

Tigers

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line.

Six plays later, Davis found the end zone on a one-yard run up the middle to score what proved to be the game-winner.

Braden eclipsed the century mark in his final game with the Tigers once again, rushing for 101 yards on 16 carries to lead the Marshall County ground game.

Teat completed 6-of-11 attempts for 69 yards and a touchdown, with O'Neal's touchdown grab being the longest pass of the night.

Jakavan Curry led the Tigers' defense with 16 tackles, including a sack, while Thomas Beech added a sack as well.

In total, the Tigers mustered up 204 yards of offense against Lexington.

While the Tigers' season came to an end in the second-round of the playoffs, it's been a memorable season on many fronts.

From building a 10-2 overall record, to a six-game win-streak to start the season, to locking up second-place in the region standings, Marshall County certainly put forth a stellar season and one of the best records in the surrounding area.

"It's tough to wrap it up. I'm just going to remember how much fun I had coaching this team. It was fun to come to work every day because these guys wanted to be pushed. They wanted to be coached. You want every season to end in a championship. That being said, Marshall County and Lewisburg has a great group of young men entering the real world. I hope Marshall County football played a small part in shaping their lives," Osteen said.

For the group of seniors, they leave some big shoes to fill in the coming seasons and they certainly left their mark on the program and community.

"Couldn't be more proud of our seniors for the way they represented our school and community. It's the best group I've been around in a long time. You want to win so bad for them, it just wasn't meant to be tonight," Osteen said.

While the Tigers graduate several players at key positions on both sides of the ball, there's a healthy number of underclassmen waiting in the wings for their time to shine.

"I feel like we've knocked on the door for a long time. We have a big group of seniors, but we have a pretty substantial group of underclassmen that played a big role, especially skill position wise. The future of Tiger football is bright," Osteen said.

Marshall County closes the season with a 10-2 overall record.

Marshall Co.	0	7	7	0	— 14
Lexington	0	7	0	14	— 21
Second Quarter					
L — Jakob Davis 14 run, (Kevin Simpson kick), 7:10.					
MC — Marcus O'Neal 39 pass from Silas Teat, (Wyatt Joyce kick), 4:10.					
Third Quarter					
MC — Silas Teat 6 run, (Joyce kick), 4:36.					
Fourth Quarter					
L — Isiah McClaine 6 run, (Simpson kick), 10:22.					
L — Davis 1 run, (Simpson kick), 5:51.					

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As his 11-game suspension nears its end, Deshaun Watson is cleared to begin practice next week.

Watson set to practice with Browns next week

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BEREA, Ohio — Deshaun Watson has one last weekend off the field.

The Cleveland Browns' suspended quarterback can begin practicing on Monday as part of his settlement with the NFL after he was accused of sexual misconduct by two dozen women when he played for Houston.

Watson, who was acquired by the Browns in a controversial trade in March, was banned for 11 games in August for violating the league's personal conduct policy. He agreed to the suspension, a \$5 million fine and to undergo counseling and treatment.

He returned to the team last month, but the three-time Pro Bowler has been limited to attending meetings, weight-room workouts and conditioning sessions with members of Cleveland's training staff.

That changes on Monday, when he'll be allowed to prac-

tice.

The Browns (3-5) play at Miami on Sunday and won't have their next on-field workout until Wednesday when Watson, who will be eligible to play on Dec. 4 — against Houston — can rejoin his teammates.

"I've been waiting. We're still waiting. I'm ready to play with him," said Browns defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, who was also Watson's teammate with the Texans. "I've played with him before. He's a big energy booster for a team. He can go out there make some crazy throws, make some plays, and I think when he gets back we can open up our playbook with him a little different.

"It's going to be exciting to see when he gets back. I'm just ready for it."

Watson has always denied being inappropriate with the women, who claim he exposed himself and touched them inappropriately during massage therapy sessions. The 27-year-old settled 23 of 24 civil lawsuits brought against

him. (In October, another civil lawsuit accusing Watson of sexual misconduct was filed in Texas.)

