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Highlanders halt OR win streak at five

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The Woodlands' Jake Beller (2), Gavin Jellison (48), Ryan Roussett (42) and Taylor Charbonnet (31) stop Oak Ridge's Robert Long during Friday night's 15-5A battle. (Staff photo by JERRY BAKER)

Charbonnet's 28-yard punt return soon after set up Skaufel's TD. The drive looked to be stopped when Ryan McDowell blocked a field goal attempt, but an offsidess penalty gave TW a first down and it capitalized.

TWHS got a pair of Tracy Milo TD runs within 53 seconds in the third quarter after a turnover and added a 33-yard TD pass from Brett Parsons to Derek Wyatt. QB Aaron Dunahoe put the War Eagles on the board with a 39-yard run up the middle in the fourth.

The Woodlands opened 15-5A play by handing Oak Ridge its first loss of the season with a 31-6 victory in front of a huge crowd at Buddy Moorhead Memorial Stadium on Friday night.

The Highlanders (3-3, 1-0) and War Eagles battled back-and-forth in the first half, with the Highlanders getting a four-yard TD run by Taylor Skaufel as the only points of the half until Derek Depasquale's impressive 45-yard field goal right before intermission for a 10-0 lead.

"The offense was a little rough around the edges in the first half," said TWHS head coach Mark Schmid. "The defense did a great job holding them to no points in the half. In the second half we got rolling. It's a big win because it's one of five district ball games. I was impressed with Oak Ridge. Their kids played hard. They are much-improved over last year."

The War Eagles (5-1, 0-1) came out pumped up and stopped the Highlanders at the OR 5 on the first drive. However, Taylor

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