



Top, Jordan Burandt scrambles upfield. Middle, Travis Treibt looks for some running room. Above, the Brookfield faithful in attendance cheer on their Bobcats.



Top, from left to right, Trevor Treibt, Scott Benzing, Dillon Heckmann, Kelly McGorty, coach Rich Angarano, and Travis Treibt are awarded the state championship plaque. Middle, cornerback Brian Kelly makes an interception in the end zone in front of Ledyard's Samuel Saccomano. Above, Trevor Treibt, the game's MVP, runs upfield against the Ledyard defense.

Bobcats reach top of the football mountain

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 for us, I don't forget things. When it was on the line, he did the job."
 Also doing the job was the Brookfield defense. Ledyard drove the ball 53 yards on three pass plays down to the Brookfield 28 with less than one minute to go, but Trevor Treibt got in front of a pass by Ledyard quarterback Jacob Jablonski to Samuel Saccomano and came up with an interception as the Brookfield crowd erupted. The Bobcats were able to kneel on the ball and from there celebrate their state championship.
 Treibt, who had another interception earlier in the fourth quarter, was named the game MVP. Regarding the two pivotal plays, he admitted that he did have some help from watching film with his older brothers, Kade and Chase.
 "Believe it or not, they

watched film the night before. They told me this one play: trips with the tight end on the opposite side that they were going to throw it four and out," he said. "I let them throw it twice, I picked it the first time and got it on the same play the second time to win it. I'm crediting them for that play."
 The way his team rallied and came up with the key turnover to clinch the state title were things Treibt could only imagine in his back yard, but last Saturday, it became a reality.
 "It's something you dream of, it's something you don't see that often," he said. "My team never gave up. It's truly unbelievable."
 After giving up 156 yards and 14 points in the first quarter, the defense held the Colonels to 157 yards and no points in the final three. They picked off Jablonski three times, while linebacker Kelly

McGorty led the team with 11 tackles. Fellow linebacker Kyle Vacca and defensive end Frank Melchione also had strong games, with each making 10 tackles. Ledyard's 235-pound running back Marques Haley, who ran for 96 yards on 10 carries in the first half, was held to 21 yards on nine carries in the second.
 "Our defense has done everything they had to do in all these defenses, but they did it again," said Angarano. "I hear about all these defenses, but you know what, our defense is pretty tough too. We proved it in the SWC, and we proved it today."
 Ledyard (9-3) came out on fire as a 37-yard run by Haley, along with receptions of 20 and 14 yards from Jablonski to Saccomano and Frederick Hewitt, led to a 3-yard touchdown by Christopher Blomstedt for the first points of the game. The Colonels struck again on

their next offensive possession. They only needed two plays as Haley had a run of 29 yards and Jablonski found Saccomano open down the left sideline for a 57-yard touchdown to make the score 14-0.
 With the defense holding its own from that point on, the offense wanted to bring a balanced attack and did that for the first half as it had 35 plays, 17 by run and 18 by pass.
 What wasn't known to many, including the Brookfield players, was that quarterback Jordan Burandt had sustained a shoulder injury. Although he toughed it out and played the rest of the match, the passing game was put to the side. Instead, the running game Brookfield had been known for over the years had to come through, and did.
 Brookfield (12-1) had the ball nine times on 10 plays on a 54-yard drive in the second quarter to cut the defi-

cit to 14-7 on a three-yard touchdown run by Trevor Treibt. In the third quarter, Brookfield ran eight plays, all on the ground, for 55 yards, as Burandt sneaked in for one-yard out to cut the deficit to 14-13.
 "We had to go back to our old-school football," said Angarano. "We played a good football team, and we came out winning."
 Ledyard put together its first real offensive threat

since the first quarter as it moved the ball 39 yards to the Brookfield 21, but cornerback Brian Kelly made a spectacular one-handed interception in the end zone to end the scoring threat.
 The defense got another pick from Treibt on the next Ledyard drive and forced it to punt deep in its own territory to give the offense the ball in Colonel field position that led to Cacace's game-winning field goal.

BROOKFIELD '06		LEDYARD '06	
Ledyard	14 0 0 0-14	Brookfield	15 17 16
Brookfield	0 7 0 3-16	Ledyard	15 17 16
Scoring		Brookfield	15 17 16
First quarter		Ledyard	15 17 16
L - Saccomano 3 run (Cacace kick) 3-0		Ledyard	15 17 16
L - Saccomano 57 pass from Jablonski (Cacace kick) 7-0		Ledyard	15 17 16
Second quarter		Ledyard	15 17 16
B - Trevor Treibt 3 run (Cacace kick) 6-1		Ledyard	15 17 16
Third quarter		Ledyard	15 17 16
B - Burandt 1 run (kick failed) 3-0		Ledyard	15 17 16
Fourth quarter		Ledyard	15 17 16
B - Cacace 29 field goal 1-0		Ledyard	15 17 16
Individual statistics		Ledyard	15 17 16

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