

Cubs turnaround falls short

Brownfield Cub fans saw a different team take the field Friday night on the road against the Andrews Mustangs.

The Cubs, just one week off a disappointing home opener loss, went into the game as 30-point underdogs and, even though they didn't come out on top, they had the much-larger Mustangs on the ropes numerous times in the drawn-out aerial battle.

Head Coach Bryan Welps, who told his players last week that he expected better out of them, got exactly that Friday night in front of the Andrews Homecoming crowd.

"We have nothing to hang our heads about tonight," he said following the game. "Every player gave every effort to win this game. This proved to our guys that we're a good football team and we can face adversity and battle back. We're on the right track to get to where we want to go."

The defenses ruled the field for most of the first quarter, until the Cubs drew first blood with 20 seconds to play in the opening frame on a one-yard quarterback keep by Shacolby Hill.

The Mustangs blocked the point-after attempt, though and went the length of the field for a two-point return.

Brownfield had a 6-2 lead to close the first quarter.

Andrews retaliated quickly however, finding the end zone just two plays later on a nine-yard run by Joey Prieto just 10 seconds into the second quarter.

A two-point conversion attempt was intercepted by Brownfield Cub Rodney Warren, holding the Mustang advantage to 8-6.

Both squads traded possessions several times until the four-minute mark when Andrews made it into the red zone.

Lining up on the nine-yard line, the next play resulted in a Mustang fumble that skirted the corner of the end zone, prompting Brownfield's coaches to argue for a touchback.

The officiating crew ruled the Andrews player down, giving the Mustangs possession on the one-yard line, leading to a one-yard pass play to Austin Luna with 3:40 remaining in the half for the score to go up, 15-6.

Andrews stopped the Cubs' next drive, then marched down field again to score on a one-yard pass to Coy Lopez with just 12 seconds left in the half.

The PAT increased their advantage to 22-6 heading into halftime.

Brownfield came out of the locker room ready to play in the third quarter, stopping the Mustangs in their tracks on their opening possession, then driving down field with a huge pass to senior receiver Dylan Huston who grabbed the throw, then ran 15 yards for a Cub score at the 9:00 mark.

A quarterback sneak by Hill secured the two-point conversion, narrowing the Mustang's lead to 22-14.

Less than three minutes later, Hill found the end zone again on a keep from the one-yard line with 6:30 remaining in the third quarter and another for the two-point conversion.

The Cubs scored 16 points in the opening six minutes of the second half, to tie the game at 22-22.

Mustang quarterback Shane

Dolgener, with the help of his oversized line, found his stride in the bottom half of the third quarter, connecting on three consecutive passing plays, the last of which ended in the end zone with 3:53 left in the period.

The PAT put the Mustangs up, 29-22, through the remainder of the third frame.

A Cub drive midway through the fourth quarter was halted with an Andrews interception with 6:30 left to play.

The Mustangs ate up four minutes with nine plays before finding the end zone again on a 21-yard pass play with 2:50 remaining.

A missed PAT left Andrews on top, 35-22.

Brownfield moved the ball as deep as the 12-yard line on the next drive, but was shut down on its final possession.

The Mustangs took the ball, then took a knee and the win at the :38 mark.

Welps told his team he hates to lose, but he was pleased with the way they played against Andrews.

"If you play like this every Friday, we will make the playoffs," he said in the huddle after the game. "I'm proud of what we did here tonight."

The Cubs wracked up a respectable 346 yards offense against Andrews, 207 on the ground and 137 through the air.

The Mustangs totaled 134 rushing yards and 210 passing for a total of 344.

Tae Williams led the Cubs with 122 yards on 19 carries, followed by Hill with 85 yards on 18 carries.

Hill completed seven of 16 passes on the night for 136 yards



Brownfield Cub Anthony Gomez moves the ball forward early in the game Friday night with coverage from Jose Garcia. The Cubs were much improved over last week's home performance, but fell to the Andrews Mustangs, 35-22.

and two interceptions.

Huston had two receptions against the Mustangs, good for 88 yards and a touchdown.

Williams caught two passes for 21 yards.

Cole Garcia tallied 14 yards on

two catches and Jordan Demps caught one pass for 13 yards.

The Cubs had 14 first downs on the night, but wracked up seven penalties, costing them 60 yards.

Punter Omar Alvarez had a

good night, averaging 41.5 yards per punt.

The Cubs return to their home field Friday when they play host to the Levelland Lobos. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Cub Stadium.

Broncos trample Wildcats in cross-county rivalry

Meadow won again - and big - but Terry County's other hard-fighting six-man team unfortunately lost big.

The Broncos earned a 53-6 early Homecoming victory over the visiting Wellman-Union Wildcats Friday night.

The combined eight touchdowns from both teams were all rushed, and Meadow head coach Kent Allison attributed the success to lightning-fast running. Defensively, quick sprints also helped the Broncos catch up and block more than a few

would-be Wildcat touchdown runs.

Roger Chase, Wellman-Union's coach, acknowledged Meadow would be tough to beat, and tougher still following an injury of star Wildcat Kolby Chase.

Senior running back Andrew Flores scored the first of his six touchdowns for the Broncos on a 57-yard punt return two and a half minutes into the game.

Wellman-Union's Kaleb Chase scored less than a minute later on a nine-yard run.

Flores scored again on nine- and 46-yard touchdown runs, and senior Rafael Urias landed the extra-point kicks. The Broncos led the first quarter 23-6.

Flores' second-quarter touchdown runs were 25, 37 and 22 yards. Senior Zach England sealed the early win with a 40-yard touchdown run.

The Broncos had 275 total offensive yards on 16 plays, 10 first downs, 14 rushes for 262 yards with six touchdowns.

The 'Cats had 70 total offensive yards, four first downs and

25 rushes for 66 yards with one touchdown.

Andrew Flores was the Broncos' leading rusher with nine carries for 192 total yards, five running touchdowns and one punt return touchdown.

England had one rush for 40 yards, Brandon Flores had

two carries for 12 yards and Jonathan Flores had one carry for 10 yards.

Wellman-Union's leading rusher Kaleb Chase 13 carries for 94 total yards. Two 'Cats lost a combined total of 20 yards, which brought down the team's total offensive yards.



Meadow Bronco Andrew Flores moved the ball Friday night against the Wellman-Union Wildcats. The Broncos dominated the cross-county rivalry.

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