

Cornersville struggles at Clay Co.

Tribune Staff Report

CELINA — Not much whet the Cornersville Bulldogs' way in Friday night's 38-6 non-region loss at Clay County. In the Battle of the Bulldogs, the Clay County 'Dogs shutout Cornersville through the first half and limited the effectiveness on the offensive side of the ball. In total, Cornersville totaled 143 yards of offense, with 132 coming on the ground. Junior Ben Franklin provided the lone highlight of the night for the Bulldogs, scoring on a 90-yard touchdown jaunt with 1:29 left in the third quarter. Cornersville's two-

AP POLL

The Associated Press' Top 10 teams in each of Tennessee's six Division I non-financial aid classifications and in the combined Division II financial aid classification as selected by Tennessee AP-member sportswriters and broadcasters. With first-place votes in parentheses, records through September 12, total points based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote:

Division I - Class 6A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. Oakland (15)	4-0	150	1	
2. Collierville	4-0	125	4	
3. Maryville	3-1	109	2	
4. Dobyns Bennet	4-0	94	7	
5. Germantown	4-0	83	8	
6. Ravenwood	2-2	58	5	
7. Bradley Central	4-0	54	9	
8. Lebanon	3-1	52	3	
9. Blackman	3-1	37	10	
10. Cane Ridge	3-1	25	6	

Others receiving votes: Siegel 12. Riverdale 10. Brentwood 8. Smyrna 6. Bartlett 2.

Division I - Class 5A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. Page (9)	4-0	144	1	
2. Knoxville West (5)	4-0	139	2	
3. Springfield	4-0	115	3	
4. Munford	4-0	107	4	
5. Nolensville	4-0	86	6	
6. Daniel Boone	4-0	70	7	
7. Henry County	2-2	52	5	
8. White County (1)	4-0	48	NR	
9. Green Hill	3-1	28	NR	
10. Morristown West	3-1	15	10	

Others receiving votes: McMinn County 7. Powell 6. Oak Ridge 4. Karns 2. Franklin County 2.

Division I - Class 4A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. Greeneville (11)	4-0	146	1	
2. Anderson County (3)	4-0	133	2	
3. Haywood County	3-0	121	3	
4. Red Bank	3-0	92	6	
5. Marshall County	4-0	90	7	
6. Milan	4-0	61	8	
7. Uppermer(1)	3-1	50	4	
8. Pearl-Cohn	2-2	44	9	
9. Hardin County	3-1	43	5	
10. Macon County	4-0	22	NR	

Others receiving votes: Stone Memorial 8. South Gibson 6. East Hamilton 6. Melrose 2. Chattanooga Central 1.

Division I - Class 3A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. Alcoa (15)	4-0	150	1	
2. East Nashville	4-0	131	2	
3. Covington	3-1	120	3	
4. Giles County	3-1	106	4	
5. Unicoi County	4-0	83	5	
6. Kingston	4-0	73	6	
7. Gatlinburg-Pittman	3-1	63	8	
8. Sweetwater	2-1	37	9	
9. Waverly	3-1	28	NR	
10. Dyersburg	2-2	19	7	

Others receiving votes: Chuckey-Doak 9. Loudon 4. Smith County 2.

Division I - Class 2A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. Hampton (12)	4-0	146	1	

point conversion attempt, failed, however. Clay County proved to be fairly balanced on offense, rushing for three touchdowns and 253 yards on the ground, and adding two more through the air to go along with 146 passing yards. Cornersville looks to bounce back in the win column on Friday night at Collinwood. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Clay County	16	8	14	0	—	38
Cornersville	0	0	6	0	—	6
First Quarter						
CC — Joseph Marcom 25 run, (Alec Kerr 2-pt. run), 8:37.						
CC — Marcom 3 run, (Nate Adams 2-pt. run), 2:14.						
Second Quarter						
CC — Marcom 45 run, (Marcom 2-pt. pass from Adams), 6:20.						
Third Quarter						
CC — Jimmy Burchett 38 pass from Keaton Arms, (Kerr 2-pt. run), 8:41.						
C — Ben Franklin 90 run. (2-pt. run failed), 1:29.						
CC — Kerr 66 pass from Arms, (2-pt. pass failed), 11:59.						

