

Vance earns All-MIAA honors at Pittsburg State



Pittsburg State center Anders Vance recently earned All-MIAA recognition following his performance with the Gorillas this past season.

In his first year starting for the Pittsburg State football team on a full-time basis, Anders Vance certainly made his mark on the Gorilla offensive line.

Vance, a 2016 Louisburg High School graduate, was named to the All-MIAA honorable mention team as he was one of 17 Gorillas to be given postseason honors when the list was released late last month.

“It was an incredible to earn that honor,” Vance said. “I would not have been able to receive that honor without the amazing athletes that were playing at my side this season.”

Vance, who played center for the Gorillas, helped Pitt State accumulate 466 total yards a contest as it averaged nearly 41 points a game. Pitt State finished the season with a 6-5 record.

It has been a long road for the Pitt State junior, but it all seems to be paying off. After redshirting his freshman year, Vance saw action in five games in a reserve role last season, before taking the starting job in 2019 and he never let it go.

“It was awesome to be able represent Pitt State this season as a starter, and it wouldn’t have happened without my coaches and teammates pushing and believing me,” Vance said. “On the season, I played to the best of my ability and tried to do my job every play. That was the mindset the whole o-line had. We trusted each other to do our jobs every play and it was smooth running for the most part up front.”

Vance was a fixture on the offensive line for Louisburg as well as he was an all-league and all-state selection his senior season. He was also named to the 2016 Kansas Shrine Bowl.

There will be some changes within the Gorilla program next season as they look for a new head coach, but Vance is looking forward to one more final year no matter who is leading the team.

“This upcoming season is going to be exciting,” Vance said. “I look forward to getting into off-season training with my team and seeing us all grow in strength and speed, and to see what we can put on the field next year and what damage we can do.”

Wildcats earn 11 spots on all-league football team



Louisburg seniors Garrett Harding (left) and Madden Rutherford earned first team All-Frontier League selections and the Wildcats were named to 11 spots overall.

Louisburg had an up and down 2019 campaign as the Wildcats had to deal with injury after injury, not to mention a difficult Frontier League schedule.

Still, the Wildcats finished their season with a 6-4 record and a spot in the regional playoffs. Louisburg had plenty of key pieces help the Wildcats in their run and those players were rewarded for their efforts when the All-Frontier League team was recently released.

Louisburg earned a combined 11 spots on the all-league squad, including a pair of first-team selections.

“The Frontier League is always tough, and this year was no different,” Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. “All of the newly added schools had some of their best seasons – Tongie, Bonner and Piper. Then you throw in an undefeated Paola team and a very solid Spring Hill team and us. Then you look at the talent that Eudora, Baldwin and Ottawa all have, and it is a

very tough league. So, considering all those things I think we came out pretty well.”

Senior quarterback Madden

Rutherford and senior offensive lineman Garrett Harding were each named to the

All-Frontier League first team offense after successful seasons.

Rutherford finished the year with

671 yards passing with eight touchdowns and he also added 245 yards on the

ground and four more scores. Harding was fixture on the offensive line as the

Wildcats amassed 2,822 total yards of offense, including more than 2,100 yards

on the ground.

“Very

excited to see first team honors for Madden and Garrett as both players were

totally deserving of it and it is really cool to see the other league coaches

felt the same way,” Ebenstein said. “The system is very tough, especially for

the skill guys. There are only three first teamers for “skill” which

is quarterbacks and running backs combined.

“To

see Madden break first team was a testament to his competitiveness and same

with Garrett. If he didn’t have his injury last year, Garrett is probably first

team as a junior, but to see if pay off for him as a senior is really

cool. I am very happy for both of them.”



(From left) Ben Wiedenmann, Brayden White and Andy Hupp were each named to the all-league second team.

Senior lineman Brayden White was selected to the second team offense, as was junior running back Ben Wiedenmann.

Junior Andy Hupp was named to the second team offense as a multi-purpose player after he saw time at quarterback, running back and on the offensive line.

Wiedenmann led the team in rushing with 1,126 yards on the ground and another 86 yards receiving. He finished the season with 13 total touchdowns.

White, who started the season at tackle, joined Harding in blocking for the Wildcats' 2,800-plus yards of offense. Hupp also did some of that blocking, but filled in at different positions for the Wildcats as he finished the year with two touchdowns and 200 yards of total offense.

"The voting for our league is tough, and with so many quality teams in the Frontier League this year spots are limited,"

Ebenstein said. "But Brayden, Andy and Ben were all deserving of first team honors, but to be second team in the Frontier League is a tremendous honor."

Harding was the lone player on the all-league second team defense as he earned spots on both sides of the ball for the Wildcats. He was second on the team with 65 tackles, including 12 solo stops.



Weston Guetterman (left) and Drake Varns were named to the all-league honorable mention team.

