

Marion Graham Wins Saskatoon 3-A Football Crown

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Marion Graham is the new 3-A Saskatoon High School Football League champion after an 8-7 win over Bishop Mahoney. The stands were full of loud fans from the two neighboring schools who were treated to a defensive battle. The only scoring in the first half came early when Reid Murphy of the Saints picked up a Marion Graham fumble and rumbled fifty five yards for the major to put his Saints up 7-0 at the half. An incredible 45 yard catch by Marion Graham's Tanner Rhode set up a short 3 yard touchdown plunge that tied the game early in the 2nd half. On the next drive Marion Graham recovered a fumble at the Bishop Mahoney 32 yard line before losing a fumble themselves near the Bishop Mahoney goal line. Marion Graham took the lead on a missed 26 yard field goal attempt that was partially blocked but Bishop Mahoney was unable to get it out of their end zone putting them up 8-7 at the end of 3 quarters. Both the Saints and Falcons played outstanding defence throughout the entire 4th quarter and the game came down to the very last few seconds. From their own 50 Marion Graham went for it on 3rd and 1 with just 8 seconds remaining but were stopped by the Saints. However two incomplete passes in the game's final seconds by Bishop Mahoney gave Marion Graham its 4th 3-A title. Post-game Falcons head coach Bill Eng gave credit to his defensive coordinator Warren Muzika and called it a "character" win. Eng and his falcons don't have much time to celebrate the win, they're in Moose Jaw for the 3-A provincial semi-final on Saturday. Entering the game Bishop Mahoney was the 4-time defending champion, it's the 4th title in school history for Marion Graham.

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