

Visiting Warren ended a 24-game losing streak dating back to 2022 with a 14-6 decision over Franklin on Friday night.

The Dragons, who were trounced by both Conneaut and Corry in their first two games, stopped the Knights inside the 20 in the final minute. Franklin was hoping to send the game into overtime at that point.

The Knights had a first down on the 13, but three runs by QB Freddie Blackhurst netted only a yard. So, with 26 seconds left, they faced fourth down on the 12, but a Blackhurst pass fell incomplete.

Warren took a 7-0 lead and weathered two Franklin field goals by Connor Ritchey of 27 and 29 yards before their late defensive stand.

In between the field goals, the Dragons did extended their lead on a 48-yard touchdown by Ayden Corbett late in the third quarter.

Ritchey's second field goal came with 9:11 left in the game.

Warren's last victory came over Titusville, 42-17, in 2022 when it finished with a 5-5 mark.

The Dragons were 0-10 the last two years.

KNIGHT LIFE -- The Dragons outgained the Knights, 257-209, and "held" Caden Mincer to 106 yards on 26 carries. Mincer riddled them for 260 yards last season, and was coming off a 244-yard game against Slippery Rock...Ritchey has six career field goals, and is now averaging 39.9 yards on 10 punts...