

Warrensburg football blanks Center on homecoming

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WARRENSBURG — Warrensburg football produced a complete-game shutout, beating Center 56-0 on Friday, Oct. 10, at the Warrensburg Activities Complex.

The Tigers (4-3, 2-2 MRVC West) had at least one touchdown from all three phases, including a 43-yard scoop and score from sophomore Trevin Shaw and a 78-yard punt return from senior Cruz Villegas.

Warrensburg is the first team to have blanked the Yellowjackets (2-5, 0-4 MRVC West) this season.

"All three phases played well," Warrensburg head coach Chris Cavanah said. "We scored 56 and had a punt return for a touchdown, a scoop and score for a touchdown and played well in all three phases."

Warrensburg senior AJ Smith ran for 244 yards and four touchdowns.

His first touchdown came on a 12-yard carry with 8:23 remaining in the first quarter.

The Tigers did not attempt a

pass until the second quarter, when sophomore quarterback Camden Mannering entered the game. Villegas was the Tigers' quarterback in the first quarter.

'Burg finished with 357 yards of offense, 290 arriving on the ground.

"We've got a strong running game," Cavanah said. "We were able to execute and put up a couple of early touchdowns. The offensive line played well."

Warrensburg led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers went on to force Center to turn the ball over on downs at its own 13-yard line.

Mannering entered the game at that point, firing off a 13-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Dominik Maham.

Nearly 20 seconds later, Shaw scooped up a fumble, returning it 43 yards for a touchdown.

Junior Jalen Ruble picked off Center on the next drive, setting up a 21-yard touchdown connection between Mannering and junior Dorian Lee. Lee reached over the pylon to make the score.

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Warrensburg junior Dorian Lee reaches over the pylon for a touchdown against Center on Friday, Oct. 10, at the Warrensburg Activities Complex. PHOTO BY JOE ANDREWS | STAR-JOURNAL

UCM's fast start fizzles against No. 22 Northwest Missouri

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WARRENSBURG — A streak reached an end during the battle of the last two undefeated teams in the MIAA, at least for Central Missouri defensive coordinator Rich Wright.

The Mules defense surrendered 358 rushing yards in their 49-32 loss to No. 22 Northwest Missouri State on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Walton Stadium.

It is the first time a defense led by Wright has surrendered over 300 rushing yards since the second round of the 2018 NCAA Division II playoffs, when Wright's Northwest squad surrendered 321 to Ferris State.

The streak extended 68 games. His defenses had only given up over 200 rushing yards six times during the same period.

"I think the quarterback run game really hurt us today," Central Missouri head coach Josh Lamberson said. "We knew [Zechariah Owens] was dynamic with the ball in his hand. Those quarterback draw plays, I'll have nightmares on those for a while. They run the counter really well."

The Mules (3-3, 3-1 MIAA) allowed Northwest (5-1, 4-0 MIAA) redshirt freshman quarterback Zechariah Owens to run for 14 yards and four touchdowns on 11 carries while sophomore running back Te'Shaun Porter ran for 84 yards on 16 carries, redshirt freshman running back Quincy Torrey



Central Missouri redshirt junior Jaylen Harris and Abraham Hoskins III tackle Northwest Missouri quarterback Zechariah Owens in the end zone on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Walton Stadium.

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ran for 81 yards and a touchdown on nine carries and senior running back Jackson Miller ran for 25 yards on four carries.

The Mules initially led 14-0, but trailed 21-17 at halftime and 35-17 at the end of the third quarter.

"They just lean on you and they don't give up on the run game," Lamberson said. "They're pretty consistent with it, and they can hit two, three, four and those turn into six, eight, 10 towards the end of the game."

The Mules and Bearcats exchanged punts on their opening two drives.

UCM went on to score on its third, capping a 10-play 80-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run

from redshirt sophomore running back Keyon Butler.

Northwest went on to begin its next possession with a false start penalty before redshirt freshman defensive back Malachi Howard picked off senior quarterback Chris Ruhnke at the Bearcats' 38.

The field positioning turned into a 24-yard touchdown pass from redshirt freshman quarterback Donovan Omolo, giving UCM a 14-0 lead.

"I thought we were really amped up and it was something I was actually trying to downplay a little bit," Lamberson said. I thought our guys were really, really amped

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AREA ROUNDUP

Holden football wins bout with Richmond

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Holden football knocked off Richmond 41-20 on Friday, Oct. 10, at Holden High School.

The Class 2 No. 6 Eagles led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter, 21-6 at halftime and 35-14 at the end of the third quarter.

Holden (6-1, 3-0 MRVC East) outgained Richmond 445-320.

Junior Brody Bockover led the Eagles with 214 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 30 carries. Sophomore Truman Wamsley ran for 100 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries.