White was named to the honorable mention defensive line and Hupp was selected as an honorable mention linebacker. Hupp led Louisburg with 74 tackles on the season, including five for a loss and two sacks. White ended the year with 44 stops, two sacks, two batted balls and a fumble recovery.

Junior receiver Weston Guetterman was put on the honorable mention offensive squad. Guetterman led the Wildcats with 392 yards receiving to go along with three touchdowns.

Senior Drake Varns was also named to the honorable mention squad as a kicker, while Rutherford was selected as an honorable mention all-league punter. Varns was 21 of 26 in extra point tries and 3 of 5 on field goal attempts.

ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

OFFENSE

First Team

LINEMEN – Garrett Harding, Louisburg, senior; Cole Sample, Tonganoxie, senior; Willie Harris, Tonganoxie, senior; Clay Essex, Paola, senior; Mikey Stribling, Paola, senior

BACKS – Madden Rutherford, Louisburg, senior; Cooper Cunningham, Tonganoxie, senior; Connor Hasz, Paola, senior

RECEIVERS – Armani Washington, Bonner Springs, senior; Elijah Tyner, Tonganoxie, senior; Conner Searcy, Tonganoxie, senior; Jack Robinson, Piper, senior

MULTI-PURPOSE – LaJames White, Piper, junior

KICKER – Ryan Wokutch, Paola, senior

Second Team

LINEMEN – Tony Caballero, Bonner Springs, sophomore; Jacob Peterson, Bonner Springs, senior; **Brayden White, Louisburg,**

senior; Aron Dominick, Spring Hill, senior; Javier Castillo, Paola, senior

BACKS – **Ben Wiedenmann, Louisburg, junior**; Conner Quick, Baldwin, senior; Blake Poje, Tonganoxie, junior

RECEIVERS – Rishaud Dockery, Bonner Springs, senior; Gage Klutts, Spring Hill, senior; Gavin Lang, Baldwin, junior

MULTI-PURPOSE – **Andy Hupp, Louisburg, junior**

KICKER – Bear Gardner, Spring Hill, senior

Honorable Mention

LINEMEN – Travis Bohnenblust, Eudora, junior; Chris Husling, Eudora, senior; Michael Sheldon, Bonner Springs, senior; Denver Gardner, Spring Hill, junior; Alex Berg, Baldwin, senior; Bailey Vesco, Baldwin, senior; Andrew Jarvis, Piper, junior; Cam Beebe, Piper, freshman; Carter Stanchfield, Paola, junior

BACKS – Cael Lynch, Eudora, junior; Brayden Beerbower, Eudora, sophomore; Bryce Krone, Bonner Springs, senior; Corbyn Meyers, Spring Hill, senior; Zade Barker, Spring Hill, senior; Trysten Heck, Baldwin, senior; Garrett Williams, Paola, junior

RECEIVERS – Silas Etter, Eudora, sophomore; **Weston Guetterman, Louisburg, junior**; Dallas Bond, Tonganoxie, junior; Evan Phillips, Paola, senior

MULTI-PURPOSE – Sloan Hayden, Eudora, senior; Daidrien Aho, Ottawa, senior; Ethan Byers,

Bonner Springs,
senior

KICKER – Zach Reno, Bonner Springs, junior; **Drake Varns, Louisburg, senior**; Matt Garber, Baldwin, senior; Javier Trujillo, Tonganoxie, senior

DEFENSE

First Team

LINEMEN – Carson Downes, Spring Hill, senior; Cole Sample, Tonganoxie, senior; Dallas Bond, Tonganoxie, junior; Clay Essex, Paola, senior; Javier Castillo, Paola, senior

LINEBACKERS – Bryce Krone, Bonner Springs, senior; Branden Martin, Piper, junior; Mikey Stribling, Paola, senior; Evan Peuser, Paola, senior

BACKS – Ethan Byers, Bonner Springs, senior; Ethan Phillips, Paola, senior; Connor Hasz, Paola, senior

MULTI-PURPOSE – Brandon Sanders, Bonner Springs, junior

PUNTER – Johnny Tapia, Bonner Springs, senior

Second Team

LINEMEN – Tony Caballero, Bonner Springs, sophomore; Michael Sheldon, Bonner Springs, senior; **Garrett Harding, Louisburg, senior**; Trysten Heck, Baldwin, senior; Lance Bassett, Piper, freshman

LINEBACKERS – Jakob Stovall, Spring Hill, senior; Conner Searcy, Tonganoxie, senior; Dustin Rhoads,

Tonganoxie, senior; Anthony Ferguson, Piper, junior

BACKS – Daidrien Aho, Ottawa, senior; Jaden Robinson, Bonner Springs; Cooper Cunningham, Tonganoxie, senior; Garrett Williams, Paola, junior