2. Tyner Academy (3)	4-0	135	2
3. Union City	4-0	120	4
4. Huntingdon	3-1	107	5
5. Harpeth	4-0	70	6
6. Freedom Prep	4-0	66	7
7. Riverside	3-1	65	3
8. Fairley	4-0	45	10
9. Mt. Pleasant	3-0	22	NR
9. East Robertson	3-1	22	NR

Others receiving votes: Westview 8. Loretto 6. Meigs County 6. Westmoreland 3. Monterey 2. Forrest 1. Polk County 1.

Division I - Class 1A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. McKenzie (10)	4-0	145	1	
2. Fayetteville (5)	4-0	139	2	
3. Memphis Academy of Science & Engineering	3-0	121	3	
4. Dresden	4-0	105	4	
5. Peabody	3-1	81	5	
6. Moore County	4-0	75	7	
7. Coalfield	4-0	39	9	
8. South Pittsburg	2-2	38	6	
9. Clay County	3-0	34	10	
10. McEwen	2-1	29	8	

Others receiving votes: Oakdale 7. West Carroll 5. Gordonsville 4. Lake County 2. Wayne County 1.

Division II - Class 1A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. Friendship Christian (13)	4-0	147	1	
2. Jackson Christian (1)	3-0	135	2	
3. University-Jackson (1)	3-1	123	3	
4. Middle Tenn. Christian	3-1	102	4	
5. Clarksville Academy	3-1	48	NR	

Others receiving votes: Grace Christian Academy 45.

Division II - Class 2A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. Lipscomb Academy (14)	4-0	147	1	
2. Boyd Buchanan (1)	4-0	132	4	
3. Knoxville Webb	4-0	105	5	
4. Lausanne Collegiate	2-1	83	2	
5. CPA	2-2	81	3	

Others receiving votes: Franklin Road Academy 40. Goodpasture 6. Chattanooga Christian 6.

Division II - Class 3A				
School	Record	Points	Prv	
1. MBA (14)	4-0	149	1	
2. Baylor (1)	3-0	128	2	
3. McCallie	3-1	124	3	
4. Brentwood Academy	3-1	104	4	
5. Pope John Paul II	4-0	89	5	

Others receiving votes: Ensworth 6.

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"I don't think we're close yet and I think it's evidenced by how we started the game. We have a bunch of good pieces. We can compete on offense. We can compete on defense. On special teams, we can compete. I don't think we're close to playing our best game. As a coach, you want to get that each week, but I feel like if we keep getting better, we can be a tough team to beat by the end of this year," he said. Teat completed 11-of-17 passes for 145 yards and a pair of scores—both to Randolph. As a team, the Tigers managed just 69 rushing yards, with Antomme Cowthorn's 34 yards on six carries leading the team. Marshall County totaled 214 total offensive yards. The win marks the second region victory of the season for the Tigers. Next week, Marshall County will host Hillwood, who is fresh off its first win of the season over Montgomery Central.

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Marshall Co. 14 0 28 0 — 42
First Quarter
T — Nathan Delaughter 4 run, (Daniel Eldridge kick), 7:35.
MC — Aja Jones 96 kick return, (Wyatt Joyce kick), 7:23.
MC — Jayden Randolph 4 pass from Silas Teat, (Joyce kick), :14.
Third Quarter
MC — Teat 1 run, (Joyce kick), 8:29.
MC — Demari Braden 3 run, (Joyce kick), 5:08.
MC — Brock Anderson 4 fumble recovery, (kick failed), 2:59.
MC — Randolph 39 pass from Teat, (Randolph 2 pt. run), :23.

Raiders spoil Rockets' homecoming

By Kacy Kincaid
Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The spirited atmosphere was just right on homecoming night at The Rock Friday, where the Forrest Rockets (2-2, 0-1) hosted the Moore County Raiders (4-0, 1-0), but the Rockets couldn't pull off the non-conference win, suffering their second loss in as many weeks, 46-21.

Quarterback Dawson White and the undefeated Raiders deemed themselves too much to handle for the Rockets, who were on a roller coaster of valuable drives mixed with turnovers and flawed defense.

Despite turning the ball over on their first two possessions, Forrest freshman Eli Bell, who led the Rockets with 116 yards on the evening, found 77 of those yards in a long sprint to the end zone for the first touchdown of the game with 3:58 to go in the first quarter.

Gavin Grissom added the extra point, giving the Rockets a 7-0 lead.

