

Tigers bounce back with monster win at Glencliff

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NASHVILLE — A week after a gutwrenching loss to Pearl-Cohn, the Marshall County Tigers (7-1, 5-1) bounced back in a big way, drubbing Glencliff 69-0.

While the final Thursday night showdown of the season was never in doubt for the Tigers, the win not only put Marshall County back in the win column, but also officially secured a postseason berth in the upcoming Class 4A state playoffs.

"Really proud of our kids commitment to the program and each other this past week having a great week of practice on fall break. We emphasized playing to our standard for the week and using the opportunity to get better as a team. I feel for the most part we did a really good job of that," Tiger head coach Thomas Osteen said.

The Tigers got off to a white-hot start against the Colts (0-8, 0-6), piling up 35 points in the first quarter alone.

Senior Demari Braden scored on touchdown runs of six and four yards, while junior quarterback Silas Teat tossed three touchdowns in the first frame as well.

Jayden Randolph hauled in a 33-yard score, while Aja Jones scored on 45-yard and three-yard receptions.

Jones caught one more touchdown pass from Teat early in the second frame a 30-yard grab— and ran in one more from 18-yards out.

Antomme Cowthorn and Jakavan Curry added to the lead, scor-



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ing from 16 and 15 yards out, respectively. At the break, Marshall County led 63-0.

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While the offense was able to impose its will on Glencliff, defensively, the Tigers won the turnover battle, scooping up a pair of Colt fumbles which led to Tiger touchdowns.

On the defensive front, Darian Crenshaw led the way with seven tackles, including 4.5 tackles for loss.

With the depth of players able to find the end zone, and the stout defense that allowed just eight offensive yards, the efficiency showcased in the bounceback win has the Tigers primed for a strong finish to the regular season with the hopes of securing a homefield advantage in Week 1 of the postseason.

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Aja Jones recorded both a rushing and receiving touchdown against the Colts.

ground.

As a team, the Tigers piled up 139 rushing yards against the Colts.

"It was great to get the bad taste out of our mouth from last week. We had a bunch of guys touch them ball and get into the scoring column. I think it shows the current depth of our team and shows just how exciting the future of our program is as well," Osteen said. Marshall County's last game at Preston Hopkins Field came on Homecoming Night back on September 16.

Since then, the Tigers had an off week, followed by three-straight Thursday night games, including trips to Lawrence County, Pearl-Cohn and Glencliff.

"We are really excited to be back home after a month on the road. We are definitely happy anoint punching our ticket to the playoffs," Osteen said.

With two games left on the regular season slate against Montgomery Central and Greenbrier, the focus is on a strong finish to secure the No. 2 seed from Region 5-AAAA.

"We certainly try to be process oriented each day and each week, but we will definitely lay out what we are playing for the last two regular season games and that's the right to host a hole playoff game," Osteen said.

The Tigers return to action on Friday night, hosting Montgomery Central at 7 p.m.

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First Quarter
MC — Demari Braden 6 run, (Imar Pineda
kick).
MC — Jayden Randolph 33 pass from
Silas Teat, (kick failed).
MC — Braden 4 run, (Randolph 2pt. run).
MC — Aja Jones 3 pass from Teat, (Pineda
kick).
MC — Jones 45 pass from Teat, (Pineda
kick).

Second Quarter

MC — Jones 30 pass from Tat, (Pineda kick). MC — Jones 18 run, (Pineda kick). MC — Antomme Cowthorn 16 run, (Pineda kick). MC — Jakavan Curry 15 run, (Pineda kick).

Fourth Quarter MC — Jaden Keys 14 run, (kick failed).

Demari Braden totaled 49 yards on six carries and a pair of scores against Glencliff.

