**Nick V.**

**MY FIRST TOUCHDOWN!**

Two minutes and thirty seconds remained. The score was 0-0. My football team the Lincoln Lions, was on defense. I took my defensive stance – my hands on my knees ready to blitz. Coach yelled, “Blitz through the 7-Hole!” As the quarterback for the West Warwick Steelers snapped the ball, I sprinted to the 7-Hole. I didn’t know they were running the ball up the middle.

They Scored.

The crowd went crazy but I was angry. Then they were ready for the extra point. They ran it up the middle again, I was first to react. I ran right to him and tackled him. So there was still a game with a minute and a half remaining the score was 6-0 Steelers.

They kicked it off and we were tackled at about the 50 yard line. With 45 seconds remaining we had no more options but to give me the ball. “3-5 Blast on 2 READY BREAK!” “Set GO READY HUT……..” The whistle was blown and a penalty was called. “False start defense 5 yard penalty repeat first down.”

The clock has stopped with about 20 seconds to go we had no timeouts. We were satisfied with the call but that wasn’t enough for us.

We then called the play in the huddle. “3-5 Blast on 1 READY BREAK!” “Set GO READY HUT!”

This time they didn’t jump I ran with all my speed to grab that ball, with the crowd scorching loud I had the ball nervously running toward the 5-Hole. The crowd was now on countdown. “15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8…” I ran through that giant 5-Hole and was on to the races. I was running to the sidelines with a giant opening in the field. I was still going to the 40 to the 30 to the 20 to the 10 to the 5…… They tripped me. I could hear the crowd booing. “BOOOOO!” I being able to keep my balance ran in for the extra 5 yards and run in the endzone.

“TOUCHDOWN LIONS!”

We scored the extra point and won the game 7-6. Our team started the year 1-0 and won on the road.