Wamsley completed 3-of-7 passes for 73 yards and a touchdown. Senior Cohen Drake had two catches for 67 yards and a touchdown.

Senior Owen Doogs tallied an interception. Senior Seth Wright had a sack. Sophomore Tucker Wamsley paced Holden with seven tackles.

Holden travels to Carrollton on Friday, Oct. 17.

Knob Noster football beats Lafayette County after 16 years

Class 3 No. 8 Knob Noster football beat Lafayette County for the first time in 16 years on Friday, Oct. 11, at Knob Noster High School.

The Panthers (7-0, 3-0 MRVC East) led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter, 27-0 at halftime and 34-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Knob Noster sophomore Jaxon Wheeler recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff, giving the Panthers possession at the Lafayette County 23-yard line.

Knob Noster turned the ball over on downs but forced Lafayette County (0-7, 0-3) into a punt.

The Panthers put points on the scoreboard following a 24-yard touchdown run from senior Conner Morris.

This was the fifth time Knob Noster has held its opponents to under 20 points this season. Knob Noster has not allowed

more than 22 in a game.

Statistics were not published as of 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13. According to the Panthers' Hudl video recap of the game, they had 350 yards of offense, including 202 passing yards.

They limited Lafayette County to 185 yards.

The Panthers travel to Richmond on Friday, Oct. 17.

Crest Ridge tames Westran on road

Crest Ridge football beat Westran 44-14 on Friday, Oct. 10, at Westran High School.

The Cougars (4-3) led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter, 30-6 at halftime and 36-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Senior quarterback Wesley Taylor completed 17-of-24 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns while running for 140 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries.

Sophomore Jace Trobough had four catches for 80 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Kegan Walsh had three catches for 41 yards. Junior Cabe Shippy had six catches for 40 yards.

Senior Adian Basham tallied a fumble recovery. Sophomore Colton DeMoss forced a fumble.

Basham tallied one sack. Sophomore Evan Dresel and freshman Aidan Danner each had half of a sack.

Taylor paced Crest Ridge with seven tackles.

Crest Ridge hosts Salisbury at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Warrensburg Activities Complex. The game is in Warrensburg due to the track and field project at Crest Ridge.

Holden softball wins MRVC East title

Holden softball claimed the MRVC East championship with a 4-1 win against Carrollton on Thursday, Oct. 9, in Carrollton.

The Eagles (17-10, 10-0 MRVC East) went up 3-0 in the top of the third inning, when senior Adalyn Campbell had a solo home run, senior Bobbie Diibon had a RBI single, and sophomore Bella Haggard had a RBI single.

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Kingsville boys, Knob Noster girls finish second in Battle of Lexington

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Kingsville boys cross country and Knob Noster girls cross country finished second in the Battle of Lexington Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 11, in Lexington.

Holden and Crest Ridge also competed in the event. The Knob Noster boys finished sixth, while the Crest Ridge boys finished tenth. Holden did not qualify for either team standings.

Kingsville junior Avery Barnes led area runners in the boys race, finishing sixth out of 102 runners with a time of 17:23.88. The top 25 also featured Kingsville

freshman Cole Smith finishing tenth with a time of 17:45.20, Holden sophomore William Claxton finishing 12th with a time of 18:06.08, Kingsville sophomore Jack Ewing finishing 15th with a time of 18:23.39, Kingsville sophomore Levi Dennis finishing 21st with a time of 18:33.75 Knob Noster senior Andrew Collier finishing 23rd with a time of 18:41.84 and Knob Noster sophomore William Cramer finishing 24th with a time of 18:42.19.

In the top 50, Knob Noster junior Tyler Leneave finished 26th with a time of 18:47.78, Crest Ridge sophomore Clayton Gower finished 27th with a time of 18:51.70,

Kingsville junior Gideon Melling finished 28th with a time of 18:58.96, Kingsville senior Emanuele Levegue finished 37th with a time of 19:29.57 and Holden junior Evan Robinson finished 42nd with a time of 19:36.58.

Crest Ridge freshman Ryker Williams finished 57th with a time of 20:40.53, Crest Riege freshman Ethan Gamblin finished 63rd with a time of 21:23.17, Knob Noster freshman William Pruitt Miller finished 64th with a time of 21:56.52, Knob noter sophomore Anthony Hepler finished 69th with a time of 21:53.61, Crest Ridge freshman Beck Brandes finished 70th with a time of 21:56.78, Kingsville freshman El-

isha Terrell finished 71st with a time of 21:59.26, Kingsville senior Julian Molina finished 72nd with a time of 22:02.24, Crest Ridge freshman Brayden Weaver finished 74th with a time of 22:09.15, Knob Noster sophomore Caleb Collier finished 76th with a time of 22:13.15, Knob Noster freshman Roy Arndt finished 78th with a time of 22:20.39, Knob Noster senior Cael Cantrell finished 79th with a time of 22:22.70, Knob Noster sophomore Dallas Pointer finished 83rd with a time of 23:33.32, Knob Noster senior Travis Barkley finished 86th with a time of 23:43.03, Crest

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“There were some guys open and had some good protections up front,” Cavanah said. “Camden made some great reads and receivers made great plays on the ball.” Villegas tallied a 78-yard punt return just before halftime to make it 35-0.

