

Highland rolls past Revere, 49-7, keeping perfect record intact

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RICHFIELD, Ohio — The Highland Hornets took an early lead and never let up in a 49-7 win over the Revere Minutemen on Friday night.

The Hornets came out strong, scoring two touchdowns in the first three minutes. Senior Lucas Gerding got the Hornets on the board with a 60-yard punt return following Revere's game-opening possession. Less than 10 seconds later, a Revere fumble was picked up by Highland lineman Dan Miller, leading to a 2-yard fumble return touchdown and putting the Hornets up 14-0 early in the game.

"We always come out and just set the tone early," said wide receiver Gerding, "The biggest thing for us is ... we give them no hope"

Along with Gerding and Miller, senior running back Casey Myser contributed to the Hornets' win, rushing 101 yards on two attempts, including two rushing touchdowns in the second quarter. Myser also broke the record for most career rushing touchdowns in Medina County (previously held by Andrew Vaughn of Black River) with 74 total.

From there it went downhill for the Minutemen, who failed to score before the half. The Hornets kept the momentum going with a 14-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Grady Gibb to running back Evan Foust. Gibb threw a total of 102 yards on 10 attempts including two touchdowns.

After a 2-yard rushing touchdown from running back Dylan Lazar, Highland finished the first quarter 28-0, leaving Revere in the dust for the remainder of the game.

"It was tough overall ... we did not play our best," Revere head coach Bobby Nickol said, "They took advantage of our mistakes and ... we made way too many."

With 8 minutes left in the game, Revere running back Brady Hajdu, scored on a 1-yard rushing touchdown, giving the Minutemen their only touchdown of the night.

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Highland (9-0) is ranked eighth in this week's cleveland.com Top 25.

"We were able to create some big plays in all phases of the game [and were] able to come out here and play well," Highland head coach Mike Gibbons said, "When the playoffs get here they get here, but we just have to continue to get better ourselves."

In the last week of the regular season, the Hornets will face off against the 1-7 Cuyahoga Falls Black Tigers at home, while the Minutemen (6-2) will play the 7-2 Copley Indians.