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## TWHS scores season high in points, moves past Montgomery

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MONTGOMERY – In a shootout that saw 100 total points, The Woodlands took down host Montgomery 69-31 at Bear Stadium on Friday.

The win clinched at least a share of District 12-6A for the Highlanders (6-1, 5-0), who have now won 29 district games in a row. Next week against College Park, The Woodlands can win it outright.

"Obviously you celebrate it, because it's an important thing for our kids," The Woodlands coach Mark Schmid said. "They want to be the district champions and they secured a share of it tonight. But I know them, and [a share]'s not what they want. They want the whole thing."

The Bears (4-4, 2-3) hung with the Highlanders early thanks to their quick-strike offense. Their 31 points scored is the most The Woodlands has allowed this season.

"We felt like we'd be able to move the ball and make some plays against them," Montgomery coach John Bolfig said. "We were confident that we'd be able to score some points against them in whatever way we had to do that."

Texas Tech commit Kesean Carter led the way offensively on the night for The Woodlands, and he did so without playing much of the second half as his team had a comfortable lead. Carter finished the game with seven catches for 133 yards and four touchdowns. His first two catches of the evening were both touchdowns, too.

"After the second one, coach said he was going to feed me," Carter said. "I just stayed with the plan and got into the end zone when they threw me the ball."

On his Senior Night, Bears quarterback Jordan Hood was 22-for-44 for 269 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. "He's done a great job for us," Bolfig said of Hood. "He's gotten better and better for us every year. He's surrounded by some really good receivers that help him make plays and an offensive line that's done a great job. It's a unit thing, it's not just about Jordan. All those guys make plays, and he's one of them. He's certainly had a great career for us."

The Woodlands was methodical on its opening drive, going 68 yards in 10 plays before Bryeton Gilford plunged into the end zone from the 2-yard line with 8:07 to go in the first quarter. The sophomore back rushed for 113 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries.

The lead grew to 13-0 when Highlanders quarterback Quinton Johnson rolled out and found Carter for a 7-yard touchdown. Johnson was 12-for-17 for 219 yards and four touchdowns on the night.

The ensuing extra point was blocked and returned the other way for a two-point score by Montgomery's Noah Delahoussaye. "It was huge," Bolfig said of the return. "It really gave us a spark and that's what we were looking for. I think it got us going a little bit."

Trailing 13-2, Hood connected with Daniel Dobis for a 25-yard touchdown. A two-point pass to Alex Nunn made it 13-10 with 4:55 to go in the opening quarter.

A total of 35 points were scored in the second quarter – 28 from the visitors.

Gilford scored on a 34-yard run with 9:16 to go to put The Woodlands up 20-10.

Nunn responded on the next drive with a 59-yard touchdown reception. The senior caught the pass with two Highlanders nearby, then stopped on a dime to promptly lose both before sprinting to the end zone.

"They do a great job with their offense," Schmid said of the Bears. "They run multiple formations, motions and they have a lot of deceptive plays that they execute extremely well. One of the things we preached all week was reading keys and not seeing the shiny bait, so to speak."

The Johnson-to-Carter combination helped The Woodlands pull away before halftime. In the last 5:10 of the first half, the duo connected on touchdowns of 12, 48 and 23 yards to put the Highlanders up 41-17 at the break.

The Woodlands outscored Montgomery 28-21 in the second half as points continued to pile up. Hood's lone touchdown toss of the second half was a 21-yard pass to Campbell. Campbell also tossed a touchdown of his own in the fourth quarter on a trick play.

Non-starters took the field for the Highlanders, who were playing with a comfortable lead. Quinn Binney, who has battled injury this season, threw a 19-yard score to junior Ryan Farquhar for the game's second-to-last touchdown.

With 66 seconds to play, Sean Stavinoha's 44-yard fumble return sealed the final score.

Montgomery closes its regular season at Lufkin on Friday. The Woodlands closes out its regular season the same night against College Park at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

There's some celebration over the share of the 12-6A title, but the Highlanders want to win it all. "I mean, we're just going to go to Whataburger tonight," Carter said after Friday's win. "We'll have fun there and then come back to work for next week."

# Carter and Gilford shine as Highlanders earn sixth straight win

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas— Not many teams in the area can stop The Woodlands when Kesean Carter is on his game. And on Friday night against Montgomery, the Texas Tech commit was on. The Woodlands defeated Montgomery 69-31 with Carter scoring four in the first half.

The Woodlands has proven they're the best team in the district by rolling with the punches throughout the season and still coming out victorious. Even with starting quarterback Quinn Binney missing time and the absence of Ethan Bonner on defense, the defending state runner ups still seem to be better than everyone else. Quinton Johnson has filled the spot of Highlander quarterback as well as possible and more. The ability to find open receivers while also having the capability to escape the pocket and scramble, Johnson has solidified his spot as the starter going into playoffs as The Highlanders have won 6 straight since their opening day loss to Katy.

Friday night was no different. From the first drive the Highlanders set the tone by driving down the field and capping off the drive with a 1-yard score by Sophomore Bryeton Gilford. Gilford would add to his stellar run by scoring two more to add to his total of 10 in three weeks.

Montgomery's Jordan Hood led the Bears down to multiple scores in the second half to close in on the Highlander lead, but the Woodlands high-scoring offense was too much for the Bears on Friday. While the Highlanders scored their most points in a game with 69, they also gave up 31 which is the most a team has scored on the Highlander defense this season.

In a night that saw a lot of scoring, the Highlanders were able to hold off any hopes at a comeback late in the fourth quarter and hold on to the victory to move them to 6-1 overall and still unbeaten in District 12-6A.