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Walker still healthy heading into Week 2

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Grant Addison scored Walker's only touchdown of Week 1.

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Walker coach TJ Anderson has to work with a limited roster this season.



Anderson said despite the Wolverines' offseason conditioning, the players were still worn out. He said playing with only 24 players eventually caught up with team and took its toll in the August heat.

"I'm not sure if the conditioning helped us to be honest, we were just simply worn out," he said. "We are working hard, it's not like we're not doing our due diligence and putting in our part as coaches prepping these boys. It's just the tough nature of the game. I'm having to ask a guy to play all three phases of the game where they literally never come off the field. I think that was in effect during last week's game."

The Wolverines lost their season opener against Kenderick 26-8.

Heading into the opener, Anderson said an important thing was for Walker is to stay healthy. He said there were no significant injuries last week, and they are pretty healthy.

Anderson said the team learned about having a relentless nature during the Week 1 loss.



“I think we learned that our team has a never give up attitude, never quit,” he said. “They keep fighting until the end. They do the best they can and I think that is something we knew about these guys.”

Anderson said a positive that came from Week 1 was getting the players varsity experience.

“We are still very young and we started four freshmen on the offensive line, so that’s a positive that they got their first varsity experience knocked out and out of the way,” he said. “They have that under their belt now so hopefully they can get a little more confident heading into game 2, and be able to realize the game moves a little bit faster than it does in practice sometimes.”

The Wolverines take on a familiar foe in Utopian Academy for their home opener on Friday.

“Going into this week we’re taking on Utopian Academy, and this is a team we played the last two years,” Anderson said. “We’ve been able to get wins against this team the last two years, so hopefully we can come out on the right side of the win-loss column. We just need to continue to execute, get better and come out with the W.”



