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[Grand Island gets to 3-0](#)

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Niagara Gazette — The Grand Island faithful were out in full force to watch their Vikings host the Starpoint Spartans in their homecoming game Saturday afternoon at Masters Field, and their team didn't disappoint, dominating play after a few early hiccups and earning a 31-14 win against their Class A North rivals.

Grand Island quarterback Quinn Corrao was the offensive star, despite less-than-stellar numbers. The junior fought through early drops and repeatedly converted long third and fourth downs en route to finishing 9-for-19 for 124 yards with two scores and an interception.

"He's done a great job for us," Vikings coach Dean Santorio said. "For being a junior, he's very confident and doesn't get flustered very much. He's still learning but has a lot of confidence, and he's made some big throws already this year."

The Spartans (1-2, 1-1), playing without their top two quarterbacks and four-fifths of their starting offensive line due to injury, opened the scoring on their second offensive play when electric running back Evan Majewski took a toss to the right side 50 yards for a score.

The ensuing Grand Island drive went 12 plays but ended on a fourth down incompleting at the Spartans' 20. The Starpoint offense went three-and-out, and two consecutive false start penalties pushed punter Joe Nye back to his goal line.

Grand Island's Dominic Tripi blocked the punt. Nye recovered, but Tommy Doctor tackled him at the Starpoint 1, setting up a bullish Anthony Zogaria touchdown run that Santorio said turned the game around.

"It really seemed to get us going," he said. "We were down on a big play and that kind of got us back into it."

The Vikings (3-0) dominated play in the second quarter, holding the Spartans to three offensive plays for -7 yards. Corrao capped off an 11-play drive with a 22-yard pass to senior birthday boy Cyle Alcorn. After a Starpoint three-and-out, the Vikings capped an eight-play series with a 17-yard run from Mitch Fachko.

Heavy pressure by the Vikings' defensive line caused a fumble on the next Spartans drive, which Zogaria recovered. Kurtis Johnson hit a field goal at the end of the quarter, and the route was on.

Another Starpoint fumble in the third quarter led to Corrao's second touchdown of the day, a 20-yard lob to Ben Goc. Starpoint quarterback Matt Pennacchio rounded out the scoring with a 4-yard keeper in the fourth quarter.

"(Grand Island) played very well today, and we're struggling," Starpoint coach Al Cavagnaro said. "It's tough (to struggle with injuries), but you've got to suck it up. That's high school football.

"Anyone playing us from now on will be playing a desperate football team, though. That's for sure."

Fachko, Danny Blocho and T.J. Acker combined to carry the ball 36 times for 236 yards for Grand Island. Chris Connors tallied five catches for 68 yards and blocked a, and Zogaria led the Vikings' defense with seven tackles.

Majewski finished with 77 yards for Starpoint.