

Avon Blanks Scotland In Class 9B Opener



Scotland's Seth Ireland (15) can't escape the defensive clutches of Avon's Devin Tolsma (26) and Jacob Knodel (5) in Class 9B football playoff action Tuesday night in Avon.

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AVON — The Avon Pirates opened their Class 9B playoffs in business-like fashion as they handled the Scotland Highlanders 46-0 Tuesday night in Avon.

The Pirates got the best of a sloppy and slick field as they seemed unaffected by the elements in a game that saw the ball on the ground seven times in the first half.

"We like to get dirty," said Avon tailback Brandon Kocmich. "We had to execute better tonight than when we played them before; we did that and we're excited about that."

"We had to be ready," Kocmich added. "They threw everything at us."

"They came out strong," Avon head coach Tom Culver said of his team. "I think our kids played hard and wanted to take care of business and see what the next round brings."

The Highlanders were the first to test the waters and got a 17-yard rumble from Tanner Iwan to move into Pirate territory, but the drive stalled and a punt to Avon's 28-yardline.

Scotland held fast on Avon's first two plays, holding Kocmich and Brendan Anderson to short carries.

Devin Tolsma converted the 3rd-down play by taking an option pitch from Pirate quarterback Logan Mudder and cruising downfield for a 26-yard gain and a first down.

A play later, Tolsma paved Kocmich's way with a lead block on the outside that sprung Avon's senior tailback for a 42-yard touchdown. Mudder dove in for the 2-point conversion and the Pirates led 8-0 with 6:45 to play in the first quarter.

Scotland's next possession ended after a slippery pitch that was recovered by Avon's Jacob Knodel at the Highlander 24.

Mudder kept to the outside and looked to cross the goal-line, but the ball slipped free of his grip and out fortuitously out of bounds at the 1-yard line instead of going through the endzone.

With that, the Pirates avoided a touchback, maintained possession and scored a play later as Tolsma took the rock in for the 1-yard

score. Mudder again kept for the conversion for a 16-0 Avon lead.

"That maybe would have changed the momentum, but I'd like to think our team would have responded by getting a three-and-out or getting a turnover of our own."

Less than three minutes later, Tolsma picked his way along the line of scrimmage before sprinting to the pylon for a 26-yard touchdown scamper. The junior tailback's second score of the night was set up by a punt return on 29 yards by Kocmich.

After Scotland punted to start the second quarter, the Pirates engaged on a long drive in lieu of the big play to score next.

The Pirates used 13 plays and 5:52 of game clock to pick up 93 yards and take a 30-0 lead.

Midway through the drive, the Highlanders forced Avon into a 4th-down play, but Mudder kept for a needed half-yard and made the conversion.

Mudder later converted a third-and-seven play by rolling deep in his own backfield before turning upfield for a 14-yard pick-up.

A play later, John Kopp plunged into the pile from three yards out for a touchdown and a 30-0 Avon lead.

Avon used a single play for their next score - a late pitch from Mudder to Kocmich for a 42-yard TD gallop.

Kocmich added a 62-yard touchdown run midway through the 3rd quarter to add to his 169 yards on the night.

The game's only pass completion of the night came on a swing from Scotland's Shaye Bloch to Alex Kotaik for six yards with 3:50 remaining in the third quarter.

The Pirates closed out the 46-0 final with a safety late in the fourth quarter.

Tolsma led Avon with 178 yards as the Pirates ran for 425 yards on the night. Tolsam also had 12 tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

Scotland rushed for 101 yards as a team.

Anthony Walloch led Scotland, who finishes at 4-5, with eight tackles.

The Pirates (9-0) will host a second-round game Monday night. Avon will host Dell Rapids St. Mary (8-1).

