

The Pioneers' 2025 season came to an end last Friday night, after a 50-0 loss to an overpowering Trinity team who was simply far too much for Simon Kenton to handle. After a long opening run that set up Trinity on Simon Kenton's side of the field, the Shamrocks quickly set a tone that never wavered.

The Trinity offensive firepower allowed the defense to do its thing as well, leading to a quick score on offense and an interception returned for a touchdown on the next possession. Within five minutes, the Pioneers were already facing a 14-0 deficit. Despite long runs from RB Jordan Pendleton and highlight reel grabs made by WR Grayson Harris, it appeared as if the Pioneers ran into a brick wall once they crossed into Trinity territory. At the end of a Gut punch of a first half, the Pioneers went back to the locker room down 43-0.

In a second half with a running clock, it was more of the same for the Pioneer offense, as the struggles in the first half continued. Ultimately, leading to QB Grant Webb sitting the final drive, making way for QB Caleb French to see some snaps before time expired. Despite the blowout loss, the Pioneers came together one final time for the 2025 campaign, embracing one another after a bitter finale. Speaking with Kicker Miles Mullen, he showed just what it meant to him to be embraced by the team for his Senior year.

"It means a ton. These guys took me under their shoulder, under their wing. [...] Calling these guys family, it's so much fun. [...] You get to know guys real close, and it really means more when you walk in class and you've got guys dapping you up, and calling you a brother."

As the page turns to basketball season, the first season under Joe Wynn has cemented itself as a hard-nosed, blue-collar brand of football. A bright future is certainly ahead, as the youth of this Pioneer team will continue to be its strong suit, with QB Grant Webb entering his Junior year next season, along with the Hughes twins, Forest and Sam, entering their Junior seasons as well at WR. The defensive end will stay strong as well, despite loses of anchors in Seniors Brayden Schoborg and Tucker Ober. Kyle King will enter his Senior season with a ton of responsibility on his shoulders, and Seniors Jaxon Davis and Jack Giordano will be holding down the secondary.

On a personal side, I'd like to thank the families and parents of the football team for supporting Simon Kenton Sports Network all throughout the season. Your support does not go unnoticed, and is more than appreciated.