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## Highlanders down Klein Oak

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**KLEIN - In scheduling three of the toughest teams in the state to start the season, The Woodlands High School Head Coach Mark Schmid will never be accused of padding his schedule.**

After last week's dismantling of Klein Collins and Saturday night's 34-14 flogging of a good Klein Oak football team, the Highlanders are not quite to district form yet, but they are well on their way.

Some good signs for The Woodlands are not only that Tracy Milo ran for 159 yards on 28 carries, but that he was able to turn the corner on the Klein Oak defense turning a no-gainer into a 63-yard scamper.

Brett Parsons threw for 190 yards and one touchdown and no interceptions.

Derek Wyatt led all receivers with 3 catches for 99 yards and one touchdown, making the untimely loss of wide-out Ryan Mooney to injury seem less painful.

For The Woodlands, Milo also scored on runs of 2 and 11 yards. Wyatt scored on a 31 yard pass from Parsons and Depasquale kicked two field goals and made good on all of his extra points.

Desean Hales and Chris Coburn scored touchdowns for the Klein Oak Panthers. The Woodlands is now 2-3 on the season and Klein Oak 2-2.

The Woodlands has earned some much needed rest with a bye week coming up as they prepare for District 15-5A action.

When judging The Woodlands, be careful not to judge by their record as they have scheduled three of the toughest teams in Texas.

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## Turnovers plague Panthers, 34-14

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**Oak senior back Chris Coburn rushed for 139 yards on 17 carries in the Panthers' 34-14 defeat to The Woodlands Saturday afternoon.**

**The Woodlands took advantage of three interceptions for 10 points en route to a 34-14 win over Klein Oak at Klein Memorial Stadium on Sept. 20.**

Klein Oak quarterback Josh Cooley attempted four passes in the first 14 minutes of the contest but three were intercepted, setting up a touchdown and a 33-yard field goal that gave The Woodlands a 17-0 lead with 6:20 remaining in the second quarter.

After that, the Panthers defense stiffened and Cooley took control of the offense to bring Klein Oak back for a touchdown with 2:03 remaining in the half.

The rally started when lineman Jay Newman sacked the Highlanders quarterback for a six-yard loss, forcing a punt from The Woodlands 26-yard line.

Klein Oak took over at its 31-yard line, and two plays later Cooley passed 61 yards to Desean Hales for a touchdown. Kicker Sven Beymann booted the extra point to make the score 17-7.

The Woodlands retaliated immediately, completing a two-play drive with a 63-yard touchdown run by Tracy Milo that gave the Highlanders a 24-7 halftime lead.

Klein Oak opened the second half by stopping The Woodlands first drive after five plays. The key plays were a tackle for a 9-yard loss by linebacker Bart Dear, and a covered pass by Ryan Korenek.

The Panthers took the ensuing punt at their 36-yard line, and Cooley, who rushed for 139 yards on 17 carries, directed a five-play, 64-yard drive for a touchdown.

The march featured two runs by Ossam Cook for 9 yards, Cooley's 32-yard run and a 10-yard rush for the score by Chris Coburn. Beymann's extra point closed the margin to 24-14 with 8:01 remaining in the third quarter.

The Woodlands again responded quickly, taking the ensuing kickoff at its 37-yard line and driving 63 yards in 12 plays to score on Milo's 2-yard run for a 31-14 lead with 2:22 left in the quarter.

Klein Oak's comeback attempt started immediately, with a 12-play, 62-yard drive that ended on downs at The Woodlands' 20-yard line. The drive featured two runs by Cooley for 25 yards, an 11-yard pass completion from Cooley to Hales and Coburn's five rushes for 23 yards.

The Panthers defense stopped the Highlanders' ensuing possession, forcing six plays and a punt. The offense took over at the Klein Oak 16-yard line with 7:26 left in the game.

Cooley rushed twice for 24 yards and completed a 13-yard pass to Hales, but the drive was stopped on downs at The Woodlands' 41-yard line at 4:49.

The Highlanders closed the scoring on their next possession, moving 48 yards in five plays before settling for a 27-yard field goal at 2:00.

Overall, Cooley completed seven of 22 passes for 124 yards and three interceptions. Hales was the leading receiver with four catches for 91 yards. Coburn rushed for 41 yards on 11 carries.

The non-district defeat dropped Klein Oak to 2-2 overall. The Panthers will start their District 16-5A season versus Spring at 4 p.m. on Oct. 7 at Klein Memorial Stadium.

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