



HIGHLANDERS OPEN DISTRICT PLAY WITH VICTORY OVER GRAND OAKS

The Woodlands began the 2025 district schedule with a 45-14 win over Grand Oaks. The Highlanders have now won all six meetings between the two programs.

TWHS got on the board first with a 54-yard touchdown down the right sideline. The 7-0 lead didn't last long however. After a Caycen Bartolazzi interception was nullified by a penalty, the Grizzlies hit on a big play of their own – a 51-yard touchdown pass from Grant Smith to Darnell Jackson.

The rest of the 1st half was all Highlanders. Quarterback Jack Daulton scrambled for a 14-yard TD to put The Woodlands ahead for good. Daulton then hit Colton Weddel for a 44-yard score to increase the lead to 21-7. In the 2nd quarter, Daulton scored again – this time on a 4-yard run. Daulton would total 204 yards passing along with 25 yards rushing on the night.

The Highlanders wrapped up the 1st half with a 42-yard field goal from Luke Crudgington to take a 31-7 lead into the half.

The Grizzlies got back on the board to start the second half with a touchdown pass from Pierceson Lackey to Keilan Gause to cut the Highlander lead to 31-14. That was as close as Grand Oaks would get. Cody Jordan struck again to start the 4th quarter with a 66-yd touchdown run. Jordan would finish the game with 169 yards rushing on just 10 carries.

After a Bartolazzi interception, the Highlanders found the end zone one more time. Kaden Copelin hit Logan Ha for a 35-yard touchdown completion to bring the final score to 45-14.

Jamieson Gavin had 5 receptions for 62 yards while Eli Lancaster added 6 catches for 45 yards to lead the team in receiving. Bartolzaai led the team in tackles with 9 while Jy'ree Jefferson added 7. Timmy Parke also had 7 tackles including 4 for negative yards. Magnus Hearndon recorded 2 sacks for the defense. Vincent Lewis and Joey Bolander each recovered fumbles for the Highlanders.

The Woodlands will take their 3-0 record to Willis this week in an effort to remain atop the district standings.