

**SPORTS**

**Passing game stops Jackets**

**By John Shepherd**  
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East by dominating the passing game, the East Carter Raiders defeated the Nicholas County Bluejackets 42-14 in the first two downs and full Nicholas County's first home game of the football season, Friday night.

The Bluejackets won the coin toss and elected to receive, however, on first down, the ball and before he was tackled, Fawcett was thrown for reverse and East Carter recovered the ball.

Within four downs, East Carter quarterback Dane other end sweep where defen-Damron ran the ball in for six and Greg Gilson com-pleted the run and Fawcett and East Carter recovered the ball. The Bluejackets attempted an- East Carter running back Dan Burres ran for two consecutive first downs before a quick call line up on the East Carter offense resulted in a fumble recovered by Jonathan Tapp for the Bluejackets.

However, on the next play, Daniel Brown's pass was intercepted by Raider defen- sive end Charles Martin and Charles Martin putting the ball back in East Carter's hands for a first second score on another pass play from Damron to Collier.

Second half action began with Robbe Moore receiving the Nicholas County kickoff to be brought down by David Pruitt.

Burres ran the ball through the middle as Daniel Brown and Fawcett caught him after a successful first down. Burres received the next hand off as well, but this time East Carter was called for holding and the Raiders forced another first down and about twenty yards to go for a first down. Burrock brought down

the ball to the left side of the field, and Linshaker Burrock stopped the run after only a four yard gain.

Damron took to the air with a well placed screen pass to running back Robin Moore.

East Carter marched to within nine yards of the goal line when the Bluejackets toughed up the middle. With a first down and goal to go, Kuntz was again handed the ball for a run attempt. The play was broken by Justin Adams and the East Carter was thrown for a loss on the next down when the Nicholas defense hit and stop Damron's pass attempt.

On third down, Damron passed to receiver Todd Collier came up incomplete and Raymond Brown completed the goal line stand when Damron tried to fake the pass and head up the middle for the score.

Nicholas took over possession deep in its own territory. On first and 10, quarter-back Bradley Brown handed off to Raymond Brown for a three yard gain before Ben Burbeck brought him down.

Burbeck took the ball and following some excellent lead blocks, was able to take the ball ten yards for a Blue-jacket first down with Burbeck again coming up

ten also gained long yardage, but was cancelled by a slipping well on the Bluejackets which forced them to look at a second down and 20 situation.

The pass to Fawcett made up five yards, but on third down, Daniel Brown barely escaped being sacked when he was forced to scramble to find an open receiver in the secondary.

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the Raider total to 40 points. The extra point kick split the goal and the Raiders' lead spread to 41 points.

The Raiders blocked a Nicholas County punt deep in Bluejackets territory and scored a safety on last recovery which pushed East Carter's score up to 42.

A Raiders fumble recovered by Fawcett gave the Bluejackets another chance to score.

Parsh took over the quarterback spot and after a successful first down pass to Daniel Brown, Burrock began a slow steady march down the field.

However, though Burrock made the score, he received a neck injury that kept the ball game halted for several minutes as coaches, trainers, and emergency medical technicians treated the running back's neck and carried him to ambulance to a 2-yard gain by Fawcett and a Raider fumble, nearly East Carter possession of the ball.

But the East Carter offense was able to take the ball down for another first down and on a Moore run, East Carter came within two yards of another first down before Jones came up with the tackle.

At least and two, a Damron pass came up incomplete, but Moore again swept around the end and came up with the first.

On second and twelve, it seemed the Bluejacket offense may have put Damron down for a loss, but after three missed tackles the quarterback was able to scramble back to the line of scrimmage before finally being brought down by the defense.

Billy Kuntz went out and received a Damron pass and took it in the end zone to push

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Category	NC	EC			
Rushes	24	41			
Rush Yds	105	206			
Passing	15-11	41			
Pass Yds	41	159			
Total Yds	134	375			
First Downs	7	16			
KO/Ret	6/17Yds	10 Yds			
Punt Ret	1/19Yds	3Yds			
Fumbles	2	2			
Punts/Avg.	6/36.2	...			
Penalties	105	4			
QUARTER	1	2	3	4	25
NCHS	6	0	0	8	14
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