



**HIGHLAND 51,
SOLON 7**



Hornets roll to 7-1

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The Highland football team scored in all three phases and was stifling on defense to defeat Solon 51-7 in Suburban League National Conference play on Friday.

Highland (7-1, 5-0) rattled off its seventh straight win, scoring on 6-of-7 drives, while the Comets (3-5, 1-4) lost their third straight and fourth out of the last five games.

The game was a tune-up before Highland hosts to Wadsworth in a Medina County



Weber



Radigan

clash next week. The Grizzlies (8-0, 5-0) edged Hudson (6-2, 3-2) 24-22 on Friday.

The Hornets defense was outstanding, holding Solon to just 91 yards and six first downs on 38 plays. With Jonah Kowza (5-for-5 extra points, 32-yard field goal) forcing the Comets to take touchbacks on all eight of his kickoffs, Solon didn't cross midfield until its final drive en route to its only touchdown and only passed its own 30-yard line once.

Nobody for Solon had more than 31 rushing yards, and quarterbacks Brody Cowan and Zack Berk totaled just 31 yards on 4-for-13 passing.

Highlighting that defensive effort was Ben Radigan's 26-yard interception return for a touchdown that gave Highland a 44-0 halftime lead.

Jake Weber added an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown for the final score of a 27-point first quarter. Weber added game highs of five catches for 118 yards.

Colton Wadle (6-for-10, 162 yards) and Johnny Prucha (4-for-8, 42 yards; 6 carries 41 yards) split time to power the

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First

H — Levi Clark 17 run (run failed).
H — Anthony DePompei 2 run (Jonah Kowza kick).
H — Evan Foust 8 run (Kowza kick).
H — Jake Weber 83 punt return (Kowza kick).

Second

H — Kowza 32 field goal.
H — DePompei 2 run (Kowza kick).
H — Ben Radigan 26 interception return (Kowza kick).

Fourth

S — Nana Sako 4 run (Jonah Klatzman kick).
H — Owen Zielinski 5 run (Grayson Swann kick).

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First downs	6	15
Rushing	25/60	26/136
Rushing average	2.4	5.2
Passing	4/13	11/20
Passing yards	31	224
Total offense	38/91	46/160
Punting	6/44.8	0/0.0
Punt return	2/10	1/15
Fumbles	0/0	1/0

RUSHING: Solon — Sako 7-31, Miguel Sierra 9-17, Brock Stone 2-7, Zack Berk 2-3, Brody Cowan 2-2, Chase Cohn 3-0. Highland — Clark 6-53, Johnny Prucha 6-41, DePompei 4-21, Zielinski 3-15, Foust 3-11, Ethan Bay 1-4, Spencer Holub 1-0, Team 1-1-11.

PASSING: Solon — Brody Cowan 3-10-12-1, Berk 1-3-19-0. Highland — Colton Wadle 6-10-162-0, Prucha 4-8-42-0, Spencer Holub 1-2-20-0.

RECEIVING: Solon — David Cook 1-19, Bryer Pickens 2-7, Sako 1-5. Highland — Weber 5-118, DePompei 2-40, Frankie Iannaghi 1-38, Zielinski 1-20, Radigan 1-6, Clark 1-1.

high-octane offense through the air.

Levi Clark kicked off the scoring with a 17-yard touchdown over the left side for a 6-0 lead when a mishandled snap led to no point after touchdown try. Clark had a game-high 53 rushing yards on six carries.

Anthony DePompei followed with a 2-yard jet sweep score to cap a 47-yard touchdown drive. The drive was only of four scoring drives that started on the Highland 40 or closer.

DePompei had 21 yards on four carries and caught two passes for 40 yards. He also had a 2-yard touchdown in the second quarter that gave the Hornets a 37-0 advantage.

Evan Foust scored on the ground to put Highland up 20-0 on a 44-yard drive.

Owen Zielinski (3 rushes, 15 yards, 1 catch, 20 yards) capped the scoring with a 5-yard run late in the fourth quarter.

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