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Highlanders bash Bobcats

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SHENANDOAH — The Woodlands defense forced five Cy Fair turnovers and the offense's first three touchdowns went for 40, 77 and 83 yards in a 42-0 pasting of the Bobcats Friday night at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

Leading 6-0 at halftime, the Highlanders had a pair of two-play scoring drives in their first two possession of the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

Two plays into the second half, quarterback Andy McCloud faked a handoff to Daniel Lasco and burst off left tackle and into daylight, sprinting 77 yards for a 14-0 lead after a two-point conversion.

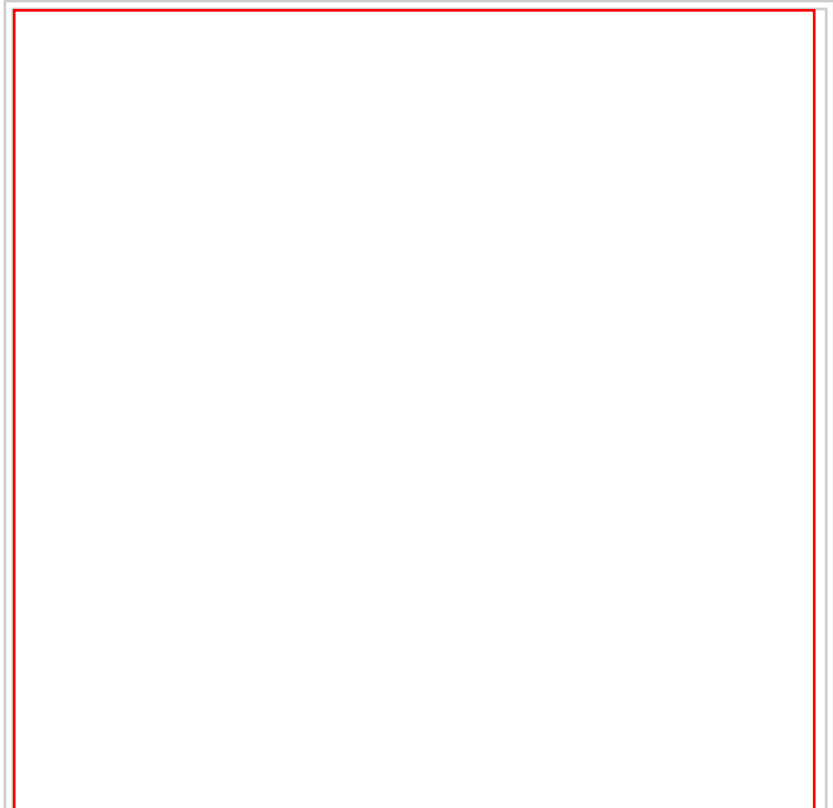
"We hit the big play coming out of the second half and that just refueled us," coach Mark Schmid said. "The defense pitched a shutout all night long. We had big plays, turnovers. It was a complete team effort tonight."

The Woodlands defense stopped Cy Fair's subsequent nine-play, 53-yard drive inches short on fourth and one at the Highlander 23.

After a false start penalty, McCloud found Logan Rowe streaking down the left sideline for an 83-yard bomb and 21-0 lead.

The rest was icing on the cake for the Highlanders in their first game at the Bank.

"We had a great crowd here tonight," Schmid said. "The community came out big to



Cy-Fair's Morrice Lane is tripped up by a Highlander defender during Friday night's game at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

support us and the kids were excited to be in the new stadium. We're happy that we were able to come out with a big win."

Both teams were shut down in a first half dominated by the defenses. Cy Fair took the opening kickoff and marched downfield on a 14-play, 74-yard drive, but running back Tevin Champagne coughed up the ball inside the five-yard line. It was the first of three Bobcat fumbles on the night.

The Highlanders went three and out, but the Bobcats' next possession also stalled and on fourth down the punter's knee touched the ground as he reached for a low snap.

The Highlanders took over on the Bobcats' 40 and on the next play McCloud hit Randy Knust in stride in the middle of the end zone for the only points of the first half.

Nick Adamo picked off a pass late in the third quarter for the Highlanders, which led to runs by Daniel Lasco of 71, zero and eight yards, the last a touchdown on the first play of the fourth for a 28-0 lead.

Ryan Clapsaddle and Ryan Eastman finished the scoring with a 20-yard interception return for a touchdown and a seven-yard quarterback keeper, respectively.

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