MULTI-PURPOSE – Heston Robbins, Tonganoxie, junior

PUNTER – Logan Greenhalgh, Spring Hill, senior

Honorable Mention

LINEMEN – Will Schreiner, Eudora, junior; Darrell Higgins, Eudora, junior; Jacob Peterson, Bonner Springs, senior; **Brayden White, Louisburg, senior**; Aron Dominick, Spring Hill, senior; Cade Grossoehme, Baldwin; Toby Thomas, Baldwin, junior; Caleal Kennedy, Piper, junior; Mason Talcott, Paola, senior; Jake Karr, Paola, junior

LINEBACKERS – Cael Lynch, Eudora, junior; Carnelle Wehrhan, Bonner Springs, senior; **Andy Hupp, Louisburg, junior**; Wyatt Dickie, Spring Hill, senior; Jackson Raunenzahn, Spring Hill, senior; Alex Berg, Baldwin, senior; Gavin Lang, Baldwin, junior; Jackson Earlywine, Paola, junior

BACKS – Rishaud Dockery, Bonner Springs, senior; Dom Scheerer, Spring Hill, senior; Jacob Maxwell, Tonganoxie, junior; Branden Snell, Piper, junior; Tyson Latner, Piper, senior

MULTI-PURPOSE – Jake Boucher, Eudora, senior; Shane Doty, Baldwin, junior; Darius McNeal, Piper, junior

PUNTER – Brett Breedlove, Eudora, senior; **Madden Rutherford, Louisburg, senior**; Garrett Williams, Paola, junior

Banged up Wildcats fall to Chanute in regional playoffs



Louisburg senior Garrett Harding brings down a Chanute running back during the Wildcats' regional playoff game Friday in Chanute.

CHANUTE – The Louisburg football team tried to hold it together as long as it could, but on Friday in Chanute, the Wildcats just didn't have enough left in the tank.

Louisburg, a team that has been decimated by injuries the last few weeks, came up just short in the regional round of the Class 4A state playoffs with a 30-21 loss to Chanute and the Wildcats saw their season come to an end with a 6-4 record.

Quarterback Madden Rutherford had a broken thumb and was relegated to wide receiver and punter. Linebacker Andy Hupp was very limited on how much he could go and senior Charlie Koontz played only defense due to a lingering injury.

The Wildcats saw their offensive line depth tested in recent weeks with the loss of center Ian

McGuire, while other players, including freshman backup center J.R. Rooney also played through injury.

Junior running back Ben Wiedenmann, who carried the Wildcats with 198 yards on the ground and three touchdowns, could hardly walk by the time the game was finished. Several other Wildcats also sat out or played with injury, forcing the Wildcats coaches to do a lot of last-minute shuffling.

“The kids showed a lot of heart, especially when you look at who was injured,” Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. “Our quarterback, Madden, was injured and our quarterback on defense, Hupp, who is our middle linebacker, was also injured and could hardly go. If Charlie was most kids, he wouldn’t have played at all and has been injured all week. Ben can barely walk, then Ian and Jay (Scollin) were already out coming in, as were Dominic (Owens), Aiden (Barker) and A.J. (Reed). I can’t doubt our kids for a second. They have been working their butts off and really played hard and gave it all they had.”

With all the injuries, Ebenstein implemented a new offense prior to the Chanute game. Junior receiver Weston Guetterman took over quarterback duties with Rutherford and Hupp, the back-up quarterback, both unable to take snaps.



Sophomore Brandon Doles jumps through a hole in the line created (from left) by Brayden White, Garrett Harding and JR Rooney.

The Wildcats ran the wishbone and Guetterman did a lot of handing off to Wiedenmann, Brandon Doles and Kolby Kattau. For the most part it worked for Louisburg, as it racked 259 yards on the ground and the Wildcats got out to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter after an 18-yard run and 2-point conversion from Wiedenmann.

Louisburg got a good push from its offensive line of Brayden White, Garrett Harding, JR Rooney, Andrew Krause and Sam Kratochvil, along with tight end Michael Waldron.

Although the Wildcats got out to a good start, Chanute battled back and eventually took the lead on a pair of touchdown passes from quarterback Ty Bowman in the second quarter to put the Blue Comets up 14-8.

That second touchdown pass came on fourth down with 28 seconds left in the first half when Bowman found an open receiver for a 28-yard score.

Chanute got the ball to start the second half and added another score to go up 20-8 and put the Wildcats in a deep hole.

“It looked good, and it worked, just not good enough,” Ebenstein said of the offense. “It was what we thought it would be. It isn’t the best offense to have when you are trying to come back from two possessions down. We did all we could.”

Louisburg continued to battle as it drove down the field and Wiedenmann scored on a 1-yard touchdown run with 50 seconds left in the third and trailed just 20-14.

