

# The Woodlands advances to area playoffs

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The Woodlands Highlanders scored a season-high in points to open the Region II-6A (Div. I) playoffs Friday night at Woodforest Bank Stadium.

The Highlanders pummeled Nimitz 73-13 for their first playoff win since 2019.

Arkez Gomez ran in four touchdowns and 97 yards for the Highlanders (9-2).

Jacoby Mitchell, Aden Self and Jason Williams all had one touchdown run.

Quarterback Mabrey Mettauer threw for 178 yards and three touchdowns.

Quanell X Farrakhan Jr., Ethan King and Shane Walker each had one touchdown reception. Farrakhan Jr. had a game-high 64 receiving yards.

The Highlanders take a seven-game winning streak in the area round next Friday. They host Klein Cain, 7 p.m. at Woodforest Bank Stadium.



# The Woodlands Run Away with Bi-District Win over Nimitz

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THE WOODLANDS, TX -- The Woodlands Highlanders faced the Nimitz Cougars in the Bi-District round of the playoffs at Woodforest Bank Stadium on Friday night. With the weather taking a turn for the worst, the teams hit the field and began to battle it out.

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In the first quarter The Woodlands would run through the Nimitz defense and quickly put points on the board. Nimitz would find the endzone with three minutes left to make the score 14-7. Within those three minutes The Woodlands would connect on three more occasions with Walker, Farrakhan and King bringing the score to 35-7 going into the second quarter.

Much like the first quarter, the second quarter was dominated by The Woodlands once again. The Cougars and Highlanders would exchange interceptions but the Highlanders would capitalize three times while the Cougars would capitalize once as well as missing the extra point. The score at the half would be 56-13 as the rain began to pound the field.

With the field soaked and the wind beginning to pick up both teams would keep the throwing to a minimum. The Woodlands would come out quickly in the third to put more points on the board with an interception, field goal and touchdown. With five minutes left in the quarter Nimitz would try to break through The Woodlands defense but was unsuccessful. The Woodlands would score one more touchdown before the quarter was over making it 73-13 going into the final quarter.

The Woodlands defense was on point in the fourth quarter, not allowing any additional touchdowns and stopping any major advancement from Nimitz. They would go on to win the Bi-District match 73-13 and move on to the Area Round against Klein Cain. Details are slim but they are possibly playing once again at Woodforest Stadium next week.