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## The Woodlands knock off Oak Ridge



The Woodlands' Joseph Schneider leaps past Oak Ridge defenders during fourth-quarter play Friday at Woodforest Bank Stadium in Shenandoah.

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SHENANDOAH – Facing the No. 1 [HSGridiron.com](http://HSGridiron.com) area-ranked The Woodlands, Oak Ridge knew that they'd have a tall test ahead of them – that they'd have to play a nearly perfect game to score the upset at Woodforest Bank Stadium on Friday night. In a game that was over by the end of the first quarter, the perfection that the War Eagles were hoping for was quickly a distant thought in the 38-21 loss.

After forcing a three-and-out on the Highlanders first possession, it seemed as though Oak Ridge may be able to make a game out of it. Then on quarterback Ryan Cyr's first pass attempt, it was evident that it was going to be a long night for Oak Ridge. The Woodlands defensive back Josh Diaz snagged the Cyr pass out of the air and took off down the sidelines into the endzone for the game's first score.

An 11 yard run from Brett Felton gave the Highlanders a 14-0 lead at 6:26. Star running back Daniel Lasco, who finished the game with 91 yards rushing and 98 yards receiving, got his hand into the passing game when quarterback Trent Eckel evaded oncoming pass rushers and found Lasco over the middle of the field and he raced down the sideline for the 21-0 lead.

After trading three-and-outs in the second quarter, the War Eagles finally got together a long drive that found paydirt when Cyr hit Jon Vargas for a four yard touchdown reception.

Lasco scored again when he took the snap in the wildcat formation into the endzone from one yard out for a 31-7 lead that the Highlanders took into the locker room at halftime.

With the game firmly in hand, Eckel was sat in favor of junior Joseph Schneider who found Felton from 37 yards out for his second score and a comfortable 38-7 lead.

The War Eagles added two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but at that point the game was already decided.

"We were able to spread the ball around, every receiver had a reception, and we had several guys carry the football, and I think that was the key to the game for us, offensively," The Woodlands head coach Mark Schmid said. "Outside of the last five minutes of the ball game, I thought our defense was lights out tonight. They were running to the football and were making plays when we needed to."