



Katy hands The Woodlands its worst defeat

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SHENANDOAH — Katy's offensive and defensive lines had their way with The Woodlands. The Tigers ran for 440 yards and eight touchdowns on 52 carries in a 63-10 demolition of the Highlanders on Saturday night at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

"That's our identity," Katy coach Gary Joseph said. "We have to get back and find our identity and find out who we are. It was a good job against a really good defensive football team." The Tigers struggled last week in a 23-9 win over Alief Taylor while The Woodlands shut down Hightower 29-7.

The Highlanders had won their last two games against Katy, including a 47-0 shellacking here in 2008. The teams have now split eight meetings dating back to 1990. The defeat was the worst on two fronts for the Highlanders — it was the most points the program has ever allowed and the biggest margin of defeat. Westfield rolled up 55 points in a 55-28 win over The Woodlands in the 2007 playoffs while Klein beat the Highlanders 50-6 in 1979, the program's second season. Katy also hung a 48-7 defeat on The Woodlands in 2007, and A&M Consolidated routed the Highlanders 49-7 in 1994.

"It feels exactly what you would want it to feel like," Joseph said. "It's not redemption. That team that lost that bad turned around and won a state championship. To me, it's about our kids growing up. After facing a tough game last week, to be able to bounce back was big for us."

Behind Javier Lopez, Corey May, Kyle Miller, Ben Skrabanek and Aaron Sowell, the Tigers piled up 191 yards on 24 carries in the first half and built a lead of 35-10.

The defense poured it on in the second half, with three sacks and a second interception. "We felt like we were going to buy up the gaps that they were running in," The Woodlands coach Mark Schmid said. "For some reason, that wasn't happening. I give credit to their offensive line and their running back. (Adam) Taylor's a really, really special running back. There's a reason he's going to LSU. "Nevertheless, we should have done a better job in all phases of the game tonight."

Taylor finished with 185 yards and five touchdowns on 24 totes. He scored on runs of five, six and one yard in the first half, and Rodney Anderson got behind the defense for a 42-yard touchdown on a play-action pass from Kiley Huddleston to push the lead to 28-0 at 8:04 of the second quarter. Taylor added scores from six and three yards out in the second half.

Katy (3-0) continued the onslaught as Isaiah Brown intercepted a pass and Jesse Brown and Cody Gessler recorded sacks while Carson Strickler and Anthony Gambone combined for another. Ricky Bickham added a 37-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, and Demonte Davenport scored a 30-yarder on fourth and six with 22 seconds remaining.

"We have to put some work in this week," Schmid said. "We're not as bad a football team as the score indicates. I promise you that."

Katy scored on five of its first six drives while The Woodlands punted five times and turned the ball over once, on an interception by Quinn Atwood.

It was 28-0 before Houston Brown caught a short pass from Blaine Gillespie near the sideline and turned it into a 73-yard touchdown.

But the Tigers responded with a seven-play drive, which was capped when Anderson took a delayed handoff 35 yards to the end zone 4:03 before halftime. The Highlanders recovered a fumble with 40 seconds to go, and Alex Garcia made a 29-yard field go to cut the deficit to 35-10. Brown finished with six catches for 129 yards, and Sean McCanna had five catches for 84 yards. Gillespie completed 15 of 37 passes for 257 yards with the touchdown and two interceptions. The Woodlands had only 23 yards on 16 carries at halftime, and finished with 46 yards on 31 carries.



Football: The Woodlands feels Katy's wrath



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SHENANDOAH, Texas – The Katy Tigers are perennial powers in Texas high school football. They flexed their muscles on Saturday night in Woodforest Band Stadium, rolling past The Woodlands Highlanders 63-10.

Katy won the battle of field position early on and then dominated the line of scrimmage, piling up 516 yards of offense.

The Highlanders came up with 304 yards of their own, including a 73-yard touchdown pass from Highlanders quarterback Blaine Gillespie to Houston Brown. Alex Garcia added a 29-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

But by then, the Tigers had scored 35 points and led 35-10 at intermission.

Gillespie finished with 257 yards passing (15-37-2) but The Woodlands managed just 47 rushing yards on 31 tries. Patrick Carr went for 43 of those, on 12 carries.

Houston Brown led all receivers with six catches for 129 yards. Sean McCanna added 84 yards on five pass receptions.

Katy's Adam Taylor rushed for 183 yards and five touchdowns on 24 carries to lead the Tigers' 410-yard ground attack.

Katy's Taylor scores 5 TDs in 63-10 win over The Woodlands

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Katy's Rodney Anderson (26) puts an exclamation mark on his 35-yard touchdown run in the first half against The Woodlands on Saturday night.

SHENANDOAH - No one on Katy's roster has experienced a loss to The Woodlands.

But many watched or heard about the shootout loss in 2009 and the blowout on the road a year before.

Katy returned to the scene of that 47-0 beating in 2008. This time, however, it was the area's top-ranked Class 5A team that dominated from start to finish at Woodforest Bank Stadium. Adam Taylor led the way, running for 183 yards and five touchdowns as the Tigers rolled on Saturday night.

"We had a chip on our shoulder about coming out here to their home stadium, playing hard and getting the W," Taylor said.

The blowout gives Katy (3-0) a case to be the state's top team as well. The Tigers entered the week third, with No. 2 Dallas Skyline losing and No. 1 Lake Travis needing to rally against Round Rock Westwood.

"It's a process - this is just one game," Katy head coach Gary Joseph said. "This wasn't going to define their season or our season. It's going to help both of us and help both of us get better."

The Highlanders fall to 1-2 after winning 17 straight non-district games going back to 2008.

Taylor scored Katy's first three touchdowns, carrying five straight times on the first possession before scoring from 5 yards out. He scored on a 6-yarder with three minutes left in the first quarter, and his third put the Tigers up 21-0 two minutes into the second.

"We can be a great offense as long as we don't try to beat ourselves and try to do too much," Taylor said.

The Woodlands had little answer, punting five times in the first half and throwing an interception. A 73-yard touchdown pass from Blaine Gillespie to Houston Brown cut the deficit to 28-7, but Rodney Anderson, who scored Katy's fourth touchdown, added his second and the team's fifth three minutes later.

Katy ran for 410 yards and outgained The Woodlands 516-304. Anderson finished with 158 yards of offense, while two other running backs - Ricky Bickham and Demonte Davenport - scored in the fourth quarter.

Gillespie threw for 257 yards, but the senior spent much of the second half avoiding pressure as Katy took away the Highlanders' run game.

"Tonight was about the little things - there's no doubt about it," Highlanders coach Mark Schmid said. "We're going to be better next week and we'll be better as we head into the rest of the season for playing people like Katy, Skyline and Hightower."