

Wildcats cruise to victory over Bonner Springs to stay perfect on season



Louisburg senior Brock Vohs sneaks into the endzone with the help of lineman Jaymes Melton on Friday at Bonner Springs.

BONNER SPRINGS – Louisburg has been off to a dominant start to its season as the Wildcats have racked up a total of 145 points through their first three games.

That trend continued Friday at Bonner Springs.

The Wildcats scored 45 unanswered points in the first half and rolled past Bonner Springs, 45-8, to improve to 4-0 on the season. During that stretch, the Wildcats have outscored their opponents 190-49.

“We preached that we wanted to come out and control the game right away,” Louisburg coach Drew Harding said. “We didn’t want to let up and we wanted to have our foot on the gas from the start. We did a pretty good job of that and I thought the guys played pretty well.”

The defense held the Braves offense in check most of the night before they tacked on a safety and a touchdown in the fourth quarter to prevent the shutout.

On the first drive of the game, it was the defense that got things going as senior corner Brody McGreer recorded an interception to give the Wildcats good starting field position.



Louisburg senior Brody McGreer fights for some extra yards after intercepting a pass in the first quarter.

“We told the defense they should come out and dominate from the start and really assert themselves,” Harding said. “I think they did a really good job of that. We owned the line of scrimmage and they really played well all night.”

Louisburg wasn't to be stopped, especially in the first half.

The Wildcats opened the scoring when quarterback Declan Battle hit Hunter Heinrich in a 5-yard touchdown pass. It would be the first of three touchdown passes for Battle on the night.

On the next possession, Battle found tight end Brock Vohs for a 29-yard catch and run that set up a 1-yard shovel pass from Battle to Vohs to put the Wildcats up 12-0.

Louisburg added another score in the first quarter when junior Darby Van Eaton found the endzone on a 2-yard run. A Gage Feldkamp extra point made it 19-0.



Senior Hunter Heinrich tries to stiff arm a Bonner Springs defender Friday.

The second quarter was owned by Wildcat running back Ashton Moore. The Louisburg junior rattled off touchdown runs of 15, 33 and 46 yards to put the Wildcats up 39-0.

Battle capped the first half scoring when he found senior Caden Caplinger on a 8-yard touchdown pass. Battle did a little bit of everything with 117 yards through the air, 29 rushing yards and also led Louisburg with 34 yards receiving.

Louisburg brought out the two-quarterback look at different times throughout the game with Battle and backup quarterback Alex Saad. Saad also had 66 yards passing on a perfect 4-for-4 day.

“They are two really good athletes and they both happen to play the same position,” Harding said. “We are just trying to come up with ways to get them both on the field. We are figuring out some different things to do with them and we think they can present a challenge for the defense with their skillsets.”



Louisburg's Drake Crooks (left) and Josh Holtzen go in for a

tackle Friday at Bonner Springs.

Louisburg's schedule will begin to toughen this Friday as the Wildcats host Eudora for homecoming for the start of the second half of their season.

"We are excited for the challenges that are ahead," Harding said. "Eudora is a really good team and they present a unique challenge with the offense that they run. We have to have a great week of preparation. I think the kids are going to be excited for this game and should have a good week of practice and should be a great atmosphere on Friday."

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SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

L: Hunter Heinrich 5 pass from Declan Battle (kick failed)

L: Brock Vohs 1 pass from Battle (kick failed)

L: Darby Van Eaton 2 run (Gage Feldkamp kick)

Second quarter

L: Ashton Moore 15 run (Alex Saad kick)

L: Moore 33 run (Feldkamp kick)

L: Moore 46 run (kick failed)

L: Caden Caplinger 8 pass from Battle (kick failed)

Fourth quarter

B: Safety

B: Trenton Marquez 45 pass from Kyle Blanz (run failed)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ashton Moore 9-165; Rickey Giles 8-60; Darby Van Eaton 9-32; Declan Battle 2-29; Alex Saad 1-11; Lane Cunningham 1-1

PASSING – Declan Battle 13-16-117; Alex Saad 4-4-66

RECEIVING – Declan Battle 1-34; Brock Vohs 2-30; Ashton Moore 2-29; Hunter Heinrich 2-23; Caden Caplinger 5-17; Josh Holtzen 1-16; Russell Wiseman 1-14; Blake Amren 1-10; Garrison Bloustine 1-8; Conlee Hovey 1-2

TACKLES – Brayden Yoder 7; Ashton Moore 5, Jack Anderson 4, Brock Vohs 4, Declan Battle 3, Russell Wiseman 3, Brody McGreer 3, Wyatt Holland 3, Caden Caplinger 3, Conlee Hovey 2, Brady Hickey 2, Josh Holtzen 1, Reid McCaskill 1, Lucas Swartz 1, Nate Capuro 1, Jimmy DeVary 1.

FUMBLE RECOVERY – Russell Wiseman 1

INTERCEPTION – Brody McGreer 1