Parkston

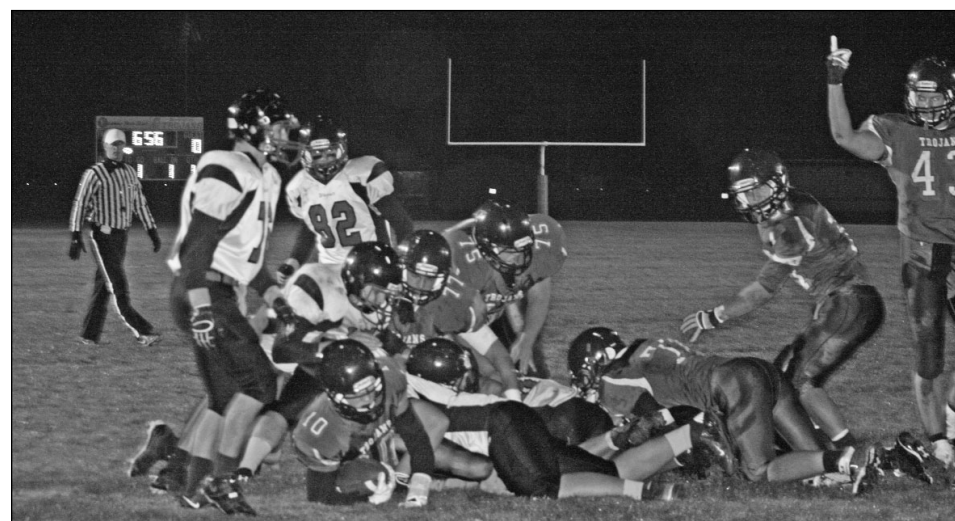
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game. A light mist at the beginning of the game quickly turned into a steady light rain by halftime. By the third quarter, the field conditions had deteriorated, leading to five turnovers in the third quarter. By the end of the quarter, Wagner had thrown three interceptions and fumbled once while Parkston lost a fumble a single play after picking off.

Red Raider QB Dylan Bruning was 2-16 for 38 yards and 3 INTs. Trojan QB Wes Dvorak was 2-2 for 21 yards.

Looking ahead, Norden said despite the lopsided victory, there are improvements to be made.

"What we really need to



Parkston's Wes Dvorak crosses the goal line to put Parkston ahead 21-0 over the Wagner Red Raiders in the 2nd quarter.

do right now is just make everything a little cleaner and work on our line play," Norden said. "We just need to make sure we fix a lot of the

small problems we have between this week and the next.

The Trojans will host Custer (7-2) on Monday.

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Tri-Valley Holds Off Beresford In Class 11B Opener

COLTON — Tri-Valley had three different players score touchdowns, and Jayden Sonnenberg picked off a pass on Beresford's final possession in a 20-14 victory over the Watchdogs in the first round of the Class 11B football playoffs, held Tuesday in Colton.

The win sets up Tri-Valley (4-5) for a rematch of last season's championship game, as the Mustangs will travel to top-ranked and unbeaten Winner (9-0).

Nick Buchmann, Austin Van Asselt and Derek Eldeen each rushed for touchdowns for the Mustangs, who were

outgained 258-184 in the game.

Oliver Doeden was 16-33 passing for 212 yards and a score for Beresford. Brad Bogue had four catches for 68 yards and a score, and Eli Orr caught five passes for 73 yards for the Watchdogs. Chris Kropuenske added a rushing touchdown in the effort.

Van Asselt, Connor Hickmann, Joey Newman and Alex Gonzales each had five tackles for Tri-Valley. Logan O'Hara also picked off a pass for the Mustangs.

Conor Hoy led the Beres-

ford defense with seven stops. Austin Meester and Bogue each recorded six tackles.

Beresford finishes with a 5-4 record.

BERESFORD (5-4)	7	0	0	7	—	14
TRI-VALLEY (4-5)	6	0	8	6	—	20

Leola-Frederick 56, Viborg-Hurley 6

LEOLA — Leola-Frederick scored 36 points in the first quarter on the way to a 56-6 victory over Viborg-Hurley in the opening round of the Class 9A football playoffs on Tuesday in Leola.

Evan Emery rushed for

135 yards and two scores on eight carries, and Carston Hutel had 85 yards and two scores on six carries for Leola-Frederick. Dane Campbell completed three passes for 110 yards and two scores in the win.