Warrensburg recorded four takeaways in the game. Along with Ruble’s pick and Shaw’s fumble recovery, Shaw had two interceptions.

Each of the takeaways led to points scored.

“Our defense has been opportunistic all year long,” Cavanah said. “We’ve had some performances better than others, but anytime that you can keep a zero on the board through four quarters, it’s a good performance.”

The win accounted for the fourth time Warrensburg has held its opponents to seven points or fewer this season.

The shutout win was Warrensburg’s third in the last three seasons.

“It says they were prepared and ready to execute tonight at a high level,” Cavanah said of the shutout.

Smith had touchdown runs of 17 yards, six yards and 13 yards in the second half.



Warrensburg sophomores Trevin Shaw and Braun Lamone celebrate a scoop-and-score against Center on Friday, Oct. 10, at the Warrensburg Activities Complex. PHOTO BY JOE ANDREWS | STAR-JOURNAL

Mannering completed 4-of-8 passes for 60 yards and two touchdowns. Maham had two catches for 26 yards, Lee had a 21-yard recep-

tion and junior Theo McCracken had a 13-yard reception.

Warrensburg hits the road to Clinton on Friday, Oct. 17. The

Cardinals beat Harrisonville 20-13 on Friday.

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Ridge freshman Teagen Kaeser finished 88th with a time of 23:45.71, Crest Ridge freshman Wyatt Gentry finished 99th with a time of 30:16.50 and Knob Noster senior William Jennings finished 100th with a time of 31:40.21.

Senior Lyla Stiles paced the area girls, finishing fifth out of 84 runners with a time of 20:14.25. Also in the top 25, sophomore Summer Stiles finished seventh with a time of 20:28.51, freshman Lillian Bridges finished 11th with a time of 21:03.96, sophomore Adeline Applegate finished 15th with a time of 21:50.31, Knob Noster junior Charlie Miller finished 19th with a time of 22:00.84 and Holden sophomore Jessy Stringer finished 24th with a time of 22:35.70.

In the top 50, Knob Noster sophomore Adelaide Sturgill finished 30th with a time of 22:53.29, Knob Noster freshman Corrie Berislavich finished 33rd with a time of 23:06.13, Knob Noster senior Trinity Howard finished 34th with a time of 23:06.20, Holden senior Male Brewington finished 44th with a time of 23:57.06, Holden junior Madisyn Talley finished 46th with a time of 24:08.88, Crest Ridge freshman Jaycee Gower finished 47th with a time of 24:15.88. and junior Jenna Berislavich finished 50th with a time of 24:28.92.

Holden freshman Audrey Enneking finished 54th with a time of 24:40.38, junior Lilly James finished 57th with a time of 25:05.36, Kingsville sophomore Peyton See finished 59th with a time of 25:35.55, Knob Noster junior Lea Leanna-Wilson finished 60th with a time of 25:52.26 and Knob Noster senior Rosalie Barkley finished 75h with a time of 30:38.08.

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MULES

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up — probably more so than they had been all year. I was a little nervous about that from the standpoint of expending too much energy earlier. I knew it was going to be a four-quarter football game. They came out on fire and were able to execute some of those plays that we had drawn up all week and do a really good job.”

John McMenamin’s Bearcats went on to produce an eight-play 75-yard drive that ended with a 28-yard touchdown pass from Owens to senior wide receiver Luke Mathews, making it 14-7 with 18 seconds left in the first quarter.

It was the first of three consecutive touchdowns scored by Northwest. The third began following a punt return where junior wide receiver Andre Jack-

son fumbled, giving the Bearcats possession at the Mules’ 20-yard line.

UCM was able to add a 31-yard field goal as the clock expired in the first half, but was outscored 21-0 in the third quarter, leading to a 35-17 difference.

“Hats off to them for coming out and really making a it four-quarter football game and withstanding that early onslaught by us,” Lamberson said.

The Mules ended a three-quarter touchdown drought early in the fourth, scoring on an 8-yard touchdown pass from Omolo to junior wide receiver Marlon Lindsey.

Northwest went on to score back-to-back touchdowns, changing a two-score game to four.

