



The Woodlands crushes Summer Creek

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HUMBLE — Summer Creek had aspirations of scoring a monumental victory on Halloween night, but instead the Bulldogs found themselves smack dab in the middle of a nightmare.

The Woodlands crushed the homestanding Bulldogs 63-14 on Friday evening at Turner Stadium, claiming at least a share of the District 16-6A title in the process. The Highlanders have now won six league championships in the past seven seasons.

“That’s a special thing for us,” The Woodlands coach Mark Schmid said. “When you start the season, that’s one of the things that you as a team want to accomplish. To be able to clinch that tonight is a special deal. We know we’ve got to finish it next week, but we’re enjoying what we were able to accomplish tonight.”

Summer Creek (3-6, 2-3), meanwhile, will be fighting to keep its postseason dreams alive next week when it travels to take on Oak Ridge (6-3, 3-2) at Woodforest Bank Stadium in Shenandoah.

The Woodlands (8-1, 5-0) was led once again by running back Patrick Carr, who piled up 130 yards and scored on touchdown runs of six, five, 59, five and 10 yards, respectively. The senior ball carrier moved past the 1,000-yard mark for the third time in his prestigious prep career and set a new school record with 49 career touchdowns. Daniel Lasco held the previous mark at 48.

“Another outstanding game by Patrick, and he’ll be the first to tell you it starts with those guys up front,” Schmid said. “Our offensive line did a great job tonight.”

The Woodlands got the scoring started right out of the gates, driving 74 yards in six plays to take the 7-0 lead. Quarterback Matt Bonaguidi capped the drive with a seven-yard run. Mason Wuensch then blocked a punt on Summer Creek’s first possession and jumped on the ball in the end zone for the 14-0 edge.

Carr scored on a six-yard run to give his team the commanding 21-0 advantage, a touchdown that was set up by an interception by TC Schneider at the Bulldogs’ 33-yard line.

Bonaguidi, who sat out last week with an ankle injury was instrumental in helping the Highlanders establish an early lead. His 25-yard touchdown pass to Chris Stewart gave The Woodlands a commanding 28-0 lead. Bonaguidi completed 6 of his 8 passes for 145 yards and added six carries for 49 yards on the ground.

“Matt rolled his ankle, and we didn’t play him last week because we wanted him to be 100 percent,” Schmid said. “He was hungry — he wanted to get back on the field. He did an awesome job stepping back in, and I think tonight might have been one of his best games.”

Carr scored twice more on runs of five and 59 yards in the first half to put The Woodlands up by 28 heading into the locker room. Myles Wanza, who piled up 120 yards on 20 carries for Summer Creek, scored on runs of five and three yards to give the Bulldogs some life.

It was all Highlanders in the second half as Carr added two more touchdown runs to make the score 56-14. Third-string quarterback Craig Heiser connected with Brentley Kalata on a 10-yard touchdown to cap the scoring with 9:29 to play.



Highlanders throttle past Summer Creek

The Woodlands improves to 5-0 in district

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HUMBLE, Texas - The Woodlands Highlanders clinched at least a share of the District 16-6A football championship with a 63-14 victory over Summer Creek before a sparse Halloween crowd on Friday night at Turner Stadium.

The win moved the area’s second-ranked Highlanders to 8-1 overall and 5-0 in District 16-6A play. They can clinch the outright district crown with a victory over Kingwood in the final week of the season at 4 p.m. next Saturday at Woodforest Stadium.

Summer Creek, which made the jump from Class 4A to 6A before the 2013-2014 school year, dropped to 3-6 overall and 2-4 in the league.

The Woodlands put up 35 first-quarter points against the much-maligned Bulldogs’ defense and coasted the rest of the evening.

Matt Bonaguidi, who was back in the starting lineup after Chris Andritsos started a week ago, scored on a 7-yard run to open the onslaught early in the first period. Bonaguidi and Andritsos split time at quarterback for the first half of the game.

Special teams star Mason Wuensch made it 14-0, when he blocked Summer Creek’s punt and recovered it for a touchdown in the end zone on the Bulldogs’ first offensive possession.

Patrick Carr scored on runs of 5 and 6 yards, and Bonaguidi hit speedster Chris Stewart with a 26-yard scoring strike to put The Woodlands up five touchdowns only 12 minutes into the game.

Summer Creek, which is loaded with offensive talent, scored twice in the second quarter to try and remain in the contest.

Junior quarterback Zachary Walker scored from 4 yards out on fourth-and-4 with 6:30 left in the second quarter, while running back Myles Wanza added a 3-yard touchdown scamper to make the score 42-14 with 3:13 left until intermission.

Summer Creek had two other chances to score in the second quarter, but The Woodlands' Nick Purcell stopped Walker on fourth down from the Highlanders' 18. Walker missed a pair of wide open receivers on fourth-and-goal from the 4, with 11:20 left in the half.

Carr, who passed Daniel Lasco for most rushing touchdowns in a career, scored on a 59-yard run with 6:13 left in the half. He would add touchdown runs of 4 and 9 yards in the third quarter as he finished with 129 yards rushing and five scores.

The Woodlands had one other chance to score in the second quarter, but Nacho Garcia's 25-yard field goal sailed wide left on the final play of the half.

While The Woodlands' defense took over in the second half, third-string quarterback Craig Heiser took over the offense.

Heiser, who was 4-for-4 for 43 yards, hit Brentley Kalata with a 10-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. The three Woodlands' quarterbacks combined to hit 17-of-20 passes for 270 yards. The Highlanders had 538 yards of total offense.

Summer Creek managed 379 total yards, which is the most the Highlanders have given up this season.