Chanute added a 32-yard field goal in the fourth to go up nine, but Guetterman returned the kickoff to near midfield to give Louisburg good field position and it took advantage.

Wiedenmann ran right through the Blue Comet defense for a 46-yard score, and after a Drake Varns extra point, the Wildcats trailed 23-21.



Ben Wiedenmann stiff-arms a Chanute defender for a long run Friday. Wiedenmann finished the night with three touchdowns and 198 yard on the ground.

“Ben is a monster,” Ebenstein said. “He was nowhere near 100 percent and he was limping around all week. Then he took a helmet on the thigh again, but he just kept going. He is a freak athlete and he ran hard all night.”

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, the Blue Comets found the endzone one more time to go back up nine and Louisburg didn’t have enough left for another comeback.

Defensively, the Wildcats were able to slow the Blue Comets down at times despite the

injuries. Senior Garrett Harding recorded a team-high 10 tackles and junior Justin Collins was second with eight. Doles and senior Michael Waldron added seven and six tackles, respectively.



Junior Konnor Vohs makes a tackle on a Chanute receiver Friday during the Wildcats' regional playoff game.

The loss also meant the final time on the sideline for seniors White, Kratochvil, Krause, Varns, Harding, Ian McGuire, Rutherford, Waldron and Koontz as the Wildcats begin to prepare for next year.

“It is always a great season when you are in the playoffs,” Ebenstein said. “It is the best time of the year. We

are going to give them a couple weeks off and then we will start up with winter weights and do it again. These kids are all like family to me, and any week we can continue with them, is a blessing. Unfortunately it all has to come to an end, but I really enjoyed my time with them.”

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SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

L: Ben Wiedenmann 18 run
(Wiedenmann run)

Second quarter

C: Garrett Almond 16 pass from Ty
Bowman (run failed)

C: Briley Peavy 28 pass from
Bowman (Bowman run)

Third quarter

C: Bowman 1 run (kick failed)

L: Wiedenmann 1 run (kick failed)

Fourth quarter

C: 32-yard FG

L: Wiedenmann 46 run (Drake Varns
kick)

C: Peavy 2 run (kick good)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ben Wiedenmann 24-198, Brandon Doles 8-30, Kolby Kattau 6-23, Weston Guetterman 5-8

TACKLES – Garrett Harding 10, Justin Collins 8, Brandon Doles 7, Michael Waldron 6, Ben Wiedenmann 5, Andy Hupp 4, Brayden White 3, Andrew Krause 3, Konnor Vohs 3, Weston Guetterman 2, Kolby Kattau 2, Madden Rutherford 1, Drake Varns 1, Eli Johnson 1, JR Rooney 1.

Louisburg survives in playoff win over Atchison



Louisburg running back Ben Wiedenmann runs away from the Atchison defense for a touchdown Friday during the Wildcats' first round playoff game at Wildcat Stadium.

Survive and advance.

That is exactly what the Louisburg football team did Friday against Atchison. In their first round playoff game, the Wildcats rallied for a pair of third quarter scores to

defeat the Redmen, 14-7, at Wildcat Stadium and were able to move on to the sectional round.

Louisburg had its back against the wall from the start as players were out with injuries, some played through pain and the Wildcats had to sit even more guys who sustained injuries early on in the game.

It was a situation that left the Wildcat coaches scrambling to put guys in the right places. In the end, it all worked out.

“Win and move on was the goal and that is what we did,” Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. “We were pretty banged up and took a while to get some rhythm, but we got the win and that is all that really matters. I am very proud of the toughness and grit that our players showed.”

It took a little bit for the Wildcats to get their legs under them as they found themselves down 7-0 at halftime after an Atchison touchdown late in the first quarter.

Defense turned out to be the difference in the game as the Wildcats forced four Redmen turnovers, including three fumbles that helped on the two Louisburg scores.

“I thought the defense played tough,” Ebenstein said. “We

were even able to move some guys around and they found their fit nicely.”

Brandon Doles, Garrett Harding and Brayden White all recovered fumbles, while Michael Waldron recorded an interception late to keep the Redmen offense off the field. In all, the Wildcats held Atchison to 164 yards of total offense.

Doles

led the Wildcats with nine tackles on the night, while Ben Wiedenmann and Harding each finished with eight.

Wiedenmann

also did a lot of damage on offense, especially in the second half. The Louisburg junior scored both touchdowns in the third quarter, including one on a 45-yard run to tie the game after a Drake Varns extra point.



Quarterback Madden Rutherford tries to elude an Atchison defender Friday in Louisburg.

On the Wildcats' next possession, Wiedenmann scored on a 10-yard run with 10 seconds left in the third quarter to put the Wildcats up on top for good. Wiedenmann led Louisburg on the ground with 15 carries for 129 yards.

