

SPORTS

Jackets take first district win in eight years over Fairview 20-0

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CARLISLE — For the first time in eight years, the Nicholas County Bluejackets won a district game with a shut out of the Fairview Eagles, 20-0, Friday night.

Greg Letcher, head coach of the Bluejackets, was elated. "I was worried at the start of the first quarter. The team looked like they were starting to get down, but when we finally realized we could win, we jacked up the pace and played some very impressive football," Letcher said.

With the start of the first quarter, the Fairview Eagles started their march from the Fairview 20 yard line and began to hammer their way down field.

The Eagles converted 2nd and 12 situation into a first down play when Nathan Holbrook saw daylight on the other side of the Bluejackets defensive line and took off for a 20 yard run.

Although the line was successful containing both the pass and runs by Fairview running back Eddie Dixon, Holbrook continued to thwart the Bluejackets defensive efforts, converting two 3rd down situations into first downs and putting the Eagle's in scoring position.

However, with 7:18 to go in the first quarter, on 3rd and six in Bluejackets territory, the Fairview Eagles offense began to break down.

Linebacker Jerry Watkins stepped Dixon short of the first down. A clipping penalty sent the Eagles to a 2nd and 25 situation. In a desperate attempt to convert the down, Fairview quarterback Christie Roy faked back to pass. However, the attempt was nullified when Raymond Brown rushed around the end to sack Roy down on the 25 yard line.

Nicholas County's only possession of the quarter, however, was riddled with mistakes. After Raymond Brown powered three yards on first down, an offensive call pushed the Jackets back to a 2nd and 12 situation.

A pass attempt to Kevin Morris went just wide of the receiver's fingers. On 3rd and 12, the Jackets' hopes for a quick early score were dampened when Jeff Williams intercepted Daniel Brown's pass. An additional face mask call against the Jackets improved the Eagles' position by 15 yards.

Starting from the Fairview 45 yard line, the Eagles began their most vigorous scoring attempt they would have all evening.

Justin Abnee and Chris Jones combined to shut down Dixon's run up the middle. But Holbrook continued to work magic running off tackle, breaking in over the middle. Holbrook found open field for nearly 20 yards until the Jackets secondary descended on him at their 40 yard line.

With 2:39 left to go in the first, Ron Newby dealt Fairview's Chris Tarkenton a three yard loss to gain the Jackets hope for stopping the Eagle's offensive strategy.

Abnee halted Holbrook from making the first down, but at 3rd and three, Roy bounded over the line to make the first and push the Jackets to their 20 yard line.

Shawn Bassell stopped Roy from making any further gains from vendors, but by the end of the quarter, Fairview still controlled the ball, had managed to log another first down, and were standing on the Jackets' 15 yard line.

Fortunately for the Jackets, the start of the second quarter saw the Eagle's fumble and the Jackets recovered the ball and prepared to start an offensive onslaught that would mark the pace for the rest of the game.

The Jackets took over possession on their 15, but rushed to the 40 yard line as Chris Compton found clear running room. He was very nearly in the clear but was stopped short as an Eagle, sliding in Compton's shirt, laid, brought the running back down.

Raymond Brown came through for a five yard gain which was followed by another extravagant run of the kind by Compton as he jacked in the Fairview 28 yard line.

With 8:09 left in the half, Raymond Brown came through for a five yard gain that almost sent him in the end zone if not for a shoe string tackle by Fairview safety man, Christie Roy.

Chris Jones jammed the ball to within ten yards of a touchdown.

Raymond Brown finished the job when he carried three tacklers over the end zone for the Bluejackets first score with 7:25 left to go in the half.

The extra point pass attempt failed, leaving the Jackets with a tenuous 6-0 lead.

The next Fairview possession was short lived as the Jackets defensive line closed holes and allowed no first downs.

The Jackets' started from their 41 and were held to four yards through two plays. But at 3rd and 6, Compton maddled through and found clear ground for a 10 yard gain to the Fairview 49.

