

Cubs take step back against Lobos

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The Brownfield Cubs have had some good nights and some bad nights so far in the 2012 season and Friday night's home stand against the Levelland Lobos was definitely a bad one.

The Cubs remained scoreless until the fourth quarter, while the Lobos wracked up five unanswered touchdowns in the first three quarters.

The only bright spot in the Lobos' scores was their inability to convert on a point-after.

Levelland failed to split the uprights for an extra point or break the plane for a two point conversion on each of their first four scores.

The Cubs weren't able to capitalize on the mistakes though, because they were making too many of their own, according to Head Coach Bryan Welps.

"We didn't do anything right tonight," he said. "We didn't line up right. We didn't execute right. We didn't play as a team. We're a better football team than we showed tonight and I'm disappointed in the effort we gave in front of our home crowd."

The coach told his players after the game that the whole team will "start from scratch" Monday at practice.

"Every position is open," he said. "So come ready to practice hard and play hard if you want your spot on this team."

The Lobos made quick work of the Cubs, finding the end zone for the first time just a third of the way through the first quarter on a two-yard run up the middle.

Just two-and-a-half minutes later, Levelland scored again on a four-yard jaunt at the 5:30 mark, still in the first quarter.

The Lobos led 12-0 at the end of the opening frame.

Three minutes into the second quarter, the Lobos found the end zone again on an eight-yard quarterback keep on the left side.

With nine minutes to play in the half, Levelland enjoyed an 18-0 advantage.

The Lobos were in the red zone once again as the first half wound to a close and connected in the end zone after the buzzer for a touchdown, again missing the extra point, but increasing their lead to 24-0.

The third quarter saw the Lobos find the endzone for the fifth and final time on the night.

A short carry and then their only successful PAT of the night, expanded the Lobos' lead to 31-0 with 7:30

to play in the third quarter.

The Cubs found the end zone at the 9:51 mark in the final frame on a 15-yard pass from senior quarterback Cade Powell to sophomore receiver Jordan Demps.

A good kick by senior Michael Munoz narrowed the gap to 31-7, Levelland.

The Cubs special teams struggled in the game, suffering two blocked punts and a loose ball on a kickoff when it bounced off the chest of senior Rockie Rey on the front line of the kickoff return squad, allowing the Lobos to pounce on the live ball and keep possession.

Neither team was able to put together another scoring drive and the game ended with the Lobos on top, 31-7.

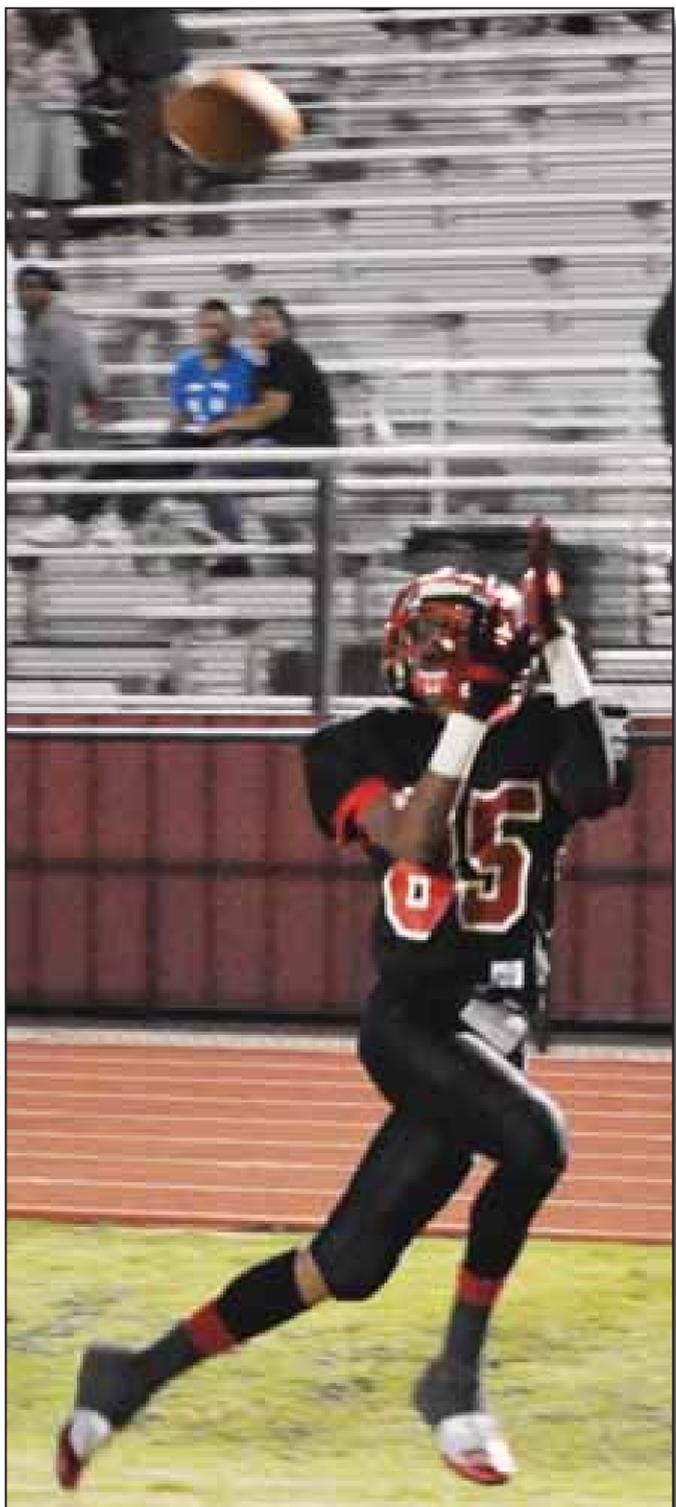
Penalties also plagued the Cubs Friday night, including several for unsportsmanlike conduct, which Coach Welps ensured the team following the game will not be tolerated.