The Mules scored their final touchdown on a 12-



Central Missouri reedshirt senior quarterback Donovyn Omolo navigates the field against Northwest Missouri State on Saturday, Oct. at Walton Stadium. PHOTO BY JOE ANDREWS | STAR-JOURNAL

yard run by Omolo with five minutes left in the game.

Omolo completed 22-of-45 passes for 256 yards and two touchdowns. Lindsey had three catches for 54 yards, while freshman

Aazeryan Voss had four catches for 54 yards.

Omolo also led the Mules on the ground, rushing for 68 yards on 14 carries.

Junior Latravious Boyd was next in line with 32 yards on eight carries.

UCM fumbled the ball away twice.

“[Omolo] was solid today,” Lamberson said. “I think there are things that are out there that we need to continue to get better at just being holistic on the offensive side of the football. We need to run the football with our running backs in a way that we’re averaging more than four yards a carry so they can help him out in the pass game. We became a little dependent on the pass in the second half. That’s not where we’re not going to have a lot of success, where we just have to throw it every down.”

UCM returns to the field at 2 p.m. Oct. 18 as it visits Washburn. They are back at home for homecoming against Emporia State on Oct. 25.

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ROUNDUP

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Holden made it 4-0 in the top of the seventh when freshman Lily. Kephart tallied a RBI single to center field.

Holden tallied nine hits, including a 2-for-4 game with one RBI from Campbell, a 2-for-4 game from senior Haley Brooks and a 2-for-3 game from Haggard.

Olivia Wooster pitched all seven innings, allowing one run on four hits, one walk and four strikeouts.

Holden finished the season with a perfect 10-0 MRVC East record.

Greenberg, Polk qualify for state golf

A pair of Warrensburg golfers clinched their tickets to the MSHSAA Class 3 Championships during the District 4 Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Hodge Park Golf Course in

Kansas City.

Senior Arin Greenberg qualified for state by finishing tied for 15th with a 28-over par 100. She’ll compete at state with senior Izzy Polk, who finished in 19th with a 105.

The duo will appear in the state championship on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21 at the Twin Oaks Golf and Country Club in Joplin.

Three Tigers saw their season reach an end at districts.

Junior Keira Eastabrooks finished 35th with a 118, senior Amy Cho finished 40th with a 125 and senior Julianna Tomita finished 41st with a 126.

Warrensburg softball defeats Clinton

Warrensburg softball beat Clinton 8-4 in its regular season finale on Thursday,

Oct. 9, at the Warrensburg Activities Complex.

The Tigers (4-21, 3-7 MRVC West) fell behind 1-0 in the top of the first inning, but went on to score at least one run in all but one inning of the game.

Sophomore Kenzie Crouch went 3-for-3 with one RBI, junior Aspen Osborn went 2-for-4 with one RBI, sophomore Reese Brown went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and freshman Savannah Jacobs went 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Warrensburg outhit Clinton 11-5.

Osborn pitched all seven innings, allowing four runs on five hits, nine walks and six strikeouts.

Warrensburg boys soccer shuts out Knob Noster

Warrensburg boys soccer beat Knob

Noster 8-0 on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Warrensburg Activities Complex.

Senior Hunter Wallace had four goals, senior Tyler Schroeder had two, senior Anton Wiederhoeft had one and junior Brody Chapman had one.

Warrensburg (3-9, 2-2 MRVC) hosts Clinton on Tuesday, Oct 14.

OTHER RESULTS

Thursday, Oct. 9

Knob Noster volleyball 3, Holden 0 Crest Ridge volleyball 3, Wellington-Napoleon 0

Harrisonville volleyball 3, Warrensburg 0

Ballard volleyball 3, Kingsville 1

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SEVEN DAY FORECAST

WEEKLY PRECIPITATION

OCT. 7..... TRACE
OCT. 8..... 0.00 INCHES
OCT. 9..... 0.00 INCHES

OCT. 10..... 0.00 INCHES
OCT. 11..... 0.00 INCHES
OCT. 12..... 0.00 INCHES

OCT. 13..... 0.00 INCHES
YEAR TO DATE:..... 27.23 INCHES
NORMAL:..... 35.60 INCHES

TUESDAY



MOSTLY CLOUDY

78

WEDNESDAY



SUNNY

83

THURSDAY



SUNNY

83

FRIDAY



SUNNY
60% CHANCE
OF OVERNIGHT
SHOWERS

83

SATURDAY



MOSTLY SUNNY
30% CHANCE OF
SHOWERS

75

SUNDAY



SUNNY

69

MONDAY



SUNNY

76

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER HISTORY

1982 Denver experienced six inches of wet, early-season snow that caused extensive power outages as tree limbs broke under the weight of the snow.

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