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## Schneider lifts Highlanders with late touchdown run

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HOUSTON— Joseph Schneider scored the game winning touchdown on a 31 yard run with 1:00 left on the clock, and the state ranked Woodlands Highlanders dodged a bullet by defeating a pesky Strake Jesuit football team on Friday night. Schneider's run was his fourth score on the night, and the Highlander use a second half rally to stay underrated on the season.

Schneider scores on the first Highlander play for offense on a 66 yard run, a score that came after Strake Jesuit had scored on their initial drive. When Ben Pruitt kicked the extra point, the score was tied at 7, but the Highlanders would barley touch the ball again until after half time.

The Highlanders gave up a two yard TD run from Jesuit QB Graham Chapman late in the first quarter, surrendering a 24 yard field goal in the second quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, the Highlanders missed two consecutive field goals, which kept them in neutral. After only running 16 offensive plays in the first half, stunned Highlanders went into the locker room down 17-7.

But the larger and stronger Highlanders eventually wore the smaller Jesuit team down as Schneider had TD runs of 9 and 10 yards in the 3rd quarter. That put the Woodlands up 21-17. When Pruitt kicked a 21 yard field goal with 6:53 left in the game, the Highlander lead was 24-17.

But Strake Jesuit came roaring back scoring with 4:05 left in the game on a 15 yard TD pass from Chapman to Clay Martin. That tied the score at 24 and the Highlanders were looking for a break to pull out the victory.

They got it with just 1:17 left in the game when LB Garrett Hope intercepted a Chapman pass and ran it into the end zone. The play was called back due to a clipping call, but the Woodlands kept the ball. On the very next play, Schneider ran the ball in from the 31 and the Woodlands had escaped with a tough win.