

The Woodlands 62, Caney Creek 7

The Woodlands led by three touchdowns after the first quarter en route to a rout of Caney Creek at Moorhead Stadium.

The Highlanders, ranked No. 25 in the Class 6A state poll, improved to 7-0 in District 13-6A, 7-2 overall, to set up a monumental showdown against No. 16 Willis for first place next Thursday at 7 p.m. at Woodforest Bank Stadium. Willis, idle this week, is 6-0 in district, 8-0 overall.

The Woodlands has won seven straight games and is outscoring opponents 396-97 in district play.

The Highlanders led 35-0 at halftime against Caney Creek (3-5, 1-5 13-6A). Aiden Self got things started with a 70-yard catch-and-run for a touchdown and a 17-yard touchdown run. Jackson Bolender added a 55-yard touchdown catch.

Quanell X Farrakhan Jr, scored twice in a five-minute span late in the second quarter on catches of 6 and 5 yards, respectively. He also opened the second half with a 42-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and a 42-0 Highlander lead.

The Woodlands senior quarterback and Wisconsin commit Mabrey Mettauer threw for four touchdowns in the first half and did not play the second.

Timothy Palmer had the lone Panthers score on a 10-yard run in the third quarter.

Caney Creek lost its third straight game and plays Oak Ridge next Friday at Woodforest Bank Stadium at 7 p.m. The Woodlands is 2-0 all-time versus Caney Creek.