scores to take the lead 14-9. However, the Warriors wouldn't go away easily, scoring a touchdown and adding a field goal as time expired on the half to take the lead at halftime 18-14.

Both teams went back and forth for much of the third quarter as both defenses shined. Finally, Arlington found their footing as Rogers showed his speed with a 55-yard rushing touchdown and Arlington kicked a field goal of their own for a 24-18 score with one quarter remaining.

It was a defensive-heavy fourth quarter as the Warriors' Ed Jones IV recovered a fumble and returned it for 56 yards to give Martin a 25-24 lead.

Needing a stop, the ballhawking Colts defense, who had three interceptions on the night, forced a fumble late in the game, giving Rogers and the offense a chance at the game winning 61-yard drive.

After dropping eight of the last nine matchups against their crosstown rival, Arlington's incredible season continues. They're 7-0 for the first time since 1988 and are in the driver's seat of their district. With a matchup against 1-6 North Crowley next, the Colts have a good chance to improve to 8-0.

For Martin, they drop to 2-2 in district play, fighting off Sam Houston for the fourth playoff spot. Their schedule does them some favors with 1-6 Trimble Tech and 2-5 Paschal as their next two opponents. With a shot at the playoffs, the Warriors can't let this disappointing loss affect the rest of their season.

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