Jones was stopped two yards short of a first down when Holbrook stepped into him, but at 3rd and 7, Compton slipped by Fairview tacklers, again, almost free of the team, a last effort from Roy stopped the Jackets 35 yard line with five minutes left in the game.

Raymond Brown took to the field at the Fairview 25 yard line and threw a 25 yard pass to the 50 yard line. The extra point was nullified for a 12-0 game. The extra point was nullified for a 12-0 game.

Mistakes by the shaken Fairview team destroyed last possession and gave the Jackets one more chance to score with eight seconds left. The Jackets opted to run the clock down, leaving the field at the half with the score standing in Nicholas County's favor, 12-0.

The second half began with an explosive performance by the Jackets. After Morris recovered a Jones fumble, scoring a four yard gain, Compton dragged Fairview tacklers to the 50 yard line.

A holding penalty, however, cost the Jackets their possession, despite a fourth down punt fake in which Daniel Brown was stopped just inches short of a first down.

The next Jackets' offensive series began strong, but very nearly ended in disaster. With 6:45 to go in the third, the Jackets' started on their own 20 yard line and with run from Raymond Brown an Compton, they reached the Fairview 20 and prepared for another score.

But every gain was suddenly wiped out when an illegal motion call was compounded by two unsporting like conduct penalties. The Jackets returned to the point where they had started and were placed at 3rd and seven to make it their first down.

But in one play, a flicker from Daniel Brown to Morris, who flicked the ball to Raymond Brown, the ball was taken back to the Fairview 20 yard line and gave the Jackets a first down.

A simple pass play put Raymond Brown back across the end zone to put the Jackets

up 18-0. With Daniel Brown's pass to Morris, the Jackets broke their extra point slump and added two more points on the board, for a 20-0 lead with 3:31 to go in the third.

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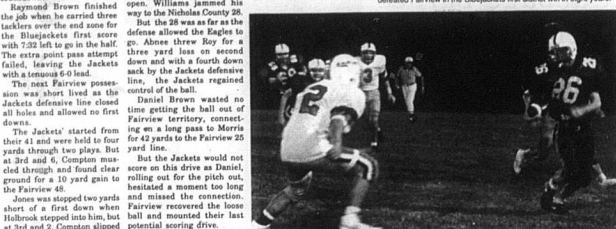
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Chris Jones hangs on to ball to gain extra yardage as Nicholas County defeated Fairview in the Bluejackets first district win in eight years.

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Sept. 28	Trinity	7:00
Oct. 5	Green	7:00
Oct. 12	Trinity	7:00
Oct. 19	Green	7:00
Oct. 26	Trinity	7:00
Nov. 2	Green	7:00
Nov. 9	Trinity	7:00

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Oct. 28	Trinity	7:00
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Nov. 11	Trinity	7:00
Nov. 18	Green	7:00
Nov. 25	Trinity	7:00
Dec. 2	Green	7:00
Dec. 9	Trinity	7:00
Dec. 16	Green	7:00
Dec. 23	Trinity	7:00
Dec. 30	Green	7:00
Jan. 6	Trinity	7:00
Jan. 13	Green	7:00
Jan. 20	Trinity	7:00
Jan. 27	Green	7:00
Feb. 3	Trinity	7:00
Feb. 10	Green	7:00
Feb. 17	Trinity	7:00
Feb. 24	Green	7:00
Mar. 2	Trinity	7:00
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Jun 8	Trinity	7:00
Jun 15	Green	7:00
Jun 22	Trinity	7:00
Jun 29	Green	7:00
Jul 6	Trinity	7:00
Jul 13	Green	7:00
Jul 20	Trinity	7:00
Jul 27	Green	7:00
Aug 3	Trinity	7:00
Aug 10	Green	7:00
Aug 17	Trinity	7:00
Aug 24	Green	7:00
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