The Cubs will take the field at home again next week when they host the Pecos Eagles for Brownfield's 2012 Homecoming game.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Cub Stadium.



Cub Anthony Gomez looks for help during a play Friday night as teammate Gino Juarez looks upfield to clear a path. (Photo by Lynn Brisendine)



Sophomore Jordan Demps eyes the ball just moments before the catch in the end zone for the Cubs' only touchdown of the night against the Levelland Lobos. (Photo by Brian Brisendine)

Offensive Coordinator Stacy Ward discussed strategy with several Cub players during the third quarter of Friday night's contest with the Levelland Lobos. (Photo by Thomas Brisendine)



Broncos host Rankin, suffer devilish loss

By Josie Musico
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The Meadow Broncos found out how it feels to lose Friday night with some help from Rankin's visiting Red Devils.

After earning three straight victories, the Broncos showed the Red Devils (also 3-1) some purple-and-gold spirit of their

own, but still suffered an unfortunate 50-36 defeat.

Assistant Coach Brad Rainer attributed the loss to the Broncos' slow start - they were down two touchdowns just four minutes into the game and never did recover.

"We have to make this a positive," he told them during a

post-game pep talk. "This can't deflate our season. This might be a blessing in disguise if we learn from it."

After running touchdowns from Red Devils Aaron Castillo and Dalton Mitchum, the Broncos finally scored halfway through the first quarter on a 65-yard pass from senior

Christian Herrera to junior line-backer Tyler Harrison. They were down 22-28 at the end of the first quarter with the help of a 44-yard pass from Herrera to Rafael Urias and a 31-yard run by Andrew Flores with just six seconds left on the clock.

They scored only once in the second quarter on a 12-yard

pass from Herrera to Urias.

The halftime score was 36-30, Rankin.

Early in the third, a pass was intercepted for a Red Devil first down, followed by a long run to the end zone by Rankin.

Andrew Flores scored for the Broncos on a 50-yard run, but penalty yards on a kickoff kept them from scoring again.

They entered the final quarter just six points behind.

When Rankin's Mitchum carried the ball to the end zone with about three minutes remaining, the two-touchdown deficit was just too much.

Urias secured the point-after kicks on all but one of the Broncos' touchdowns.

For a preview of the Broncos' upcoming fight against Follett and for stats of the Rankin game, see Wednesday's issue of the *Brownfield News*.



A pair of Meadow Bronco defenders work to bring down a charging Rankin Red Devil runner Friday night during the non-district contest between the two squads Friday night at Bronco Field. (Photo by Josie Musico)

Wildcats fall at home to Klondike

By Garry Peebles
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The Wellman-Union Wildcats and their fans had a tough night Friday at home against Klondike. They suffered a 48-0 loss in a game that ended in the third quarter.

The 'Cats had one serious scoring threat late in the second frame when Cody Bradley completed a 14-yard pass to Kaleb Chase, which ended at the Klondike five yard line. Unfortunately, it was a fourth down pass which didn't reach the marker.

More importantly, Chase was injured on the play when he went down on his knee and was finished for the night.

The 'Cats had 79 yards total

offense on the night, including 44 yards rushing on 18 carries and 35 yards passing on three of seven attempts with one interception.

Kaleb Chase had 31 yards on 13 carries. Dallas Walters had four yards on three carries and Kirby Bailey had nine yards on two carries.

Chase had two receptions for 28 yards and Aaron Loera had one reception for seven yards before he went out of the game with a shoulder injury.

Bradley completed two of five passes for 28 yards and Chase completed one pass for seven yards.

The 'Cats are now 1-3 for the season. They will be at home again next Friday against Anton.