

THE QUARTERBACK

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We set up on the 15 yard line

10 seconds left in the final quarter

The other team winning by one

This is the game that will decide who is in the playoffs

“Blue Forty-Two, Blue Forty-Two”

“Down, Set, Hut!”

The ball’s moving

The Quarterback has it

There’s no one open

He hesitates for a moment before running the ball

He runs through the gap and runs past the 10 yard line

7 seconds left

6

Runs through the 5 yard line

4

3

He’s almost there

2

He’s at the one

A player from the other team hit him at his side

And he’s down

They ran out of time

He’s not getting back up

Coaches surround him

Players on one knee
The stands are silent
No one says a word
The quarterback is seeing double
The coaches help him up
But he can barely stand on his own
He puts all of his weight on his coaches as they help him off the field
Players are standing up
The silence is replaced with the cheers from the stands and his teammates
They say the quarterback has a concussion
The whole team goes to shake the other teams' hands and the coach then brings them to the locker room
"I'm proud of you
Even though you lost, this is the hardest I've ever seen you play
You played with heart
And that's what six-man football is all about.
You play hard and hit harder.
Win or lose you give your all
This was a great season boys
I'll see you next year."