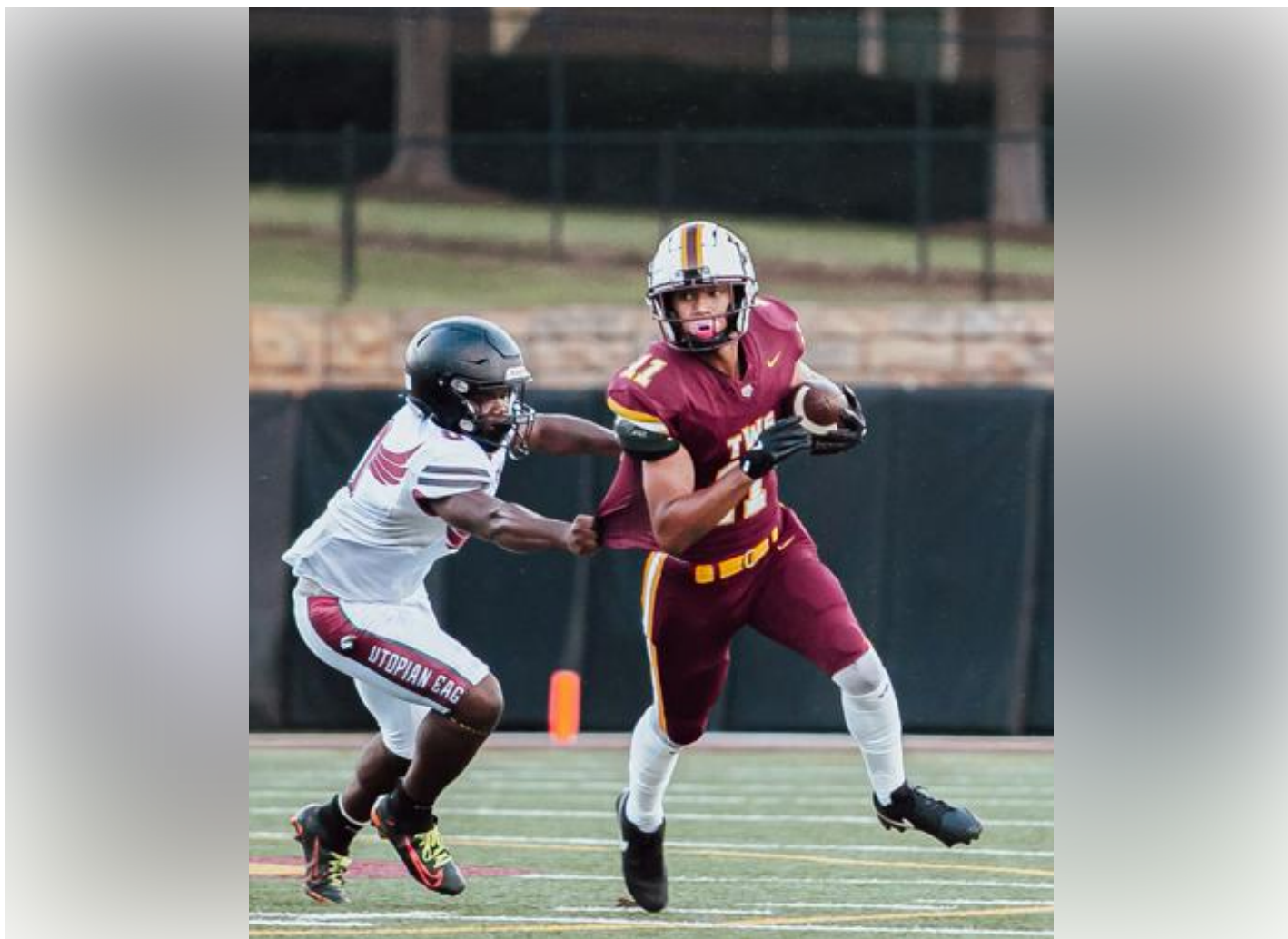


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Walker fends off Utopian rally

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Grant Addison has been a main cog of hte Walker offense the first two weeks of the season.

MARIETTA — Walker stopped a second-half rally to defeat Utopian Academy 21-14 for its first win of the season Friday at Robertson Field.

The Wolverines (1-1) jumped out to a 14-0 lead at halftime before Utopian (1-1) rallied to tie it with just under 7 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The following drive, Walker responded with Teague Tatom's 54-yard jet sweep touchdown to put the Wolverines ahead with 6:41 left to play.

An interception from Lyndon Davison with 2:46 left in the fourth all but sealed the game for Walker.

Walker coach TJ Anderson said the victory is a big thing for the team.

"It feels really great," Anderson said. "We had to overcome a lot of mistakes, and we have to be better at being a disciplined team, but whenever you can get a win, that's a big thing."

Many players made their presence felt throughout the game for the Wolverines, including Grant Addison, who finished with two catches for 60 yards and two touchdowns.



Anderson spoke highly of the senior and said he elevated the team in the win.

“He elevated the team with his playmaking ability,” Anderson said.

Tatom was all over the field for Walker. He caused multiple incompletions on defense, had many tackles across special teams and defense, and he made an impact on offense.

Tatom hauled in four catches for 41 yards and four carries for 64 yards, including the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth.

Anderson said Tatom is an emerging player for the Wolverines.

“He’s just a freshman, so he’s really starting to grow,” Anderson said. “He has tremendous talent and he’s super quick, and he’s going to be a player for us in the future.”

Walker had half of the punts that Utopian had, but a majority of the punts were pinned inside the 20-yard line.

“Special teams are huge,” Anderson said. “That’s called winning all three phases, and being able to pin them down is huge.”



The Wolverines capitalized on multiple mistakes by the Eagles over the course of the game.

An offside on a field goal attempt and a wild play where an interception was fumbled by Utopian led to two scores for Walker.

Anderson said he was proud of the team for making the most of their opportunities.

“We just capitalized on their mistakes,” he said. “Not getting too down when we make a mistake and coming back to be able to make a play was big for us tonight.”

Despite a limited roster, Walker was resilient Friday. Multiple players came down with cramps due to not coming off the field for a majority of the game.

Anderson said he was proud of the team for finding the strength to compete.

“We found out who we are last week,” he said. “This team has a never-quit, never-die attitude. We do not have many players, but we have soldiers and warriors who kept fighting through.”



PHOTOS: Utopian Academy-Walker football

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