Jack Huether passed for 109 yards and rushed for 29 yards and a score for Viborg-Hurley. Dylan Kludt caught three passes for 88 yards for the Cougars.

Huether also had nine tackles in the effort.

Leola-Frederick, 9-0, will be the top seed in the quarterfinals, set for Nov. 4. Vi-

borg-Hurley finishes with a 4-5 record.

VIBORG-HURLEY (4-5)	6	0	—	6
LEOLA-FREDERICK (9-0)	36	20	—	56

Kimball-White Lake 36, W-WS-SC 8

WHITE LAKE — Eathan Gaulke rushed for 273 yards and two scores in a 36-8 victory over Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central in the first round of the Class 9AA football playoffs on Tuesday.

Turner Blasius rushed for 103 yards in the win. Riley

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touchdown by Grant Johnson ending the game 57-6.

"Just like any night, I think that up front our three linemen did a pretty good job of getting some blocks and Grant and Mitch and Erik had some good runs and made some good decisions," Haak said.

Alcester-Hudson advances to play Wolsley-Wessington next Monday.

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Tanagers

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As the Tanagers were marching, they decided to line up and kick a field goal with 5:03 left in the half.

The 39 yard field goal was blocked by Blake Perryman.

The Panthers were unable to take advantage of the missed kick.

Both teams combined to have 86 total yards of offense in the first half.

To start the second half, senior kicker Ethan James booted the ball down to the 15, where the ball bounced off of a Panther receiver, which was then recovered by Vermillion.

The next play saw junior running back Regan Bye run a 76 yard touchdown, but was called back on a holding

call.

The Tanagers were able to connect, despite the errors on offense.

James booted a 44 yard field-goal with 8:21 left in the third quarter, to give the Tanagers a 3-0 advantage.

"James has a pretty good leg that the college coaches haven't seen yet," Homan said. "This is his first year out, he's really a hidden talent."

With 1:50 left in the third, on a third down, Oullette connected on a 37 yard pass to James to put the Tanagers inside the seven yard line.

A goal line stand by Dakota Valley ended the action in the fourth quarter.

With 14:56 left in the fourth quarter, James connected on a 25 yard field goal to give the Tanagers a slim 6-0 lead with the whole fourth quarter to come.

The Panthers gained life in

the fourth quarter with two read options and a triple option for three first downs to get into Tanager territory.

The next play Fernando heaved the ball up 30 yards and was intercepted by Tanager corner Sinaway Marshall, who took the ball down to the 47 yard line of Dakota Valley.

After a defensive stand, on the first play of the drive, Dakota Valley had a wild snap back 20 yards, and was recovered at the Dakota Valley nine yard line.

On the next play, Oullette fumbled the snap, giving the ball back to the Panthers.

Later in the drive, senior tackle Nick Jensen stuffed Fernando for a safety, adding to their 8-0 lead with 6:30 left.

After receiving the kick, the Tanagers were forced to

turn the ball over on downs.

The Panthers took over the ball on their own 27, converted a first down on a pass from Fernando to VanGinkel with 4:34 left in the contest.

Fernando completed another pass to Trevor McCabe, to get the ball down to the Vermillion 41 yard line.

A forced fumble by Alex Osborne with a little under a minute left, sealed the deal for the Tanagers.

Osborne finished the game with seven sacks.

"We really challenged our defense this week in preparation," Homan said. "We wanted to bring the meter back and shoot the stunts hard this game."

With the victory, Vermillion advances to the quarterfinals of the 11A playoffs and will travel to number one

ranked Madison on Monday.

"We just need to take it one game at a time," Homan said. "If they knew who would be playing in the Dome to start the playoffs, they would have put those teams in the championship already."

Coach Holman feels the Tanagers will take this week of practice like any other week they have this season, despite playing arguably the best team in the state.

"We're just going to take the prep the same as we always do," he said. "We will look at our film and try to find out what we can improve. Hopefully, we can go up there and get a victory."

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