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Montai Vaughn picks off Lion quarterback Luke Uselton on a key play in the third quarter.

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After snatching the momentum right back, Marshall County answered the Lions' second-half surge and moved the ball well, including a key fourth-down pass to Randolph to keep the drive alive.

Teat capped the drive on his second rushing touchdown, coming from three yards out.

"Fourth and goal there, Montai Vaughn had the huge interception. And then the next drive, Jayden Randolph had a key conversion catch on the sideline," Osteen said.

The Tigers took advantage of another Lion turnover when Thomas Beech picked off Lion quarterback Luke Uselton and Braden notched his second touchdown of the night to finish off the drive.

Braden led the Tigers on the ground and totaled 155 yards on 20 carries to go along with his two scores.

"Demari had a good night and we kind of leaned on him a little bit. I feel like our offensive line played a really good game. Columbia is huge on the defensive front. We're still without a starter at right tackle. I feel like the offensive line were the unsung heroes of tonight's game," Osteen said.

As a team, Marshall County totaled 180 yards on the ground.

Teat completed 7-of-13 attempts for 60 yards and a score.

While the total production wasn't there for the Tigers in the pass game, Osteen feels the best is yet to come from his junior quarterback and the talented group of receivers.

"We didn't throw it and catch it the way I feel like we're going to

this year, but we did what it took to win the game against a team—Columbia is going to win a bunch of games this year," he said.

One bright spot came in the return game from Jones, who provided the Tigers with prime starting field position all night.

He finished with 153 all-purpose yards.

While the first game of the season can carry sloppy play and uncharacteristic penalties, Osteen said for the most part he was pleased with how the Tigers played.

"We've got to limit some explosive plays. We missed some tackles, but that happens in a first game. All three phases can get better, but with that being said, all three phases worked together to get the win in the end," he said.

The biggest concern for the Tigers' defense was McCoy, who finished with three touchdowns and 232 yards on the ground.

"He was my biggest worry tonight. They have a bunch of good players, but he is so good. Hats off to coach Sharp. I think they have a shot to win their region," Osteen said.

The Tigers get just a short week before facing their final non-region opponent on the schedule.

On Thursday night, Marshall County will travel to Shelbyville to take on the Golden Eagles, with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Columbia 13 0 7 0—20
Marshall Co. 14 13 0 14—41

First Quarter
C — Kayden McCoy 5 run, (56 kick good), 9:25.
C — McCoy 64 run (kick failed), 4:17.
M — Demari Braden 2 run, (Jayden Randolph 2pt. run), 4:17.
M — Silas Teat 1 run, (kick failed), 1:32.
Second Quarter
M — John Morgan Thomas 20 pass from Teat, (kick failed), 11:13.
M — Aja Jones 83 punt return, (Wyatt Joyce kick), 4:59.
Third Quarter
C — McCoy 4 run, (No. 56 kick) 6:12.
Fourth Quarter
M — Teat 3 run, (Joyce kick), 7:40.
M — Braden 2 run, (Joyce kick), 3:29.

Bulldogs

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Successful kick after put Cornersville up 14-7 by the end of the first quarter.

The Raiders again took another lengthy drive that went 11 plays over five minutes to the end zone, with the drive being aided on a key third down pass interference penalty against Cornersville.

The kick after, however, failed and the Bulldogs clung to a slim, 14-13 lead.

Cornersville used a steady mix of Franklin on the following drive, who had runs of 16 and 13 yards, before the Bulldogs fumbled, setting the Raiders up with a first down on their own 39-yard line.

Neither team was able to finish their final two drives of the half and Cornersville held a 14-13 lead at the intermission.

Mixing up the play calling, Franklin took several direct snaps on the Bulldogs best drive of the night on their first possession of the second half.

With Franklin taking a direct snap, the misdirection out of the backfield put the Raiders on their heels and Cornersville marched the ball 65 yards and drained nearly 10 minutes off the clock.

On the drive, Franklin totaled 56 yards on nine carries before Woodard capped the drive on a two-yard touchdown run up the gut.

The kick after the score, however, missed short and Cornersville held a 20-13 drive.

In the third, Richland

ran just four plays, but the biggest came on a third-down, 63-yard touchdown bomb to Workman.

Richland's kick after also missed, leaving the Bulldogs on top, 20-19.

Needing an answer for the shock play that pulled the Raiders within one, Woodard was flushed out of the pocket on third down and attempted to convert on a pass, but was picked off by Richland.

An unsportsmanlike penalty pushed the Raiders back to the 48-yard line.

