

Katy continues regular-season dominance with win over The Woodlands



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KATY - The Woodlands was the last team to beat Katy in the regular season - back in September 2009.

It's not the first to lose multiple games to the Tigers since then.

Rodney Anderson ran for 226 yards and four touchdowns in three quarters, giving him 13 touchdowns on the year, and Katy rolled to its 41st consecutive regular-season victory, 37-14 Saturday at Rhodes Stadium.

"The wins are great, and we enjoy them when we can," Anderson said.

"But since this game's over, we're going to enjoy it tonight, and then (Sunday), we'll focus on the (Mayde Creek) Rams."

Anderson sparked the Tigers (3-0) with a 97-yard touchdown sprint for a 10-0 edge in the second quarter.

The Woodlands turned it over on the first play of its ensuing drive, leading to a 9-yard scoring run by Anderson, giving the Tigers two touchdowns in 30 seconds and a commanding 17-0 advantage.

"The (97)-yard run really took the wind out of our sails, and I'm not sure why, but it did, because we didn't respond right away," The Woodlands coach Mark Schmid said.

Anderson scored again with 2:44 left in the second quarter, giving Katy a 24-0 halftime lead.

Secondary steps up

Katy's sophomore defensive backs paced its defense.

<u>JoVanni Stewart</u> had a fumble recovery, <u>Travis Whillock</u> an interception and a big pass breakup, and <u>Collin Wilder</u>a pick and key tackle for loss.

They were supposed to be the Tigers' soft spot.

"Coach (<u>Gary Joseph</u>) was telling us that we were going to have to create some turnovers, and them saying that our weakness was our secondary gave us more motivation to make plays." Stewart said.

It didn't help The Woodlands that it lost starting quarterback <u>Chris Andritsos</u> to a knee injury in the second quarter.

Backup <u>Dylan Larsen</u> went the rest of the way, throwing two interceptions.

He finished 11-of-19 passing for 130 yards, with a late 10-yard rushing touchdown.

"We had to do some things differently than what we originally planned," Schmid said. "But, after Dylan settled in, he did a decent job of running our offense and giving us a chance to compete."

Backups provide boost

<u>Kiley Huddleston</u> started at quarterback for Katy after leaving last week's game with an injured throwing shoulder, and he was banged up again Saturday, Joseph said, but his backup played well, again.

Garrett Doiron, another sophomore, completed four of eight passes for 63 yards.

"He's pretty good," Joseph said. "He's going to get better, too."

Sophomore running back <u>Kyle Porter</u> added 107 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries for Katy, which racked up 460 total yards.

The Woodlands (1-2) had 295 yards and three turnovers.

The only downside: Katy gave up its first touchdown of the season in the third quarter on a hook-and-ladder play ending on a 55-yard scoring run by Patrick Carr.

Carr had 127 yards and a score on 20 rushes.

"I'm not going to lie," Wilder said. "That was biter.

"But it will prepare us for later on. We'll learn from it, and the next time that happens, we'll defend it."