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The Woodlands tops Tyler Lee, extends regular season win streak to 25

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SHENANDOAH – The Woodlands Highlanders remained unbeaten this season relying on the steady foot of kicker Marshall Bainton and their fortuitous defense for a 23-15 homecoming triumph over Tyler Lee at Woodforest Bank Stadium Friday night.

The Highlanders (4-0), who have now won 25 consecutive regular season games, led 9-0 after the first quarter on Lance Miles' 14-yard pass to Jayme Taylor and the first of Bainton's three field goals (39 yards).

But the Red Raiders (1-3) tied things up with an 8-yard TD pass and a 37-yard field goal to make it 9-9 late in the second quarter.

The Highlanders regained the lead with a 27-yard field goal as time expired before homecoming festivities commenced.

TWHS and Tyler Lee exchanged possessions to start the third quarter before the Highlanders soon added to their 12-9 lead when defensive lineman Will Davidson alertly sniffed out an attempted screen pass by Lee quarterback Joseph Seeber and came up with an interception with 2:44 left in the quarter at the Red Raider 21.

The Highlanders converted that turnover into Bainton's third field goal of the night, a 30-yarder for a 15-9 advantage with 1:26 left in the third quarter.

The Woodlands extended its lead with a Miles pass to Blake Webb covering 22 yards. Miles then ran for two, giving the Highlanders a 23-9 lead with 7:01 left in the contest.

The Red Raiders did retaliate with a 22-yard pass from Seeber to Dalaven Baker with 5:07 remaining. Lee missed on the PAT and trailed 23-15.

From that point forward, Lee never really threatened in two possessions.

Miles and Seeber had something of a shootout. Miles completed 18 of 33 passes for 213 yards and two scores, while Seeber was 14 of 31 for 188 yards and a couple of scores. Miles also ran the ball 11 times for 76 yards.

The Red Raiders were without their two biggest offensive weapons, LaQuintas Wallace and Marcus White. Wallace led Lee with 1,132 yards last year and came into the game with 142 yards and three touchdowns



Football: The Woodlands beat Tyler Lee 23-15

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The Woodlands relied on a tough running game and consistent defensive pressure to pull out a 23-15 homecoming win over Tyler Lee Friday night at Woodforest Stadium. The Highlanders win their 25th straight regular-season game in a row as they head into District 14-5A play next weekend.

Quarterback Lance Miles and running back Ryan Traffler were able to control the game, while the defense held the Red Raiders to 220 total yards and force two turnovers. Kicker Marshall Bainton kicked three field goals while Miles threw for 213 yards and two touchdowns.

The Highlanders scored on its first possession of the game, as running back Randy Cooper ran five times in the 10-play drive for 40 yards. The drive concluded as Miles found receiver Jayme Taylor for a 14-yard touchdown pass. Marshall Bainton missed the extra point, but later kicked a 39-yard field goal to give The Woodlands a 9-0 lead.

Tyler Lee got on the board in the second quarter on a 9-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Joseph Seeber to running back Dalaven Baker which was set up by a 54-yard pass from Seeber to wideout Aneas Sutton that put the ball deep in Highlander territory.

The Red Raider added a field goal to cut the lead to tie the game on its next possession, but Bainton kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired in the first half to put The Woodlands up 12-9.

With just over two minutes in the third quarter, defensive lineman Will Davidson intercepted a screen pass that turned into a 30-yard field goal by Bainton that increased the lead to six. Then on the Highlanders' next possession, Trauffer chewed up the clock while Miles used screen passes to break through the Lee defense, then found receiver Blake Webb over the middle for a 22-yard score. Miles would run in the two-point conversion to put the Highlanders up 23-9.

But Tyler Lee (1-3) – who were without its two best running backs – fought back with a 10-play, 74-yard drive capped by a 20-yard touchdown pass from Seeber to Baker with five minutes left in the game. Trauffer was able to run out the clock with some good runs, and the defense forced Seeber to throw incomplete passes on the Red Raiders' final drive.

Trauffer ran for 76 yards, while Cooper ran for 74 and Trauffer for 50. Taylor had 61 receiving yards and Webb had 47.

The Woodlands will open district play against Atascocita next Saturday at Woodforest Stadium.



Lee can't end The Woodlands' streak

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SHENANDOAH — Robert E. Lee senior quarterback Joseph Seeber passed for a season-best 188 yards and two touchdowns, but the Red Raiders' attempt to end The Woodlands' regular season win streak was not meant to be.

The Woodlands' defense stiffened to deny four straight Seeber passes to hold off Lee's rally attempt and beat the Red Raiders, 23-15, on Friday at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

The loss dropped Lee to 1-3 on the season and increased its road losing streak to seven while The Woodlands (4-0) has now won 25 straight regular season games.

Playing without leading ball carrier LaQuintas Wallace and fullback Marcus White, the Red Raiders' rushing attack struggled against a determined Highlanders defense. Lee entered the contest averaging 275 yards per game, but was held to a season-worst 43 yards on 22 attempts.

Seeber did his best to pick up the slack as Lee aired it out like he hadn't done yet this season. The second-year quarterback had attempted just 32 passes in the Red Raiders first three games. He finished 14 of 31 on this night and without a few drops would've had even more.

Both of Seeber's touchdowns went to Dalaven Baker (30 and 8 yards), the second of which pulled Lee within eight points in the fourth quarter.

Jordan Richardson led the team with five catches for 34 yards while Aneas Sutton caught two for 68 yards and Baker accounted for 35 yards rushing and 30 receiving in the loss.

The Woodlands quarterback Lance Miles passed for 213 yards and two touchdowns and also had 69 yards rushing.

The Red Raiders spotted the home side nine points before getting on the board in the second quarter. Lee had punted on its first three drives, but on second-and-10 from its own 33, Seeber faked to Baker on play action and hit a wide-open Sutton. The ball was underthrown a little, but Sutton went back and caught it before running for a few more yards finally being brought down after a 54-yard gain.

Seeber capped the drive when he rolled out and eluded a blitzing linebacker to buy enough time for an 8-yard touchdown strike to Baker. Lumi Kaba's extra point was blocked — the third week in a row that REL has suffered a blocked PAT — to make the score 9-6 with 7:38 left in the second quarter.

The Red Raiders then forced a fumble with Austin Campbell recovering it and setting Lee up at the Woodlands 33. Lee moved to the 11 before settling for a Kaba 28-yard field goal to tie the game 9-9 with 3:11 remaining in the half.

The Woodlands responded with a 68-yard drive that ended with a Marshall Bainton booting his second field goal of the half for a 12-9 score at the break.

Both offenses struggled to find rhythm in the third quarter until a Lee turnover enabled The Woodlands to go in front for good. On second-and-9, Seeber invited the rush and lofted a screen pass, but Highlanders defensive lineman Will Davidson read it and leapt up for an interception.

Lee's defense held and Bainton made it 15-9 with a 31-yard field goal.

The Red Raiders went three-and-out on successive drives with The Woodlands finally putting together a drive of their own, going 87 yards in nine plays, helped by two first downs on Lee penalties. Miles capped with a 22-yard touchdown pass on a screen to Blake Webb. Miles then ran in the two-point conversion to make it 23-9 with 7:01 left to play.

Lee needed an answer and Seeber provided it. The senior quarterback completed five passes on a 10-play 74 yard drive that ended with a 20-yard touchdown screen pass to Baker.

Lee needed to get the ball back and the defense accomplished it, with just under two minutes left and two timeouts, but four incompletions enabled the home side to run out the clock for the win.

The Woodlands next meet Humble Atascocita while the Red Raiders face Beaumont West Brook at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium.