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Sidney bounces back with big MVL win

Yellow Jackets score 4 TDs in 2nd quarter to jump-start lopsided win

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WEST CARROLLTON — Sidney was hoping to rebound against West Carrollton on Friday at DOC Stadium after losses to rivals Piqua and Troy the last two weeks.

The Yellow Jackets didn't just rebound — they rejuvenated their Miami Valley League Valley Division title hopes.

Sidney scored four touchdowns in the second quarter to jumpstart a 36-6 win over the winless Pirates to improve to 3-4 overall and 3-3 in MVL play.

It was a big offensive night for Sidney following a 42-7 loss to archrival Piqua two weeks ago and a 23-6 loss to Troy last week.

"The last two weeks were definitely tough," Sidney coach Adam Doenges said. "We told our kids that we have to continue to battle. ...They did tonight."

Senior quarterback Donavin Johnson threw one touchdown pass and ran for a TD in his first game back after missing last week's game. Senior running back Devin Taborn scored on two TD rushes and junior RB Myles Vordemark scored on one TD run.

"Little bit of a committee (at RB) tonight," Doenges said. "Both those guys haven't really got a whole lot of carries this year, and both those guys did a nice job. A lot of that has to do with the guys up front, our five offensive linemen, and whoever else we have blocking. We did some nice things tonight, some things I think we can carry on as we move forward."

Taborn and Vordemark split time at running back with E.J. Davis, who played QB last week in Johnson's absence. Since he wasn't playing under center, Davis was able to return to his linebacker duties on Friday and helped led a strong defensive effort.

Outside of a long TD play in the second



Sidney senior quarterback Donavin Johnson fights off West Carrollton's Cedric Anthony during an 18-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of a Miami Valley League Valley Division game on Friday at DOC Stadium. Johnson, who missed last week's game at Troy, also threw a 63-yard touchdown pass in the 36-6 win.



Sidney junior running back Myles Vordemark tries to fight off West Carrollton's Antonio Robinson during the first half of a Miami Valley League Valley Division game on Friday at DOC Stadium. Vordemark scored on a short TD run in the third quarter.

quarter, West Carrollton struggled to move the ball. The Pirates managed 189 yards of offense and committed two turnovers in the second quarter,

both of which led to Sidney TDs.

Doenges was happy with the performance, especially considering Sidney was without sev-

eral players due to injuries and illness. He was especially pleased with the offensive line, which played without four-year starter Evan Kennedy,

SIDNEY LOOKING FOR WEEK 8 OPPONENT

Sidney's originally scheduled MVL game against Fairborn scheduled for Friday has been canceled due to a COVID-19 outbreak at Fairborn. The squad is looking for a replacement opponent. Sidney's Homecoming is this weekend.

who is injured.

"I thought once we got into a rhythm, the offensive line did a nice job and started imposing their will a little bit on the defensive line," Doenges said.

The Yellow Jackets are tied with Stebbins (4-3) for second place in MVL Valley Division standings; Xenia (5-2) is in first place with a 4-2 record.

Sidney was scheduled to host winless Fairborn this Friday for its homecoming game, but Fairborn canceled the game due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

"We can still go for a division title and put ourselves in a position for a playoff berth," Doenges said. "There's still a lot of things to play for. This was a nice step in the right direction."

The teams traded punts (or turned the ball over on downs) in the first quarter, but Sidney got going in the second.

The Yellow Jackets got the ball in the final minute of the first quarter after they blocked a 38-yard field goal try by West Carrollton.

Sidney scored 16 seconds into the second quarter. Sam Reynolds caught a pass over the middle one-handed and ran 63 yards for a TD. Zane Cline caught a two-point conversion pass from Johnson to give the squad an 8-0 lead.

"That was something we needed," Doenges said. "It's one of those things where it's a long drive (from Sidney to West Carrollton), it's late in the season, crowd's a little smaller than we're used to and all that kind of stuff, and we needed a spark plug to ignite us a little bit. That did it."

The Pirates scored shortly after when Cedric Anthony took a short pass and ran 79 yards for a TD with 10:37 left to cut the gap to 8-6 after a missed extra-point attempt.

"We talked all week that they have big-play potential," Doenges said of West Carrollton. "There's a lot of good

athletes, and any one of those guys can be a sparkplug. That could have been a moment we didn't handle well, but I thought our kids did a nice job of handling it."

