Highland football gets 5 TDs from Casey Myser in rout of Kent Roosevelt

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CLEVELAND, Ohio - The Highland Hornets spoiled the Kent Roosevelt homecoming, defeating the Rough Riders convincingly, 58-7, Friday night.

Hornets running back Casey Myser continued his stellar season as the senior scored five touchdowns, and the defense held the Rough Riders to seven points as the Hornets controlled this game from start to finish.

The Hornets remain undefeated and improve to 7-0, 3-0 in Suburban American Conference play. With the loss, the Rough Riders fall to 4-4, 2-3.

Highland entered the week ranked No. 8 in cleveland.com's Top 25, while Kent Roosevelt was unranked.

"The guys were excited to come out here and hit a real team," said Highland head coach Mike Gibbons after the win. "We have to continue to find weaknesses in our game and keep getting better."

Myser started the scoring with a 15-yard touchdown to put the Hornets up 7-0 early in the first quarter.

Senior quarterback Grady Gibb found junior receiver Jake Weber for a 32-yard touchdown pass to extend the Hornets' lead to 14-0 late in the first quarter.

Roosevelt senior quarterback Gavin Peeps' interception by Highland's senior defensive back Liam Zielinski led to another Gibb touchdown, this time finding senior Nick Dobkowski for 11 yards to increase the lead to 21-0.

Myser added two more rushing touchdowns and a receiving touchdown from Gibb, putting Highland up 41-0.

Hornets five-star junior kicker Jonah Kowza hit on a 43-yard field goal as time expired in the first half to extend the lead to 44-0.

Myser found the end zone for his fifth touchdown on a 24-yard run, to put Highland up 51-0.

The Rough Riders got on the board late as Gavin Peeps found senior receiver Teddy Maccarone for a 6-yard score.

The Hornets added another touchdown with 50 seconds remaining as junior running back Frankie lannaggi broke loose for a 25-yard score, making it 58-7.

Peeps led the Rough Riders in passing as he finished 14 of 29 for 154 yards, two interceptions and one touchdown. Peeps added 40 yards rushing on nine attempts. Junior receiver Sevyn Jones was their leading receiver with three catches for 68 yards.

Highland's offense was run by Gibb, who finished 8 of 11 for 113 yards and three touchdowns. Gibb tallied an extra 89 yards rushing on five carries.

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Myser finished with 125 yards rushing on 10 carries and four touchdowns. He caught one pass for 14 yards and a touchdown. Weber finished with three catches for 72 yards and one touchdown.

"We need to keep getting better every week," said Myser. "We are a pretty level-headed team; we know what works and what we need to work on, so we will get back at it on Monday."

Next Friday both teams will continue Suburban League conference play on the road. The Rough Riders will travel to Aurora, and the Hornets will travel to Revere.

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