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TW tops CP, in postseason for 12th year in row

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The Woodlands' Tracy Milo, who had 90 yards on 19 carries, tries to elude College Park's Travis Keating on Friday night at Buddy Moorhead Memorial Stadium. (Staff photo by JERRY BAKER)

Four touchdown passes on offense and a stifling defense that allowed just 71 total yards led The Woodlands High School to its 12th straight state playoff berth Friday night with a 33-7 victory over new CISD rival College Park.

The Highlanders, now 5-4 on the season, improved to 3-1 in 15-5A play with a game against Magnolia next week left before the postseason begins. The Cavaliers (5-3, 2-2), meanwhile, are on the brink of clinching a playoff berth and face off against Oak Ridge to close out league play.

"It was a great night for football," said TWHS head coach Mark Schmid. "The stadium was packed on both sides. College Park really played hard. It's a credit to their coaches. The defense came out and made big plays and we had four touchdown passes, which means our quarterback and receivers played good, as well as the offensive line.

We're really excited to be in the playoffs. It's always special. Getting in the playoffs 12 years in a row is a remarkable achievement for our program. It shows all the kids' hard work."

"The Woodlands played well," said College Park head coach Richard Carson. "It was an emotional thing for our kids. As a coach, when I left Aldine and went to Eisenhower and coached against my friends it was emotional. The kids handled it well. I'm very proud of the school and the kids. They came out in force. The spirit was great. I'm proud to be a Cavalier."

The Highlanders got on the board first, scoring on a fourth-down play when quarterback Brett Parsons hit Derek Wyatt over the middle for a 28-yard connection. A punt snap that cleared the kicker's head resulted in a safety and a 9-0 lead for TWHS, but the Cavaliers would battle back and when Shane Morales scored on the option from nine yards out College Park trailed just 9-7 with 10:21 left in the half

The Highlanders would then take control, getting a 15-yard TD pass from running back Tracy Milo to Taylor Grote, then adding a nine-yard pass on an acrobatic catch by Taylor Charbonnet on a pass from Parsons with just 37 seconds left in the half.

The Woodlands added a five-yard TD pass from Parsons to Grote in the third quarter and a 34-yard field goal by Derek Depasquale in the fourth to earn the 26-point victory in the first meeting between these two south county squads.

The Highlanders' playoff opponent is to be determined, but should be either Klein or Westfield depending on the outcome of the games in the final week.

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