



**HIGHLAND 56,
ROOSEVELT 7**



Borla keeps ballin'

Senior stars again in first half

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Young but feisty road underdog Roosevelt tried its best to make its Suburban League

American Conference game against first-place Highland Friday, as dual-threat quarterback Yahntae Smith

marched the Rough Riders down the field to cut their deficit to one possession late in the first quarter.

Hornets quarterback Dylan Borla had the answer — or, more

precisely, four answers — in one of the greatest passing quarters in Medina County history.

The senior continued his out-of-nowhere breakout season, throwing for more than 200 yards and four TDs in the second period as the Hornets rolled to a 56-7 victory that kept them atop the league with defending champion Aurora (7-0, 4-0).

In an amazing stretch that covered just 10:44, Borla completed 9-of-9 passes for 228 yards, seven first downs and touchdowns covering 40, 74, 41 and 31 yards. The right-hander finished 12-for-15 for 275 yards — all in the first half — as Highland (7-0, 4-0) roared to a 49-7 lead.

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First

H - Casey Myser 1 run (Jonah Kowza kick), 9:27.
H - Myser 21 run (Kowza kick), 3:03.
R - Tyler Ellington 21 pass from Yahntae Smith (Sam Snellenberger kick), 1:15.

Second

H - Lucas Gerding 40 pass from Dylan Borla (Kowza kick), 11:48.
H - Myser 74 pass from Borla (Kowza kick), 10:02.
H - Gerding 41 pass from Borla (Kowza kick), 7:26.
H - Myser 10 run (Kowza kick), 2:16.
H - Nick Dobkowski 31 pass from Borla (Kowza kick), 1:04.

Fourth

H - Anthony DePompai 3 run (Landon Kuzma kick), 10:45.

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First downs	9	23
Rushing	21/52	34/248
Rushing average	2.5	7.3
Passing	11/21	12/15
Passing yards	121	275
Total offense	42/173	49/523
Punting	6/32.2	1/37.0
Penalties	3/20	4/45
Fumbles	1/0	3/0

RUSHING: Roosevelt - Smith 11-28, Jaden Dennison 1-26, Jaiden Portis 3-3, Makhi Jones 6(-5). Highland - Myser 15-159, Borla 2-33, Colton Winston 2-29, Grady Gibb 5-24, DePompai 2-18, Evan Foust 1-12, Dylan Lazar 2-9, Gerding 1-9, Team 4(-45).

PASSING: Roosevelt - Smith 11-21-121-1. Highland - Borla 12-15-275-0.

RECEIVING: Roosevelt - Ellington 2-38, Portis 2-36, Parker D'Sidocky 2-28, Jones 4-13, Teddy Maccarone 1-6. Highland - Gerding 6-122, Myser 2-78, Luke Berkmeier 1-37, Dobkowski 1-31, Foust 2-7.

MISSED FIELD GOAL: Roosevelt - Snellenberger 27 (BLK).

HORNETS

From E1

Borla began his show with a 40-yard strike to Lucas Gerding (6 catches, 122 yards) a mere 1:27 after Smith's TD pass to Tyler Ellington. A 74-yarder to Casey Myser on a play-action wheel route followed, then a 41-yarder to Gerding and a soaring 31-yarder to Nick Dobkowski with 1:04 remaining before recess.

Highland, which had taken a 14-7 lead on two Myser TD rushes, capped the scoring when Anthony DePompai found the end zone on a 3-yard jet sweep in the fourth quarter.

Myser finished with 15 carries for 159 yards and three TDs to go with two catches for 78 yards. The junior now has 25 touchdowns this season and 44 in his career.

Highland finished with 34 carries for 248 yards despite losing 43 yards on two errant snaps. Add Borla's passing and the Hornets had 49 plays for 523 yards, just outside the top 10 in school history.



Myser



Gerding



Dobkowski



Gibbons

Operating out of a five-wide offense the majority of the night, Smith did all he could en route to completing 11-of-21 passes for 121 yards while also rushing 11 times for 28 yards. The Rough Riders never threatened the end zone again due to a Highland defense that racked up 10 tackles for loss, though Highland's backups did need to block a 27-yard field goal attempt in the fourth quarter.

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