



## A&M Consolidated tops The Woodlands 21-14

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SHENANDOAH — A&M Consolidated converted two fourth downs during a nine-play, 55-yard drive late in the fourth quarter to take a seven-point lead over The Woodlands.

The Tigers were then successful on three third downs on their final drive to seal a 21-14 victory on Thursday at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

The Highlanders (3-3, 1-1) eventually stopped A&M Consolidated (4-2, 1-1) with about 30 seconds left, but ran into the punter on an attempted block, which gave the Tigers a first down.

After a 32-yard touchdown pass from A&M Consolidated quarterback Jaylan Cheshire to Derrick Dick with 5:49 to go, The Woodlands punted on fourth and six from its own 39.

Highlander running back Patrick Carr tallied 178 yards on 18 carries, including touchdown runs of 72 and 15 yards. His second score tied the game at 14 with 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The Woodlands' Jayme Taylor filled in for injured quarterback Blaine Gillespie and was 10 of 21 for 113 yards with an interception.

Taylor was pressured most of the night and was sacked four times by the Tigers, including three by defensive lineman Jimmie Gilbert.

A&M Consolidated running back Xavier Jones had 79 yards on the ground, while Cheshire added 77 yards and a touchdown to go with his 160 yards through the air.



## Football: Highlanders come up short

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas - What was billed as a high-flying pass-happy crucial District 14-5A tilt, turned into a defensive struggle for The Woodlands High School football team on Thursday night at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

The Highlanders battled A&M Consolidated on even terms until the Tigers converted two fourth-down plays en route to the game-winning touchdown drive and a 21-14 victory.

"I was proud of our kids, the way they battled a little short-handed tonight," The Woodlands head coach Mark Schmid said.

The Highlanders played without starting quarterback Blaine Gillespie, who suffered a concussion at Conroe the previous week. But Jayme Taylor filled in admirably, throwing for 113 yards on 10-of-21 passes and one interception. He also added 11 yards rushing.

But the Highlanders relied heavily on running back Patrick Carr and the sophomore didn't disappoint. Carr rushed for 178 yards on 18 carries, including touchdown runs of 72 and 15 yards. His electrifying touchdown run at the end of the first quarter gave the Highlanders a 7-0 lead. And his final scoring dash tied the game 14-14 with 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

But A&M Consolidated, which went four overtimes last week before losing 71-68 to Lufkin, was in no mood to play extra time on Thursday. The Tigers scored what proved to be the game-winner with 5:49 left.

Houston Brown and Sean McCanna led The Woodlands receiving corps with four catches each for 80 and 29 yards respectively.

It doesn't get any easier for the Highlanders (3-3, 1-1), who travel to Abe Martin Stadium to face the Lufkin Panthers for a 7:30 p.m. Friday game of District 14-5A contenders.



## Consol defense roars in 21-14 win over The Woodlands

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SHENANDOAH — Turns out, the A&M Consolidated football team had something left. Plenty, actually.

The Tigers rode a redemptive performance by their defense and a game-winning drive that included two fourth-down conversions to a 21-14 victory over The Woodlands at Woodforest Bank Stadium on Thursday night.

Consol (4-2, 1-1) bounced back from a four-overtime loss to win on a short week, on the road, against a team expected to contend for the District 14-5A championship.

"It's a tremendous win for us," Consol coach David Raffield said. "They're a good football team. We took care of business when we needed to.

"Our kids are committed and they are hard workers, day-in and day-out. They're really tired right now — it's been a long season to this point — but sometimes you've got to dig a little deeper. They did that tonight."

No group had a deeper hole from which to climb than the Consol defenders. The Tigers allowed 749 yards in a 71-68 loss to Lufkin that dropped Consol to last in the league in total defense, giving up 487 yards per game.

The Tigers limited The Woodlands to 300 yards and allowed only five first downs in the second half. Outside linebacker Jimmie Gilbert had a monster game that included three quarterback sacks, and junior Corey Stoll came up with a crucial interception for the beleaguered secondary.

"The defense had to redeem itself," Gilbert said. "We didn't do our jobs last week. We worked hard in practice this week knowing it was a short week. We felt like we had to make it up to the offense."

Consol's defense looked completely exhausted as the Lufkin game stretched to nearly 4 hours, but the Tigers had plenty of energy against the Highlanders. The Woodlands got 72 yards on one run, but managed just 228 on the other 51 plays.

"That just shows how much pride they have," Raffield said. "Their egos got hurt last week and they answered the call and came back."

The Woodlands (3-3, 1-1) played without regular starting quarterback Blaine Gillespie, who suffered a concussion last week against Conroe.

Senior Jayme Taylor, who has committed to play at Northwestern as a receiver, moved to quarterback and was a constant target of Gilbert and the Tiger defense.

Taylor, who had thrown three touchdown passes in relief last week, overthrew several receivers against Consol.

He completed 10 of 21 passes for 117 yards with the one costly interception.

"I think it really helped our defense [not facing Gillespie]," Raffield said. "Taylor is a heck of a football player, but he's not quite as crisp of a passer."

Running back Patrick Carr was the Highlanders' main threat, rushing for 170 yards on 18 carries. Carr had a 15-yard touchdown to cap an easy drive as The Woodlands made it 14-14 early in the fourth quarter.

Consol answered with a game-winning — and perhaps season-changing — drive. The Tigers got a 43-yard kickoff return from Derrick Dick for good field position, then survived a pair of fourth-and-1 plays.

On fourth down from the Highlander 46, Xavier Jones took a pitch to the right side and immediately encountered two defenders. Jones charged past them with a stiff arm to gain 4 huge yards.

"I think that was the biggest play of the game," Raffield said. "Xavier is a tremendous football player having a great senior year. He leads by example."

The Tigers faced fourth-and-1 again at the 33 when quarterback Jaylan Cheshire pushed forward for just enough.

On the next play, Cheshire threw a quick pass to Dick, who maneuvered past one defender and raced to a 32-yard touchdown.

Cheshire scored Consol's other second-half touchdown during a key sequence early in the third quarter. The Highlanders took the second-half kickoff and drove to the Tiger 38, where Taylor threw incomplete on fourth-and-four.

On the next play, Cheshire kept the ball on a zone read play and sprinted 62 yards to score, making a nice cutback to set up the final downfield block.

The first half finished in a 7-7 tie as both teams produced long touchdowns runs that were followed by missed scoring opportunities.

Consol's defense forced the Highlanders to punt on their first two possessions — the Tigers made Lufkin punt once the previous week — but the home team struck quickly the next time it got the ball. Carr bolted 72 yards for a touchdown, bouncing out to the sideline after being stuff on a run up the middle for what could have been a short loss.

The Tigers came up with an impressive answer, driving 75 yards in five plays to tie the game. Jones broke through a couple of attempted tackles up the middle and then sprinted down the sideline as the Tigers made it 7-7.

It looked like the game could go into shootout mode when the Highlanders drove into Tiger territory on the ensuing possession. However, Consol lineman D.J. Jackson put pressure on Taylor, whose ill-advised pass was intercepted by Stoll.

Stoll's 28-yard return gave Consol good field position and the Tigers had a chance to take the lead. Consol easily reached the 19-yard line before stalling, and holder Josch Motley was unable to hang on to the snap when Dillon Moore lined up to attempt a 35-yard field goal.