"Eli Bell is playing well right now. Bell trusts the blocking up front and has great vision," Rocket coach Eli Stephenson said.

It took one minute and three plays for White to move the ball up the field for the Raiders, covering 54 yards in two passes to Alex Copeland, and ending the possession with a three-yard quarterback keeper, evening the score at 7-7 after Blake Bradford's extra point.

The Rockets coughed up the ball on the next possession, Moore County recovering the fumble and taking advantage.

White teamed up with Logan Hegwood on two drives to gain 48 yards, putting the Raiders in position for White to connect with Keller Morey on a 13-yard touchdown pass.

And the turnovers kept coming for the Rockets.

This time in the form of an interception, lending a hand to White and the Raiders on their next touchdown that came with 8:51 left in the second quarter.

The next possession didn't pan out much better. Forrest is forced to punt, and Moore County lands on the Rockets 19 yard line. White strikes again on the next play with an



Riley Durbin makes the tackle on Raiders quarterback Dawson White.

81-yard jaunt, giving the Raiders a firm lead at 27-7.

But Forrest found their footing toward the end of the quarter, with multiple Rockets coming together to move the ball upfield after a gainful kickoff return by senior Chris Davis.

With 1:24 remaining in the half, Ryan Hill completed a 21-yard pass to Bell, keeping the Rockets in the game at 27-14 after the successful kick.

It wasn't just the Forrest offense that came alive to round out the half.

Ayden Hinrichs made a crucial stop, and Luke Swihart applied the pressure moments later to force an incomplete pass, thwarting any Moore County plans.

At the half, the Raiders held the lead at 27-14.

The Raiders' momentum continued into the second half, starting off with a 95-yard kickoff return by Hegwood, and another White touchdown with 1:48 to go.

Bell carried for a gain of eight to finish off the third quarter and came back in the fourth to carry for another 11 yards to land the Rockets in their own territory.

A flag was thrown on a pass from Hill to Carson Yates, charging the Raiders with the late hit. Tayton Swift pounced on the opportunistic penalty, scoring on a 10-yard touchdown run. But it was too little too for the Rockets.

White still wasn't finished, answering with a 46-yard touchdown run, his fifth flight in to the end zone of the night. Moore County essentially sealed the



Eli Bell hauls in the 21-yard touchdown catch for the Rockets.



Tayton Swift carries the ball for the Rockets in the second half.

deal with 9:40 still left to play.

The Rockets will travel to Summertown Friday to take on the Eagles (1-3, 0-1) in region play.

"We can't turn the ball over. It puts us in a bad position," Stephenson said.

"We have to work on the Forrest Rockets this week. We have to play as one."

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Moore Co.	14	13	13	6	—	46
Forrest	7	7	0	7	—	21

First Quarter
F — Eli Bell 77 run (Gavin Grissom kick), 3:58.
M — Dawson White 3 run (Blake Bradford kick), 2:49.
M — Keller Morey 13 pass from White (Bradford kick), 0:00.
Second Quarter
M — White 8 run (Bradford kick), 8:51.
M — White 81 run, 6:09.
F — Bell 21 pass from Ryan Hill (Grissom kick), 1:24.
Third Quarter
M — Logan Hegwood 95 run, 11:43.
M — White 6 run (Bradford kick), 1:48.
Fourth Quarter
F — Tayton Swift 10 run (Grissom kick), 9:55.
M — White 46 run, 9:40.

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ensive end Brock Anderson that broke through and came up with the next score for Marshall County.

Warner, who had been a terror in the Wildcat battlefield, sacked De-laughter, forcing a fumble that took a Tiger bounce and Anderson was able to scoop and score from four yards out.

"Those kids are such great kids. Trey Warner has played a ton of football for us and is having a great year at linebacker. Anderson—that's one of the reasons you love high school football. He's a kid that gets everything out of his ability. What a great memory he will have for the rest of his life," Osteen said.

Marshall County got one final score in the third quarter after forcing a punt with 31 seconds left and it was Teat again going to the air, this time connecting with Randolph for the second time, this time on a 39-yard touchdown pass for the final score of the night to reach a running clock.

But as lop-sided as the final score was, Osteen feels his team's best football is still ahead of the Tigers.

BLOCK UP TOP



Marshall County Tigerette Demiyah Blackman goes up tall for a block against Central Magnet.

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