"Injuries were our biggest issue, and untimely penalties," Ebenstein said. "We were definitely trying to get some rhythm, but we could not get it put together in the first half. We fixed some issues at halftime and played a solid second half."

Louisburg is now moving onto the regional round where it will travel to No. 3 Chanute, who defeated Fort Scott, 28-7. The Blue Comets are 8-1 on the

season and will
be a big test for the 6-3 Wildcats.

“Chanute is a solid team at 8-1, but I think there are some things we can do well against them,” Ebenstein said. “They will want to spread us out and let their big talented quarterback make plays so we will be sure to scheme him and not let him make those big plays.”

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SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

A: Elijah Haley 1 run (kick good)

Third quarter

L: Ben Wiedenmann 45 run (Drake Varns kick)

L: Wiedenmann 10 run (Varns kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ben Wiedenmann 15-129,
Madden Rutherford 13-29, Justin Collins 2-5

PASSING – Madden Rutherford
2-14-29

RECEIVING – Michael Waldron 1-25,
Ben Wiedenmann 1-4

TACKLES – Brandon Doles 9, Ben
Wiedenmann 8, Garrett Harding 8, Michael Waldron 7, Justin
Collins 6, Charlie

Koontz 6, J.R. Rooney 6, Kolby Kattau 5, Weston Guetterman 4,
Konnor Vohs 4, Brayden
White 3, Andy Hupp 2, Terrance Foster 1.

Wildcats fall short in knocking off undefeated Paola



Senior Charlie Koontz (24) closes in on Paola quarterback Garrett Williams, while his Wildcat teammates fight through blocks Friday during Louisburg's rivalry contest against Paola at Wildcat Stadium.

It was a battle, in fact, it was the closest anyone had come to knocking off undefeated Paola all season.

Still, Louisburg wasn't in the mood for consolation prizes Friday following its 16-8 loss to the Panthers on Senior Night at Wildcat Stadium. The Wildcat wanted to knock off its rival from the top of the Frontier League, and what made it worse for the players, was they knew they had their chances.

"It is definitely not a moral victory type of night, but obviously Paola is a great team,"

Louisburg coach

Robert Ebenstein said. "I told the guys that losing hurts, but when they watch it on film it is going to make them sick to their stomach. We had every opportunity in the world to make plays and we just didn't make them. Hats off to Coach (Mike) Dumpert and Paola, but hopefully we will get another chance to see them again in the playoffs."

Untimely penalties and missed opportunities haunted Louisburg much of the night, but the Wildcats still gave the Panthers a run for their money and it started on the defensive end.

Paola, which hadn't scored under 35 points all season, managed just 13 points in the first half and Louisburg rose to occasion in the second half as the Wildcats the Panthers to just the one field goal.

Louisburg (5-3) held Paola (8-0) to just over 250 yards of total offense and the Panthers' closest game up until Friday was a 43-16 win over Piper.

The Wildcats were all over the field as they had three players with double digit tackles with senior Charlie Koontz leading the way with 12, while junior Justin Collins and sophomore Brandon Doles each added 10.



Junior linebacker Andy Hupp brings down Paola running back Connor Hasz on Friday.

Seniors Brayden White and Garrett Harding were active on the defensive line with nine and eight tackles, respectively. Junior linebacker Andy Hupp and senior defensive back Michael Waldron also finished with eight, while Hupp, Koontz and Doles each added a sack.

Offensively, the Wildcats had trouble moving the ball on the Panthers – part of which was due to penalties, a fumble or dropped passes in key situations.

“Paola played good technical defense, but when you have

holding penalties on every big play you have or dropped passes on third down, we didn't help ourselves any," Ebenstein said. "Their defense is good, and they have only given up around 50 points all year, we just didn't make the plays we needed to. We made some plays, but we could have made so many more and we will learn from it and get better."

Panther running back Connor Hasz caused some problems for the Wildcats as he had one score on the ground in the first quarter and another through the air from quarterback Garrett Williams to put the Panthers up 13-0 at halftime.

Down 16-0, Louisburg started to pick up steam late in the fourth quarter as the Wildcats put together a 13-play drive that ended in a 10-yard touchdown pass to Weston Guetterman from Madden Rutherford and Koontz ran in the 2-point conversion to cut the Paola lead in half. Guetterman caught the ball on his shoulder with two players draped on him in the back of the endzone.

"Weston is a playmaker and that kid is just really good," Ebenstein said. "There were two kids in his face, and they both could have probably been called for pass interference and he still made the catch. That was a great play right there at a big moment."



Quarterback Madden Rutherford gets a little extra time to throw a pass thanks to the block from lineman Garrett Harding.

