

Middle Rockets take big homecoming win over Cascade

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CHAPEL HILL — It was a slow start in Forrest Middle's homecoming game Thursday evening, where the Rockets took on the Cascade Champions, earning the win 48-8.

Slow start aside, the Rockets went full throttle in the last minute of the first quarter.

Jacob Tinchler carried the ball for 23 yards to put Forrest in better scoring position at the 14-yard line, where Fletcher Fields took the opportunity, going to the end zone on the carry and adding the extra two to make it 8-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Cascade was forced to punt early in the second quarter, where the Rockets took over at mid-field, where Fields then found another chance to score on a 50-yard run.

The troubled Champions were not short of turnovers.

With less than three minutes left in the half, Cascade turned the ball over on downs, ultimately resulting in a Fields 44-yard sprint across the goal line and Quincy Mitchell scoring on the two-point conversion, giving the Rockets

a 24-point lead.

Before the Champions could make it out of the half, Mitchell picked off a Cascade pass, cruising upfield to the four-yard line.

Tinchler took over with the four-yard dash across the goal line.

The Fields two-point conversion was good and the Rockets held a strong lead of 32-0 with 24 seconds left in the half.

On the first play of the following Cascade possession, Jon Hightower recovered a Champion fumble, allowing Tristan Goad to take advantage, scoring on a 46-yard carry with only seven seconds left in the half.

Quarterback Isaac Cruse made it a 40-0 game with the added two-point conversion.

Tinchler scored on a 15-yard carry in the third quarter after another Forrest interception by Goad.

Finally finding the end zone in the fourth quarter after a pair of gainful runs, Cascade made it on the board.

The Rockets have a 5-0 record with only two regular season games left.

They will travel to Cannon County on Thursday.



Fletcher Fields keeps his legs churning on the carry for the Rockets.

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Marshall Co. XC turns in several season bests

Tribune **Staff Report**

HERMITAGE — The Marshall County High School cross country teams participated in the Voyles Classic on Saturday and saw several runners post season best times.

Marshall County's Aydan Cook was the top runner for the Tigers and broke the 20-minute barrier with a finish of 19:56, good enough for 72nd in the meet.

Other finishers for the Tigers were Connor Jones (22:49), Logan Amonette (23:23), Jacob Wakham (25:10), and Terrence Bishop (23:28).

Kendall Adams posted the fastest time for the Tigerettes and finished in 23:17, good enough for 44th overall.

Kamaria Johnson finished second for the Tigerettes in 23:45.

Other finishers for Marshall County included Kamea Johnson (25:17) Karlie Lohr (24:57), Olympia Cathey (25:31).

Kendall Adams, Kamea Johnson, Kamaria Johnson, Alicia Ward Basabe, Abby



The Tigerettes take off at the start of the Voyles Classic.

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Haley, Maggie Steely, Aydan Cook, Logan Amonette, Terrence Bishop, Jacob Wakham, and Noah Long all posted season-best times for Marshall County.

Boys

Aydan Cook 19:56

Connor Jones 22:49
Logan Amonette 23:23
Jacob Wakham 25:10
Terrence Bishop 23:28
Will Beasley 25:04
Noah Long 28:54

Girls

Kendall Adams 23:17

Kamaria Johnson 23:45
Karlie Lohr 24:57
Kamea Johnson 25:17
Olympia Cathey 25:31
Alicia Ward Basabe 26:07
Abigail Haley 26:13
Maggie Steely 30:45



Aydan Cook turned in the best time for the Tigers, finishing in 19:56.

Fresh faces shine on Titans' bleak day



Will Carter

Carter's Corner

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On what was already an ugly Sunday weather wise, the Tennessee Titans didn't do much collectively to make it better as they suffered a tragic 21-20 loss in the season opener against the New York Giants, but a few rookies offered some light on the gloomy day.

Let's go back to a couple weeks ago when the Titans released longtime punter Brett Kern, and shocked the fanbase.

Yes, the Titans signed undrafted rookie Ryan Stonehouse from Colorado State back in May, but there wasn't any inclination of him getting the nod over Kern — a consistent punter for over a decade.

But that was exactly the case, and Stonehouse proved himself on many occasions against the Giants.

It's not the best thing for your punter to be on the field, but every team needs a consistent punter to help their defense on the backend.

Stonehouse saw the field six times Sunday with those punts flying for a total of 342 yards which is a 57.0 average per punt.

Three of his punts went for 60 plus yards and three were downed inside the 20 yard line.

While it's just one game in a season of 17 or more, the future looks to be bright for the rookie punter.

Another topic of discussion for the Titans coming into this season was their rookie receivers, Kyle Phillips from UCLA and Treylon Burks from Arkansas.

Both players saw their fair share of action

against the Giants and made the most of it.

Phillips couldn't reel in one of his three targets in the first half, but he connected with quarterback Ryan Tannehill six times for 66 yards in the second half, three of which were on the final drive to set up the final field goal.

Tannehill spoke positively of Phillips after the game.



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“Kyle has made a bunch of plays for me since training camp. We built up that relationship, and he's shown that he can win consistently in practice and that translates to the game,” Tannehill said.

“There were some more opportunities where I thought we had a shot down the field, but we weren't able to connect. I'm looking forward to

continuing to take advantage of those situations.”

Burks had the longest reception of the two rookie receivers when Tannehill found him crossing the middle for a 27 yard pickup.

For the game, he caught three passes for a total of 55 yards.

The duo were the top two targeted receivers for the Titans and ac-

counted for 45% of their passing yards.

There are a few things that are true from the Titans' performance Sunday.

Did the Titans allow the Giants to mount a second half comeback?

Yes.

Was that probably the Titans easiest game on their schedule for the foreseeable future?

Yes.

Should they have run at least one more play before setting up for the field goal?

Probably, but that's hindsight.

But that doesn't mean it's panic time in Nashville.

More truth out of the Titans' is that they always bounce back from a loss like that because of head coach Mike Vrabel's “blue collar” mentality.

There is also a lot of potential in the new additions to the team, so dwell on the loss for the time being but don't count the Titans out yet.