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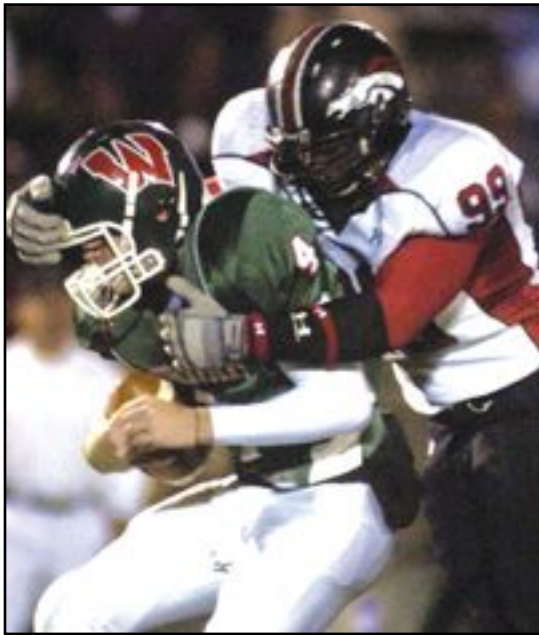
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Westfield sacks The Woodlands

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TWHS quarterback Brett Parsons is corralled by a Westfield defender during Friday night's game. (Staff photo by JERRY BAKER)

yard halfback pass for a touchdown.

Soon after, Westfield defensive lineman Ed Iglehart was injured and showed no movement, with LifeFlight landing in the adjacent baseball field and flying him away. Later, it was reported he had a spinal contusion and had movement and feeling in his feet and legs. The injury delay was 30 minutes, and halted a Highlander drive. When play resumed, TWHS would pull within 20-14 on Milo's 31-yard run.

Westfield began taking control late in the third when Brodrick Brown picked off a pass and ran 15 yards for a score. TW's Taylor Charbonnet, who had earlier blocked an extra-point, blocked a 25-yard Mustang field goal attempt at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Westfield would hold the Highlanders in check the rest of the way and added a 22-yard TD run by Stewart with just 54 seconds remaining.

HUMBLE - The Woodlands High School varsity football team, facing its fifth top-10 state-ranked team in 11 games, saw its season come to an end Friday night at Turner Stadium with a 33-14 loss to the Westfield Mustangs in a 5A Division I bi-district playoff battle.

The Highlanders, who finish the season 6-5, suffered all their setbacks to teams who had combined for a 49-1 record heading into the postseason. Westfield, meanwhile, moves on to the area round next week.

The Highlanders fell behind in a hurry, with Dwayne Stewart scoring for the Mustangs on a 61-yard run on the first play from scrimmage. The Mustangs would go up 20-0 in the opening quarter on a Stewart 12-yard run and a Bo Walker 1-yard burst.

However, Westfield was challenged in the second quarter, with the Highlanders going on an 11-play, 85-yard drive that included a 12-yard Tracy Milo run and passes of 17 yards to Taylor Grote and 21 to Derek Wyatt from Brett Parsons. Parsons then threw to Grote for 13 yards on 3rd-and-11, with Milo then connecting with Grote on a 15-

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High School Football

Brett Parsons winds up for The Woodlands.

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Fast start propels Westfield

Mustangs score first 20 points to trip Woodlands

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Broderick Brown could sense the pass was coming. All he had to do was step in front of it.

The Westfield cornerback was eyeing The Woodlands quarterback Brett Parsons as he scrambled under pressure, looking for someone to throw to.

When Parsons stepped back near his goal line and launched a pass off his back foot toward the right sideline, Brown made it academic — picking it off and taking it to the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown to propel Westfield to a 33-14 victory over The Woodlands.

Brown's return came midway through the third period with his team ahead 20-14 after building a 20-0, first-period lead.

Westfield (11-0) advances to the Division I Class 5A Region II area round against Bryan or Round Rock Westwood.

"I saw that our defensive front got good pressure (on Parsons)," Brown said. "He didn't see me out there so he just lobbed it up so I just ran through it and brought it back for a touchdown. That sealed the game right there."

Westfield put the Highlanders (6-5) into an early 20-point hole with a strong running game and defense.

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One play to glory

On the first play from scrimmage, Mustangs running back Dwayne Stewart (29 carries, 218 yards, three touchdowns) ran off left tackle, shed a defender and sprinted 61 yards to give Westfield a 7-0 lead just 24 seconds into the game.

"My first thought was that we had to jump on them early," Stewart said. "We knew they were a good team and we needed an early break. When I got the chance, I took it."

Stewart struck again on Westfield's next drive, a nine-play, 50-yard march that ended with his 12-yard scoring run.

The Mustangs forced The Woodlands to go three-and-out for the second straight time and defensive back Anthony Forker blocked a Nate Mentzer punt attempt, giving Westfield possession at The Woodlands' 16.

Six plays later, Bo Walker converted a fourth-and-goal from the 1 to give the Mustangs a 20-0 lead.

"You don't ever plan to get off to that kind of start but it's always nice," Westfield coach Corby Meekins said. "The only thing that you worry about is that you get real high and all of the sudden you drop. I thought the kids handled it well."

The Highlanders did fight back, dominating the second quarter and putting together two long drives to cut into the Mustangs' lead.

They responded early in the second quarter with an 11-play 85-yard drive that ended in some trickery, a halfback pass from Tracy Milo to Taylor Grote from 15 yards out.

With 3:42 to go in the half, the Highlanders scored again as Milo (16 carries, 78 yards) struck on the ground with a 31-yard run to make it 20-14.

"I was really proud of the way our kids fought back," The Woodlands coach Mark Schmid said. "They could have shut it down but they didn't. They kept battling."

Westfield defense says no

The Westfield defense, ranked second in the area, turned it up in the second half, holding the Highlanders to just one first down. The Brown interception put the game away.

"That was huge because it put us up by two touchdowns," Meekins said. "Broderick's a really good football player."

The Mustangs suffered a setback in the second quarter when defensive lineman Ed Inglehart was injured and life-flighted off the field. Preliminary reports indicated a possible neck injury, but he did have feeling in his hands and feet when he left the stadium.

"He's blessed," Meekins said. "He's going to be OK. Our players were glad to hear that Ed was OK and they really wanted to get through to the next round so he could be back on the sidelines. They didn't want to send him out like that in his senior year."

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