

Highland football vs. Copley: Hornets stuff the stat sheet in 42-9 win

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — Highland's offense kept rolling as the Hornets defeated Copley 42-9 Friday night.

Highland, ranked eighth in this week's cleveland.com Top 25, improves to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in Suburban Conference play. With the loss, the Indians fall to 3-2, 1-1.

Highland got off to a quick start and never looked back. The scoring started early with a 39-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Grady Gibb to junior receiver Jake Weber to put the Hornets up 7-0.

"Coming out on the road and establishing dominance was key," said Highland head coach Mike Gibbons following the win. "We made some mistakes in the second half that we need to clean up, but overall, proud of the guys."

A Kallen Whitling interception set up Highland for another touchdown, this time a run in from six yards out by senior running back Casey Myser to put the Hornets up 14-0.

Two rushing touchdowns by Myser from 63 yards out and Dylan Lazar from three yards out extended the Highland lead to 28-0 with 1:07 left in the first quarter.

Myser added his third touchdown of the first half with a six-yard score to put Highland up 35-0 with 7:48 to go in the second quarter.

Highland found the end zone again before half, as Gibb found Jake Weber for a 13-yard score to put the Hornets up 42-0 going into the half.

Copley got on the board early in the third quarter as a bad snap on a Mayfield punt turned into a safety for the Indians.

Sophomore quarterback Dane Wininger got Copley in the end zone as he ran in for a one-yard touchdown run as time expired in the third, and that concluded the scoring in the game.

Wininger finished 6 of 17 for 80 yards and one interception. He also added 42 yards and one touchdown on the ground as the leading rusher for the Indians.