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## The Woodlands rolls to 54-7 win over Klein Cain

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KLEIN — A veteran team is going to take care of rookie mistakes just about every single time. It was a manageable 10-point game at halftime for the first-year varsity Klein Cain Hurricanes. But the game spiraled out of control in a hurry.

The Woodlands scored 37 unanswered points in the second half, including a quick spurt early in the third quarter that put the game away, for a 54-7 win Saturday night at Klein Memorial Stadium.

The Woodlands coach Jim Rapp said afterwards that the mood was different on each side of the locker room during halftime after two turnovers in the first half on offense.

Entering the night, the Highlanders (4-2, 4-0) were only allowing 12 points per game in District 15-6A wins over Oak Ridge, College Park and Klein Oak. The defense didn't technically allow any points on the night as the lone Hurricanes touchdown was on a fumble recovery.

"I walked into the defensive side of the locker room and told those guys they were playing a heck of a ball game," Rapp said. "I walk into the offensive side of the locker room and we had to have a different kind of conversation."

Klein Cain (1-3, 0-3) came in allowing 40.5 points per game. So, the possibility was there to start piling up points on the board. The Highlanders did just that by scoring 16 points in a matter of 30 seconds on the game clock out of halftime.

Quarterback Casey Sunseri first connected with Malik Johnson on a 5-yard reception.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Klein Cain returner fielded the ball in play around the 1-yard before stepping backwards and kneeling the ball in the end zone. A safety was called for two more points for the The Woodlands.

Running back Bryeton Gilford then capped a two-play drive with a 46-yard touchdown for the 33-7 lead at the 10:19 mark.

The Highlanders kept rolling. At the 5:10 mark, a fumble recovery by junior defensive back Carter Doucet, who had a pick-six earlier in the game, set up an 11-yard Jacoby Clarke touchdown.

Doucet was happy to see the offense start dominating in the second half. “The offense got in there and they obviously fixed something,” he said about the second half. “They got it figured out and played a great game.”

On the Hurricanes’ next drive, senior Austin Winfield picked off a pass. That set up a 13-yard touchdown run by Ryan Farquhar at the 1:41 mark of the third for 30 total points in the quarter.

The Woodlands added a fourth quarter touchdown by Brandon Wheeler from three yards out. The Highlanders came out scoring early. But it was a relatively low-scoring first half compared to the second.

The Woodlands marched 53 yards on six plays as Sunseri connected with PJ Villareal for a 5-yard touchdown on its first drive of the game.

The Highlanders lost a fumble on their next drive with Brysen Thomas recovering for the Hurricanes. The fumble didn’t hurt The Woodlands though.

Doucet picked off Klein Cain quarterback Luke Pardee three plays into the ensuing drive and returned it to the end zone from about 65 yards out to make it 14-0 at the 4:02 mark of the first quarter.

“I got a quick read and broke on it,” Doucet said. “He threw it right at me and I took it for six. It doesn’t get much easier than that.”

Sunseri lost another fumble on the Highlanders next drive, but this time it did hurt. Hurricanes junior right end Javion Tatum scooped the ball off the turf and rumbled down the field 48 yards for the touchdown.

With Ben Mills in at quarterback, The Woodlands spent 16 plays on the field on its next offensive drive after a roughing the punter call extended it. The long drive resulted in a 22-yard field goal by junior Fabrizio Pinton to go up 17-7 with exactly four minutes to go before halftime.

“We’ve got kids that are trying hard to make plays,” Rapp said. “You just have to do your job. That was main conversation (at halftime).”

Gilford finished with a team-high 125 yards rushing on 14 carries. The Woodlands totaled 306 yards rushing total. Sunseri and Mills combined on 91 yards passing.

Rapp was pleased afterwards with another fine performance by the defense. Klein Cain had just 163 yards of total offense and didn’t score a touchdown. The Hurricanes had just 13 yards rushing.

“We have played great defense all season,” Rapp said. “I can’t say enough about how those guys played tonight. We were able to get a couple turnovers and get one back for a touchdown. You can’t ask for anything more than that.”



# The Woodlands football win big over Klein Cain for fourth straight win

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas— The Woodlands Highlanders remain unbeaten in District 15-6A after their 54-7 win over Klein Cain. The Highlanders get their fourth straight win of the season after beginning the 2018 season 0-2. The Woodlands will host Klein High School at Woodforest Bank Stadium Saturday Oct. 16.

The Highlanders opened the scoring with a Casey Sunseri pass to P.J. Villarreal on their first offensive drive.

The Highlanders wouldn't have to wait long for their second score, as Carter Doucet picked off Klein Cain and returned it 61-yards for a touchdown. The first half scoring would come to a halt for The Woodlands after a Fabrizio Pinton field goal in the second quarter.

Klein Cain scored their only touchdown of the game when a Casey Sunseri fumble was returned 58-yards for a score. The Hurricanes, who are in the middle of their first ever varsity football season, were able to hold the Highlanders to 17 points in the first half.

The Woodlands started to click as soon as the second half kickoff, scoring 16 points in the first two minutes of the half. Highlander junior Malik Johnson scored the first with a five-yard run, and on the ensuing kickoff, the Hurricanes returner was called for a safety. Less than a minute later, Bryeton Gilford brushed off a couple would be tacklers for the 46-yard touchdown.

The Highlander defense also hit another gear after the half, forcing two more turnovers before game's end. Carter Doucet fell on Klein Cain fumble, setting up a Jacoby Clare touchdown. The next drive saw another Klein Cain turnover when Highlander senior Austin Winfield intercepted quarterback Luke Pardee.

The Woodlands scored 40 unanswered points as the Highlanders cruise to their fourth straight win.