Two grand juries in Texas declined to indict him on criminal charges.

Watson was courted by other teams and initially turned down a trade to the Browns before changing his mind after the team offered him a five-year, \$230 million contract that's fully guaranteed. The Browns sent three first-round draft picks to the Texans for Watson, and are counting on him to become a franchise QB.

Jacoby Brissett has played well while filling in at quarterback, but he'll soon step aside for Cleveland's final six games.

Browns coach Kevin Stefanski declined to specify the team's immediate plans for Watson when he comes back next week.

"We kind of have a plan for that moving forward," Stefanski said. "Deshaun is a great, great teammate. He

has been awesome having him back in the building and in the meetings rooms."

The Browns can't afford many more losses or their play-off hopes will vanish before Watson comes back. There's obvious incentive to play well to set up Watson's return to games, but All-Pro defensive end Myles Garrett said that can't be the focus.

"We've got to win regardless if he comes back or not," Garrett said. "Anything can happen, praying to God that he's healthy and everything goes right when he comes back, but I don't plan on handing it to anyone.

"He's coming back to us, so we're all going to do our part and he's going to come in and do an exceptional job, and we fully believe that. But we've got to win for the sake of winning, wanting to be great and do great for the sake of this city. Not just for him coming back."

McIlroy says Norman needs to 'exit stage left' from LIV Golf

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Rory McIlroy remains hopeful that the fractured state of golf between established tours and Saudi-funded LIV Golf can heal. He said Tuesday that probably won't happen until two lawsuits are decided and Greg Norman is no longer involved in LIV Golf.

"I think Greg needs to go. I think he just needs to exit stage left," McIlroy said at the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai. "He's made his mark, but I think now is the right time to sort of say, 'Look, you've got this thing off the ground, but no one is going to talk unless there's an adult in the room that can actually try to mend fences.'

"But right now, it's a stalemate because there can't be any other way."

The Daily Telegraph reported last week that Norman would be moving away from his role as commissioner and CEO and that LIV Golf was pursuing Mark King, who formerly ran TaylorMade and now is CEO of Taco Bell. Majed Al Sorour, CEO of the Saudi Golf Federation, denied the report.

LIV Golf is now the lead plaintiff in an antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour, with a



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Rory McIlroy publicly stated he thinks Greg Norman needs to break ties with LIVE Golf.

trial date scheduled for January 2024 if it goes that far. Courts in the United Kingdom are expected to rule in February whether the European tour can punish players for joining LIV Golf.

It was the latest barb McIlroy has tossed at Norman, dating to McIlroy gleefully pointing out in his TV interview in June after he won the Canadian Open that he had more career PGA Tour wins than Norman.

What might have prompted the latest remark was Norman's in-

terview in Australia on Monday, during which it was announced that LIV Golf would be playing in Adelaide next April.

Norman was talking about the value competition brings to business and sport when he mentioned how PGA Tour players are benefiting from LIV Golf, primarily through a \$100 million "Player Impact Program" that has doubled in size in response to the LIV threat.

The PGA Tour also has 12 elevated events starting next year that

average \$20 million in prize money.

"Every PGA Tour player should be thanking LIV, including Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, because the PIP program wouldn't have been increased without LIV," Norman said. "Prize money wouldn't have been increased without LIV, all these other things that have been introduced by the PGA Tour because of LIV. Competition is the best thing in life, in business and in sport. LIV is not going to go anywhere."

McIlroy would beg to

differ.

"I've said this a million times: Tiger is the reason that we are playing for as much as we are playing for," McIlroy said. "Tiger is the reason that stature of our game is where it is. The generation of Tiger and the generation coming after Tiger have all benefited from him and his achievements and what he's done for the game of golf.

"I don't think Tiger should be thankful to anyone for anything. I think everyone else in the game should be thankful."