The two plays prior to that brought a lot of emotion out of both sidelines. A Paola player was ejected following a late hit on offensive lineman JR Rooney, and then on the next play, Guetterman appeared to have caught the ball near the 4-yard line and ran toward the goal line when the ball came loose and Paola thought it had recovered the fumble.

The officials conversed and ruled it an incomplete pass, which gave the Wildcats new life and led to the touchdown on the next play. Also on that drive, junior running

back Ben

Wiedenmann had a pair of 13-yard runs to help the Wildcats move the ball down the field.

Paola got the ball back with just under four minutes left in the game and the Panthers were able to run out the clock and keep its undefeated season alive.

“I think this is the best game in the state of Kansas,” Ebenstein said of the rivalry. “Records don’t really matter in this game. Paola could have been 1-7 coming in here and it would have been a tough game. We just didn’t make enough plays this time around.”



Seniors (from left) Madden Rutherford, Garrett Harding, Andrew Krause, Sam Kratochvil, Charlie Koontz, Ian McGuire, managers Morgan Messer and Kody Lowry, Brayden White, Drake Varns and

Michael Waldron pose for a picture before Friday's Senior Night game.

Louisburg will now begin postseason play and the Wildcats are the No. 6 seed on the east side of the state and will host No. 11 Atchison at 7 p.m. this Friday. Earlier in the season, the Wildcats defeated the Redmen 41-12 on the road.

Should the Wildcats advance, they will meet the winner between No. 3 Chanute and No. 14 Fort Scott next week and the higher-seeded team will host.

"I like where we are at," Ebenstein said. "We are fairly healthy for the first time in a while, and the good thing is we get another home game. Hopefully we can bounce back and make a little run."

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PAO	7	6	0	3
- 16				

SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

P: Connor Hasz 21 run (Ryan Wokutch kick)

Second quarter

P: Hasz 24 pass from Garrett Williams (Kick failed)

Fourth quarter

P: Wokutch 25 FG

L: Weston Guetterman 10 pass from
Madden Rutherford (Charlie Koontz run)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ben Wiedenmann 9-53, Madden
Rutherford 8-14, Kolby Kattau 1-7

PASSING – Madden Rutherford
10-24-58

RECEIVING – Weston Guetterman
5-33, Ben Wiedenmann 3-20, Michael Waldron 1-5

TACKLES – Charlie Koontz 12,
Brandon Doles 10, Justin Collins 10, Brayden White 9, Andy
Hupp 8, Garrett
Harding 8, Michael Waldron 8, Weston Guetterman 4, Konnor Vohs
4, Ben
Wiedenmann 1

Wildcats cruise past Ottawa for fifth straight win



Louisburg junior Justin Collins breaks free for a long run thanks to the help of teammate Garrett Harding (58) on Friday

in Ottawa. Both Collins and Charlie Koontz rushed for more than 100 yards in the Wildcats' 49-7 win.

OTTAWA – It may have been a prelude to one of the biggest games on the Louisburg football schedule, but the Wildcats didn't gloss over Ottawa.

Louisburg scored 49 unanswered points on the road Friday and left Ottawa with a 49-7 victory. It was the most points the Wildcats had scored all season and it was their biggest margin of victory as they picked up their fifth consecutive win.

"I thought our mental focus was good," Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. "We had to move some kids around again position-wise the day before the game due to some injuries. I just wanted them to go and out and execute, so I am really proud of them."

The Wildcats put up all those points without starting running backs Ben Wiedenmann and Kolby Kattau, who were out with injuries and Wiedenmann is the team's leading rusher on the season.

Despite all that, other Wildcats rose to the occasion and the top of that list was running back Charlie Koontz.

The Louisburg senior recorded 174 yards rushing on just six carries and had three touchdowns on the night.

Koontz was joined by junior Justin Collins, who carried the ball six times for 120 yards and a touchdown.

Quarterback Madden Rutherford also had a big game with three

touchdowns, including
two of those on the ground.

“It was a lot of fun, and we
played well, especially having a couple two-way starters out
in Ben and Kolby,”
Ebenstein said. “We sat them this game, but our kids came in
here and stepped
up. Brandon (Doles) had a great game and Charlie got back in
there in the
backfield and looked pretty comfortable. I don’t think he
scored every time he
touched the ball, but it was close. It was good to get some
guys in that work
their butts off on scout team and just watch everyone come
together. It was
fun.”



Louisburg quarterback Madden Rutherford goes over the goal line for one his three touchdowns on the night.

Louisburg scored 42 of its 49 points in the first half as the Wildcats used the ground game to find the endzone on six of the seven scores.

Rutherford led the Wildcats down the field on the team's opening possession and scored on a 7-yard touchdown run. The Wildcats got the ball right back, and this time, scored through the air as Rutherford found Brandon Doles for a 43-yard touchdown pass down the sideline.