Using a direct snap package to Workman, the Raiders answered and finally took the lead with 9:38 to go on a 15-yard touchdown run, giving the home team a 25-20 lead, following a failed two-point conversion attempt.

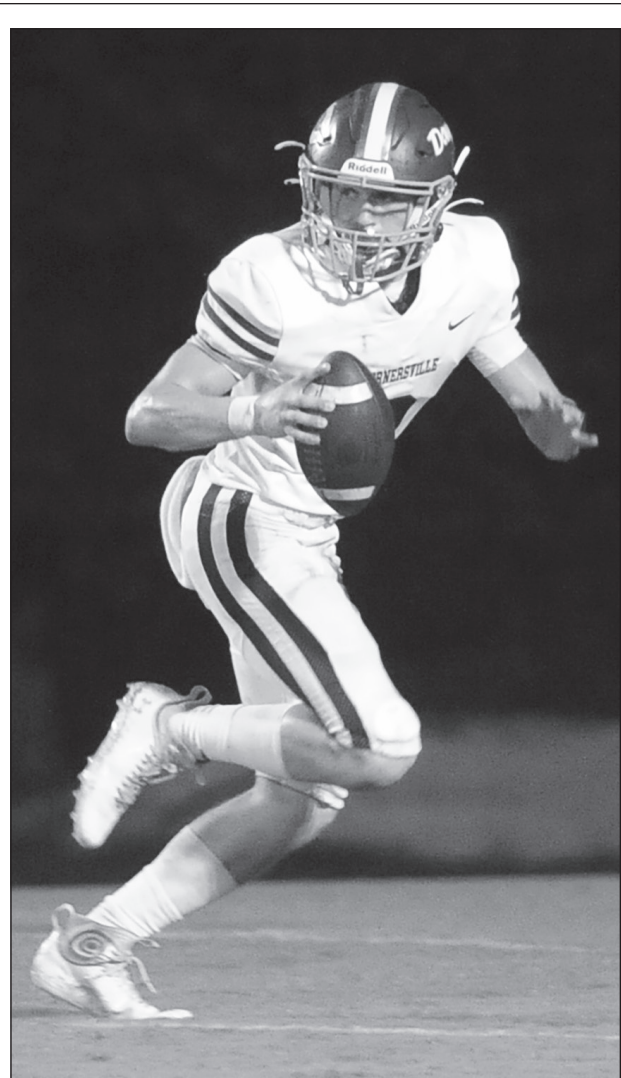
Still within one score of the lead, Cornersville attempted to get Franklin going again, but a bad snap on third down sent the junior running back scampering on a 13-yard loss to prevent a scoop and score.

That 13-yard loss prompted the first punt of the night and on the following drive, Workman notched his fourth touchdown of the night on a two-yard run to put the game out of reach.

While Cornersville had plenty of opportunities, untimely turnovers and cramps that plagued the entirety of the roster ultimately got the Bulldogs off their game plan late in the game.

Still, Cornersville totaled 220 yards of offense, with Franklin notching 120 yards on 20 carries.

Woodard completed



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Bulldog quarterback Blaine Woodard scrambles after being flushed from the pocket, keeping his eyes downfield.

3-of-10 attempts for 52 yards and touchdown, along with a rushing touchdown as well.

Richland totaled 182 yards on the ground and finished with 313 yards of offense, with Miller completing 7-of-18 attempts for 131 yards.

With Thursday's rivalry opener in the rear view mirror, the Bulldogs now set their sights on another rival next week—Forest—and Waddell said his team will take the weekend and refocus in preparation for next week's game.

"We'll come into work tomorrow and get back at it. We have enough

to clean up for sure. We have to come back in with the right mindset on Monday," he said.

The Bulldogs will return to Frog Bottom for their home opener and host their rivals from the north end of the county at 7 p.m.

Cornersville 14 0 6 0—20
Richland 7 6 6 12—31

First Quarter
C — Ben Franklin 13 run, (Joseth Palma kick), 3:29.
R — Ethan Workman 13 pass from Bryce Miller (Colton Trimble kick), 1:03.
C — Kale Adcox 40 pass from Blaine Woodard (Palma kick), 0:00.
Second Quarter
R — Andrew Huff 6 run, (kick failed), 7:36.
Third Quarter
C — Woodard 2 run, (kick failed), 2:46.
R — Workman 63 pass from Miller, (kick failed), 1:32.
Fourth Quarter
R — Workman 15 run, (2pt. run failed) 9:38.
R — Workman 2 run, (2pt. run failed), 3:13.

