Wildcats pick up first win of season with shutout of Bonner Springs



Louisburg's Johnny Hendrickson makes a tackle during the game earlier this season. Hendrickson had two sacks in the Wildcats' win at Bonner Springs.

BONNER SPRINGS — It may have taken a little bit longer than it wanted, but the Louisburg football team snapped its 3-game losing streak to earn its first win of the season.

The Wildcats got a pair of touchdowns from senior Blaise Vohs and the Louisburg defense took care of the rest in a 21-0 shutout on the road at Bonner Springs.

"It feels good for sure," Louisburg coach Drew Harding said. "We didn't play very well last week, and so to have a good

week of practice and see it rewarded with a win, always feels good."

Louisburg (1-4) broke a scoreless tie in the second quarter when Blaise Vohs broke free for a 24-yard touchdown run, then added the extra point to put the Wildcats up 7-0. Minutes later, Max Amren connected with Braxton Eastland on a 28-yard touchdown pass right before halftime, with another successful Vohs PAT extending the lead to 14-0.

The Wildcats capped the scoring in the fourth quarter when Vohs found the end zone again, this time from 14 yards out, and added his third extra point of the night.

"We preached this week that we didn't have to go out and make highlight plays to make things happen," Harding said. "We all just had to do our jobs better and that leads to big plays, which we did a better job of this week."

Vohs, who had been out the last two games with an injury, led the offensive charge, rushing for 113 yards and two scores on just eight carries. He also contributed in the passing game with a 17-yard reception and handled kicking duties.

"Blaise certainly gave us a big lift," Harding said. "He made some big time plays for us from the running back position. He is tough to tackle and has good speed so we are certainly excited to have him back."

On the defensive side, sophomore linebacker John Guetterman was a presence, racking up a team-high 13 tackles. Will Norton added seven stops, and Cole Heinrich chipped in six, while senior lineman Johnny Hendrickson registered two sacks.

The Wildcats' defense kept Bonner Springs off the scoreboard for all four quarters, marking their first shutout of the season.

"Overall, I thought we saw a lot of improvement," Harding

said. "Defensively we were able to pitch a shutout, which is always tough to do. I thought we played well on special teams. Offensively we had too many turnovers, but saw a lot of improvement on that side as well."

Louisburg will try and make it two straight wins this Friday as the Wildcats host Eudora for their homecoming contest. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

L: Blaise Vohs 24 run (Vohs kick)

L: Braxton Eastland 28 pass from Max Amren (Vohs kick)

Fourth Quarter

L: Vohs 14 run (Vohs kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING — Blaise Vohs 8-113; Cole Heinrich 6-46; Tate McGreer 9-33; Max Amren 5-23; Mathias Wright 3-10; Bryce Thompson 1-4

PASSING - Max Amren 7-10-88

RECEIVING — Braxton Eastland 1-28; John Guetterman 2-19; Blaise Vohs 1-17; Gavin Manson 2-10; Ayden Filkins 1-7; Tate McGreer 1-6

TACKLES — John Guetterman 13, Will Norton 7, Cole Heinrich 6, Johnny Hendrickson 5, Devin Goerman 5, Bryce Thompson 4, Braxton Koechner 3, Martin Soto 1, Ayden Filkins 1, Gage Feldkamp 1, Riley Barker 1, Colin Schleicher 1