The Wildcats (5-2) got Koontz going on their next possession as he broke free for a 62-yard touchdown to put them up 21-0

at the end of the first quarter.

Koontz did much of the same to start the second quarter as he broke through the Ottawa defense and scored on a 61-yard run. The onslaught continued for Louisburg as it recovered the short kickoff and Koontz later found the endzone for a third time on a 15-yard run.

Senior Michael Waldron made a big play for the defense as he intercepted an Ottawa pass on the Cyclones' next possession, which set up the Wildcats with a first-and goal. Rutherford then scored on a 5-yard run to put Louisburg up 42-0 at halftime.

Collins sealed the win for the Wildcats in the third quarter as he sprinted past the Ottawa defense for a 61-yard score.



Louisburg sophomore Brandon Doles looks for some running room Friday against Ottawa.

In all, the Wildcats tallied 434 yards of total offense, with 383 of those coming on the ground. The offensive line of seniors Garrett Harding, Brayden White, Ian McGuire, Andrew Krause, freshman Jackson Rooney and Waldron helped pave the way for a lot of those yards.

Defensively, junior linebacker Andy Hupp led the way with 10 tackles and White was a force on the defensive line with nine stops. Rooney finished with seven tackles, while Harding, Doles and Collins had six each.

Louisburg will take its five-game winning streak into Friday's home game with undefeated Paola. The Wildcats will celebrate Senior Night and hope to take two straight over the Panthers after winning last season's battle, 25-7.

"It will be fun," Ebenstein said. "I know Paola is going to be ready to roll and I know they are going to want to get even a little bit for what happened last year. This is what we play football for, and this why we work in the winter and summer is to play these big games against big rival schools. We are looking forward to the opportunity."

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SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

L: Madden Rutherford 7 run (Drake Varns kick)

L: Brandon Doles 43 pass from Rutherford (Varns kick)

L: Charlie Koontz 62 run (Varns kick)

Second quarter

L: Koontz 61 run (Varns kick)

L: Koontz 15 run (Varns kick)

L: Rutherford 5 run (Varns kick)

Third quarter

L: Justin Collins 61 run (Varns kick)

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STATISTICS

RUSHING – Charlie Koontz 6-174; Justin Collins 6-120; Madden Rutherford 8-54; Brandon Doles 2-9; Andy Hupp 3-5

PASSING – Madden Rutherford 2-7-51

RECEIVING – Brandon Doles 1-43;
Weston Guetterman 1-8

TACKLES – Andy Hupp 10, Brayden White 9, Jackson Rooney 7, Brandon Doles 6, Justin Collins 6, Garrett Harding 6, Michael Waldron 5, Charlie Koontz 3, Sam Kratochvil 3, Terrance Foster 3, Aiden Barker 2, Ian McGuire 2, Konnor Vohs 1, Andrew Krause 1.

Wildcats roll Atchison for fourth straight win



Louisburg running back Andy Hupp looks for an opening during the Wildcats' road game Friday at Atchison High School. The Wildcats cruised to a 41-12 win over the Redmen.

ATCHISON – Louisburg used the same recipe for success against Atchison as it did in its last three victories.

Get off to a good start, run the ball and play good defense.

All of those things came to fruition again Friday for the Wildcats as they scored on their opening possession and never looked back in a 41-12 victory over the Redmen at Atchison High School. It is now the fourth straight win for Louisburg after starting the season off with a pair of losses.

“It was a good showing,” Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. “We came in with a plan and we were able to execute it. We still gave up a big play or two and we are going to get better to where we don't have those mental lapses. Atchison is a good team, they have a great coach and their kids showed up. I am just really pleased with all our guys and being able to stay focused with no school Thursday or Friday is always tough, so it was a good game.”

Louisburg (4-2) got the start it was looking for as it scored on a 1-yard touchdown run on its opening drive from junior Ben Wiedenmann, who accounted for the team's three touchdowns in the first half, and had runs of 19 and 14 yards on the drive.

Late in the first quarter, the Wildcats struck again as Wiedenmann scored on an 8-yard run to put Louisburg up 14-0 after a Drake Varns extra point.

Senior Charlie Koontz recovered an Atchison fumble, which was the Redmen's second turnover of the half, and that all set up Wiedenmann's 6-yard score to give Louisburg a 21-0 lead with under eight minutes in the first half.

Atchison broke through the Wildcat defense on a 32-yard touchdown pass to trim Louisburg's lead to 21-6 and went into the break with some momentum.

Louisburg also had to deal with a little adversity of its own as Wiedenmann had to leave the game with an injury and was unavailable in the second half. Enter Koontz, who took over where Wiedenmann left off.

