

## The Woodlands thrashes Conroe 56-2



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SHENANDOAH — The Woodlands built a 14-0 lead in the first 100 seconds of its homecoming game against Conroe on Friday night, and the Highlanders never looked back. The Woodlands (3-2, 1-0) demolished the Tigers (3-2, 0-1) in a 56-2 rout at Woodforest Bank Stadium in a District 14-5A opener.

It was the second-biggest margin of victory in the 36-year history of the series, eclipsed only by the Highlanders' 57-0 victory over the Tigers in 2011. The Woodlands did put up 61 points on Conroe in 2010, but the Tigers posted 20 in that contest.

The Highlanders are now 24-11-1 all-time against Conroe, including 21-2-1 since 1990. Conroe beat The Woodlands 35-14 in 2007, but The Woodlands has won six straight by a combined margin of 319-81. The Highlanders have also scored no less than 55 points in each of their past five games against the Tigers.

On Friday, The Woodlands running back Patrick Carr racked up 177 yards and five touchdowns on 18 carries.

"Patrick has done a great job for us in non-district, and tonight was a breakout game for him," Highlanders coach Mark Schmid said. "He was a big part of our offense."

After electing to receive the ball on the opening kickoff, the Tigers ran just one play before The Woodlands linebacker Ricardo Trevino picked off quarterback Cameron Muller and returned the interception 35 yards for a score.

“Those quick starts, they can do great things for you,” Schmid said. “They create a lot of momentum, and we were able to do that. That seemed to catapult us for the rest of the night.”

On Conroe’s ensuing possession, running back Darius Nelms fumbled, and Trevino was there to fall on the ball and give the Highlanders possession deep inside Tigers territory.

Carr plunged into the end zone from three yards out a few plays later to hand his team a 14-0 edge with 10:20 on the clock. “Right from the start, it got away from us,” Conroe coach Robert Walker said. “We just compounded mistake after mistake.”

The Highlanders continued to pile it on in the opening quarter, as Carr found paydirt from seven yards out with just less than two minutes remaining.

Carr’s standout performance continued in the second quarter as he scored on runs of three and 48 yards for a 35-0 advantage heading into the locker room. The 48-yarder came with just 1:17 remaining in the half.

“Like coach said, you’ve got to keep your foot on the gas,” Carr said with a smile. “We couldn’t let up. We have to keep it going — start off fast, keep playing fast, and that’s what we did. We just kept on doing our job.”

The Woodlands resumed its domination in the third quarter, scoring on a 22-yard run by Carr, a 25-yard pass from Matt Bonaguidi to Jeremy Davis Harper and a 35-yard interception return by Tyler Murphy — his second pick of the game.

The Highlanders’ defense was stout all night against the Tigers, who were playing without starting quarterback Stedman Bell, who has a slightly separated shoulder. On Thursday, Walker said Bell is week to week.

“Defensively, we played solid — really, really solid,” Schmid said. Conroe scored on a safety early in the fourth quarter when Tigers linebacker Thomas Guillen made a tackle in the end zone.



# Carr scores 5 TDs, Highlanders win Homecoming

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SHENANDOAH, Texas - Patrick Carr scored five touchdowns and The Woodlands High School football team enjoyed Homecoming with a 56-2 victory over Conroe in the District 14-5A opener at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

The Highlanders' junior running back rushed for 177 yards on 18 carries, including touchdown dashes of 3, 7, 3, 48 and 22 yards. He scored four times in the first half and the Highlanders (3-2, 1-0) had the game well in hand, taking a 35-0 advantage into halftime.

"I'm blessed," Carr said. "My offensive line really did a great job tonight."

The Woodlands' first and last touchdowns were pick-six scores. Ricardo Trevino jumped in front of Conroe's first pass attempt of the night and returned it 35 yards for a score. He also set up Carr's first touchdown run of the game with a fumble recovery.

Tyler Murphy returned an interception 36 yards for The Woodlands' final tally of the game.

Freshman quarterback Matt Bonaguidi fired a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Davis Harper as the Highlanders piled on in the second half.

Conroe (3-2, 0-1) recorded a safety early in the fourth quarter for their only points of the night.

The Tigers were without standout quarterback Stedman Bell, who separated his throwing shoulder last Friday. But Highlanders head coach Mark Schmid said his team prepared for the game as though the Tigers' leader would play.

"He's a big part of their offense, the complexion of the game is different when he's out, but our defense got after it tonight," Schmid said. "Special teams was outstanding and on offense we capitalized on the breaks we got. Hats off to our kids, we got a big win tonight. It was a complete effort by all three phases."

The Highlanders go on the road for a big 7:30 p.m. Friday test at A&M Consolidated, a 42-41 winner at Lufkin.