Sidney quickly responded. The Yellow Jackets went on a long drive and scored when Taborn ran in from 4 yards out with 6:35 left. Senior kicker Carson Taylor, who missed last week's game due to injury, kicked the extra point to push the lead to 15-6.

West Carrollton fumbled at its own 33 shortly after, and Johnson scored on an 18-yard TD run with 2:30 left to push the lead to 22-6.

The Pirates then fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Taborn scored on a short run with 59 seconds left to increase the lead to 29-6 at halftime.

Doenges said he was happy the squad took advantage of West Carrollton's late turnovers.

"We've had those opportunities before this year, but we've never really capitalized on picking the fumble up and taking advantage of it," Doenges said. "I thought we did a nice job tonight of taking advantage of those situations when presented with them."

Sidney scored on its second drive in the third quarter when Vordemark ran in from 1 yard out on a third down. Taylor kicked the extra point with 1:14 left to push the gap to 30 points and start a running clock.

Sidney amassed a season-high 320 yards of offense. Johnson completed 6-of-12 passes for 82 yards and ran for 62 yards on nine carries. Taborn ran for 67 yards on 10 carries, Davis ran for 43 yards on six carries and Vordemark ran for 28 yards on 12 carries. Reynolds caught three passes for 73 yards.

Taborn and Wyatt Biddle each had one fumble recovery. Chris Hudgins led the team with six tackles while Vordemark made 5.5.

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AREA FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Big 2nd quarter helps Riverside crush Lehman

Late 2-point conversion costs Fort Loramie at Columbus Academy

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SIDNEY — After a scoreless first quarter, Riverside pulled away before halftime and pushed the gap to a running-clock margin in the second half in a 44-14 victory over Lehman Catholic in a Three Rivers Conference game on Friday at Sidney Memorial Stadium.

Myles Platfoot threw a 35-yard TD pass to Landon Stewart in the second quarter to get the Pirates going, then

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threw a 17-yard TD pass to Deven Frilling to push the lead to 14-0.

Warren Shockey scored on a 25-yard run to increase the gap to 21 points. Lehman sophomore QB Donovan O'Leary threw a 15-yard TD pass to Michael McFarland to cut the gap

to 21-7, but Isaac Bender made a 27-yard field goal before the end of the quarter to increase Riverside's lead to 17 points.

Platfoot threw a 28-yard TD pass to Landon Stewart to open the third quarter and increase



Riverside's Warren Shockey breaks free for a long run during a Three Rivers Conference game against Lehman Catholic on Friday at Sidney Memorial Stadium. Shockey ran for 160 yards and three TDs.

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the Pirates' lead to 30-7 after a missed extra point. O'Leary threw a 36-yard TD pass to Hayden Sever to close the gap to 16, but Shockey scored on a 27-yard run before the end of the quarter, then scored on a 25-yard TD run in the fourth, which pushed the gap to 30 points after Bender hit another extra point.

Riverside amassed 451 yards of offense while Lehman amassed 226.

Platfoot completed 14-of-18 passes for 235 yards and 3 TDs. Shockey ran for 160 yards and three TDs and Platfoot ran for 49 yards on six carries. Frilling caught eight passes for 123 yards and one TD and Stewart caught four passes for 99 yards with two TDs.

Simon Godwin and Michael Shockey each intercepted one pass for the Pirates. Skyler Hudson led the team with 6.5 tackles while Braden

Brandyberry made six.

O'Leary completed 11-of-22 passes for 156 yards with two TDs and two interceptions. Nathan Sollmann gained 55 rushing yards on six carries. McFarland caught six passes for 65 yards and one TD and Sever caught two passes for 50 yards with one TD.

Sever led Lehman with 10.5 tackles while John Edwards made nine.

Riverside (5-2, 3-1 TRC) is scheduled to host Miami East on Friday while Lehman (0-7, 0-4) is scheduled to travel to Covington.

Versailles 38, Anna 0

The Tigers ran away before halftime and earned a lopsided Midwest Athletic Conference win on Friday in Versailles.

Landon Henry scored on a 25-yard TD run in the first quarter to give Versailles a 7-0 lead. The Tigers then pulled away in the second quarter.

Carson Bey threw a 75-yard TD pass to Eli McEldowney, then

scored on a 1-yard TD run to push the lead to 21-0. Henry scored on an 8-yard TD run, and Chase McEldowney made a 23-yard field goal before halftime to push the lead to 31-0 and ensure the second half started with a running clock.

Jack Osborne scored Versailles' last TD on a 17-yard run in the third quarter.