Rockets

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The Eagles weren't going to back down so easily.

Just under three minutes into the second quarter, quarterback Jesse Brown completed a 67-yard pass to Fearnas and Cade Pippenger tacking on the two-point conversion.

Forrest worked its way up the field over the next several minutes of the second quarter, resulting in a Grissom field goal to keep the Rockets ahead at 24-16. Quarterback Ryan Hill kept it going with only 41 seconds left in the half by completing a 19-yard touchdown pass to Carson Yates, giving Forrest a strong lead going into the half.

At the half, Swift led with eight carries for a total of 154 yards.

Entering third quarter, things seemed hopeful for the Eagles.

Yet again, on a 20-yard pass from Brown to Fearnas in addition to the two-point conversion pass to Daniel, the Eagles made it a one-possession game.

But, that's where it ended for Eagleville.

After neither team could convert, the Rockets started to roll again, beginning with an interception by Tyler Ayers, who had a



Photo courtesy of Chapel Hill Bill

Carson Yates hauls in a 19-yard touchdown pass with 41 seconds left in the first half.

good third quarter including a pass breakup.

From there, the Rockets made it into field goal range thanks to a couple of carries by Swift.

As he did all evening, Grissom came through with the 20-yard field goal attempt, putting Forrest up by 10.

Forrest stayed on fire throughout the fourth quarter.

Davis and Swift had a pair of strong carries, moving Hill into position to score just one minute in. After a round of incomplete passes and a turnover on downs from Eagleville, Bell and Cohen Grissom kept up the streak by going on a 59-yard run and 66-yard run respectively.

With one rivalry game out of the way, the Rockets now set their sights on county rival Cornersville on Friday night.

Kickoff against the Bulldogs is set for 7 p.m. in Cornersville.

Forrest 21 10 3 21—55
Eagleville 8 8 8 0—24

First Quarter
F — Liam Bell 1 run, (Gavin Grissom kick), 5:07.
E — Elijah Fearnas 98 kickoff return, (Kolton Daniel 2pt. run), 4:51.
F — Chris Davis 10 run, (G. Grissom kick), 3:16.
F — Eli Bell 53 punt return, (G. Grissom kick), 0:47.
Second Quarter
E — Fearnas 67 pass (Cade Pippenger 2pt. run), 9:29.
F — Grissom 30 field goal, 4:29.
F — Carson Yates 19 pass (G. Grissom kick), 0:41.
Third Quarter
E — Fearnas 20 pass (Colton Daniel 2pt. Pass), 6:35
F — Grissom 20 field goal, 2:12
Fourth Quarter
F — Ryan Hill 1 run (Grissom kick), 10:54.
F — Bell 59 run (Grissom kick), 7:04.
F — Cohen Grissom 66 run (G. Grissom kick), 2:48.

Air Raid

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scendants who are currently FBS head coaches include USC's Lincoln Riley, Houston's Dana Holgorsen, TCU's Sonny Dykes, West Virginia's Neal Brown and Louisiana Tech's Sonny Cumbie.

This offseason, Brown hired former offensive

coordinator Graham Harrell, another one of Leach's former Red Raiders quarterbacks, to run his offense.

As the Air Raid tree branched out, its limbs intertwined with other offensive schemes, and the coaches who grew up with it started to build it out.

Washington State offensive coordinator Eric Morris said when he played receiver for

Leach at Texas Tech they would practice the same plays so often it got a little boring. He said Leach wasn't interested in tweaks.

"What a bunch of people have done is taken kind of that simplistic mindset and those plays and found creative ways to dress it up to where, really, the quarterback's going through the same reads," said the 36-year-old Morris, who got his

start in coaching under Kingsbury. "But it looks different because you run out of a different formation. You run it with a tight end, without a tight end. You run it with a motion. You run it out of a closed set, a wide set."

Defenses responded to the Air Raid and other versions of the spread offense by putting smaller, faster players on the field and drop-

ping more defenders in coverage. Running the ball more became the obvious counterpunch.

"I got thrown out of the club because we run the ball too much," said Holgorsen, who got his start in coaching working with Mumme and Leach at Valdosta State in 1993.

Riley, who was a walk-on at Texas Tech under Leach, married a power running game

with Air Raid passing concepts as well as any coach during his time at Oklahoma, using pulling linemen and zone blocking schemes.

"I think what kind of elevated the offense at that time was their ability to run the football and run it effectively," said TCU offensive coordinator Garrett Riley, Lincoln's 32-year-old younger brother.