

The Woodlands shuts out College Park in War in the Woods

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SHENANDOAH — It was business as usual for The Woodlands' defense — pitching its third shutout of the season as the Highlanders defeated College Park 28-0, Friday night at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

“The great thing about the defense right now is the confidence we have in them,” The Woodlands coach Mark Schmid said.

“No matter where the opponent has the ball we know they are going to get the job done and they've done it week in and week out.”

While the Highlanders defense was stellar as usual, their offense continued its recent hot streak — outgaining the Cavs 346-172 while posting its third highest point total of the season. The Woodlands (6-1, 4-0) remains undefeated in District 16-6A play, while coach Richard Carson and College Park drops to 1-5 overall 0-3 in league play.

“Our kids played hard,” Carson said. “They are always going to play hard. We needed to score and we had some chances but couldn't. Bottom line: we control our destiny. We are going to get on a roll and make the playoffs. That's the plan. I say that with confidence that we are going to get it done.”

The Woodlands jumped out in front of College Park early, holding the Cavaliers to just 82 total yards in the first half, while putting up 251 yards of their own.

“The defense is playing with a purpose,” Schmid said. “A touchdown or a score for them would be unacceptable. Even when college park had the ball inside our fifteen, they bowed up and got the stop. They've been doing that the last several weeks and hopefully they'll keep doing that.”

With a little more than two minutes left in the first quarter The Woodlands used a bit of trickery to catch College Park sleeping. Junior quarterback Eric Schmid threw a lateral pass to Brandon Stockerl who then connected with Mason Wuensch for a 48-yard touchdown.

“We practice a lot of different gadget plays,” coach Schmid said. “Sometimes we don't run them and sometimes we do. The kids get a kick out of practicing them. When they work they can be a huge momentum booster for the entire team.”

On first-and-10 from his own 42, Schmid rolled out hard to his left, threw across his body on the run to Stockerl at the College Park nine. Three plays later Carlos Ramos would score the highlander third touchdown of the game, putting them on top 21-0. Ramos was the Woodlands second leading rusher and finished the game with 54 yards and two rushing touchdowns. His second score came at the 5:55 mark in the third quarter and was from one yard out.

The Woodlands first touchdown came from running back Jordan Talford with 4:52 left in the first. Talford ran through some arm tackles and maneuvered his way through the secondary for an 18 yard score. Talford finished with 62 rushing yards on 11 carries. As a team The Woodlands rushed for 165 yards and had three rushing touchdowns.



The Woodlands have their third shutout of the season 28-0 against cross-town rival, College Park

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SHENANDOAH, Texas — The Woodlands Highlanders celebrated their third shutout of the season as well as hometown bragging rights after they defeated College Park 28-0 Friday night.

The Highlanders maintained a steady momentum through the first and second quarters and lead College Park 21-0 by the end of the half. Carlos Ramos had a stellar game with two of the night's touchdowns. In the third quarter, the team scored their final touchdown of the game, bringing the

score to 28-0 and forcing defense to step up to maintain their solid lead.

“That’s the great thing about defense playing the way it’s playing now,” Head Coach Mark Schmid said. “When we have a whole lot of confidence wherever the opponent is on the field with the football, they’re going to get the job done because they’ve done it week in and week out.”

Schmid said he was proud of the way his team has competed throughout the season and the way they handle both sides of the ball with confidence and determination, even when things aren’t going their way.

“They give everything every down. There’s no give up in these guys, even when things aren’t going so well, which a couple of times this season we’ve had some struggles at certain football games, and there’s no give up,” Schmid said. “They keep fighting and keep playing down after down, and I think if we can continue to do that there’s going to be a lot of good times ahead for our football team.”

The Highlanders ended the game with much to celebrate after shutting out their cross-town rival and earning a day off from the next day’s practice.

“It’s big for our kids to have bragging rights so to speak,” Schmid said. “We’re working, and our kids are playing for things down the road, and each and every time we have the opportunity to shut somebody out, it just adds that momentum we have on the defensive side of the ball.”