Versailles had 376 yards of offense while Anna managed 73.

Bey completed 3-of-12 passes for 101 yards with one TD and ran for 77 yards and one TD on 10 carries. Henry ran for 128 yards and two TDs on seven carries and Osborne ran for 65 yards and one TD on nine carries. Eli McEldowney caught two passes for 88 yards with one TD.

Taran Tyo led Versailles with 4.5 tackles. Caleb Kaiser intercepted one pass.

Carter Seigle completed 2-of-17 passes for the Rockets for 34 yards with one interception. Hunter Schmidt ran for a team-high 24 yards on six carries. Schmidt led the squad with 6.5 tackles while Zach Ambos made six. Nolan Fox intercepted one pass.

Versailles (6-1, 4-1 MAC) is scheduled to travel to Delphos St. John's on Friday. Anna (3-4, 2-3) is scheduled to host St. Henry.

Columbus Academy 29, Fort Loramie 28

A late two-point conversion cost the Redskins in a game on Friday in Gahanna.

Fort Loramie took a 28-21 lead in the fourth quarter after Caleb Maurer threw a 26-yard TD pass to Logan Eilerman. Aden Bolin's extra-point attempt was no good, keeping the margin at seven points.

The Vikings drove



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Riverside's Deven Frilling hauls in a pass while covered by Lehman Catholic's Seth Knapke during a Three Rivers Conference game on Friday at Sidney Memorial Stadium. Frilling caught eight passes for 123 yards and one TD.

80 yards on two plays late in the quarter and scored on a 52-yard touchdown run by Henry Rubey with 2:58 left. Rubey then threw a two-point conversion pass to Parker Logan to put Columbus Academy ahead.

The Vikings built an early 14-0 lead. Emanuel Jenkins intercepted a pass from Caleb Maurer and returned it for a touchdown, then Carter James scored on a 4-yard TD run later in the quarter.

Fort Loramie scored two TDs in the second quarter to tie it at halftime. Maurer scored on a 3-yard TD run, then threw a 46-yard TD pass to Logan Eilerman.

Rubey threw a 46-yard TD pass to Parker Logan in the third quarter to give Columbus Academy a 21-14 lead. Maurer threw a 20-yard TD pass to Owen Pleiman later in the quarter, then threw a two-point conversion pass to Lane Frilling to

put Fort Loramie ahead 22-21.

The Redskins gained 380 yards of offense and committed two turnovers while the Vikings gained 297 yards and committed one turnover.

Maurer completed 35-of-55 passes for 318 yards with three TDs and two interceptions. Eilerman caught 16 passes for 190 yards with two TDs. Damon Mescher gained 90 rushing yards on 12 carries.

Calvin Hoying led Fort Loramie with 8.5 tackles.

The Redskins (2-5) are looking for an opponent for their senior night game this weekend. Dayton Thurgood Marshall, which was scheduled to travel to Fort Loramie on Friday, canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

New Bremen 35, Minster 7

The Cardinals earned a big MAC win on Friday in Minster.

Hunter Schaefer scored on a 12-yard TD

run with 5:50 left in the first quarter for the Cardinals, then Colten Muether scored on a 17-yard run with 2:55 left to push the lead to 14-0.

David Homan returned an interception 98 yards for a touchdown with 4:50 left in the second to increase the lead to 21-0, then ran for a 29-yard TD with 47 seconds left to push the gap to 28 points.

Brogan Stephey scored on a 10-yard TD run for Minster with 2:58 left in the fourth to close the gap to 28-7. Homan scored the game's final TD on a 64-yard run with 1:21 left.

Minster amassed 355 yards of offense with two turnovers while New Bremen amassed 295 yards and committed one turnover.

Homan completed 7-of-13 passes for 98 yards and ran for 108 yards and two TDs on eight carries. Nick Alig caught four passes for 77 yards.

Branxton Krauss led New Bremen with 7.5 tackles and 3.5 sacks. Alig intercepted one pass.

Stephey completed 18-of-27 passes for 188 yards with two interceptions and ran for 80 yards and one TD on 30 carries. Austin Wellman ran for 84 yards on 14 carries. Jack Kohne caught seven passes for 70 yards and Devan Wuebker caught five passes for 68 yards.

Nathan Oldiges led Minster with five tackles and recovered one fumble.

New Bremen (5-2, 3-2 MAC) is scheduled to host Marion Local on Friday. Minster (1-6, 0-5) is scheduled to travel to Coldwater.

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