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The Woodlands dismantles West Brook, moves to first in District 12-6A

TWHS hands Bruins worst loss in school history

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The Highlanders held West Brook to less than 200 total yards while forcing 11 punts. The Woodlands, which scored 60 points for the second straight week and 70 for the first time this season, added four more scores in the second half to complete the rout. They finished the game with six different players scoring rushing touchdowns.

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WHAT STOOD OUT

The Highlanders' most impressive first half play came from the arm of someone other than Schmid. Senior [Dylan Casey](#) found Carter wide open on a halfback pass, scoring from 40 yards out to extend their first half lead to 37-7 with 8:26 left in the second quarter. Carter added his third score on a 51-yard run with under two minutes before halftime.

BY THE NUMBERS

Schmid added a score through the air - a 14-yard pass to [Grant Murphy](#) - in the third quarter to finish 5-of-11 for 113 yards. Schmid also finished with a game-high 138 yards on six rushes. West Brook quarterback [Marcus Johnson](#) finished 10-of-14 for 105 yards, finding favorite target Kandin Robertson eight times for 80 yards. Denley rushed for a team-high 67 yards for West Brook.