Koontz carried the ball 12 times for 72 yards in the second half to keep the Wildcat offense going after Wiedenmann carried the ball for 98 yards in the first half.

"Hopefully we will get to the point where we are healthy enough to where both players will be on the field at the same time," Ebenstein said. "Chuck got hurt at the beginning of the season

so he now he is back, and Ben is going to be fine, but once we get both of them healthy then maybe we can get our maximum speed out there and do some good things. I thought both guys came out and ran hard for us.”

Late in the third, the Wildcats found themselves in a fourth-and-goal opportunity from the 3-yard line when junior Andy Hupp ran the ball in for the score and put the Wildcats up 27-6.

Louisburg got a strong push from its offensive line as Brayden White, Garrett Harding, Ian McGuire, Jackson Rooney, Andrew Krause, Sam Kratochvil and tight end Michael Waldron provided a lot of holes up front as the Wildcats ran for 259 total yards.



Louisburg senior lineman Garrett Harding races to bring down an Atchison player Friday.

“I thought our offensive line did a really good job,” Ebenstein said. “We made a couple of changes and shifted some guys around and we are still trying to find our best fit, but they played physical all game long and we’re definitely setting the edge and doing some good stuff.”

The Wildcats iced the game when quarterback Madden Rutherford found Weston Guetterman on a 10-yard touchdown pass.

After an Atchison touchdown, the Wildcats put their reserves in and they were able to find the endzone when backup quarterback Maverick Rockers scored on a 1-yard sneak up the middle. That score was set up by a 19-yard pass from Rockers to Aiden Barker.

Defensively, Hupp led Louisburg with 11 tackles and Koontz added 10 of his own. Koontz, a senior linebacker, also had a forced fumble and fumble recovery. Brandon Doles also had a fumble recovery.

Harding and junior Justin Collins also contributed six and five tackles, respectively, for Louisburg.

The Wildcats will try for their fifth win in a row this Friday when it travels to Ottawa. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

“Ottawa is going to be ready to go,” Ebenstein said. “I know their coach and he is a great coach and he will have his guys ready. It will be a good game.”

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SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

L: Ben Wiedenmann 1 run (Drake Varns kick)

L: Wiedenmann 8 run (Varns kick)

Second quarter

L: Wiedenmann 6 run (Varns kick)

A: 32 yard pass (extra point failed)

Third quarter

L: Andy Hupp 3 run (kick failed)

Fourth quarter

L: Weston Guetterman 15 pass from Madden Rutherford (Varns kick)

A: 41 yard run (two point failed)

L: Maverick Rockers 1 run (Varns kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ben Wiedenmann 10-96;
 Charlie Koontz 12-72; Madden Rutherford 11-58; Kolby Kattau 3-19; Andy Hupp 8-15

PASSING – Madden Rutherford 2-5-21;
Maverick Rockers 1-1-19

RECEIVING – Aiden Barker 1-19;
Weston Guetterman 1-15; Konnor Vohs 1-6

TACKLES – Andy Hupp 11, Charlie Koontz
10, Garrett Harding 6, Justin Collins 5, Brandon Doles 4,
Brayden White 4, A.J.
Reed 3, Terrance Foster 3, Ben Wiedenmann 2, Tom Koontz 2, Eli
Johnson 2,
Weston Guetterman 1, Aiden Barker 1, Drake Varns 1, Michael
Waldron 1, Hayden
Feikert 1, Andrew Krause 1

Fast start keys Louisburg's third consecutive win



Senior linebacker Charlie Koontz brings down a Eudora player during Louisburg's 17-7 homecoming win over Eudora on Friday at Wildcat Stadium. Koontz led the Wildcats with 13 tackles on the night.

The Louisburg football team could get used to this.

Good times continued for the

Wildcats on Friday as they got out to a quick start and picked up their third consecutive win with a 17-7 victory over Eudora on homecoming.

That 0-2 start they had to start the year – is now way in the rear view mirror and Louisburg is 3-2 on the season. Life couldn't be much better for the Wildcats right now.

“Going 0-2 sucks, but those losses were against two quality teams,” Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. “But for these kids to come back and win three in a row and get back on the winning side is a testament to them and the hard work they put into it.”

A common theme during the Wildcats' winning streak is their ability to get off to a fast start. In each game, they have scored a touchdown on their opening possession and it continued Friday.

Louisburg went 80 yards in 12 plays and finished it off with a 1-yard touchdown run from junior Ben Wiedenmann to go up 7-0 on the Cardinals. The early lead in each of their wins has proved vital for Louisburg.

“Luckily we got off to a good start before they could settle in,” Ebenstein said. “Once Eudora settled in, they kind of started stunting and twisting. They uglified it up a little bit and we didn't pick it up well after that.

“I think it honestly comes back to our coaches creating a game plan and teaching it well. We are just able to take

it from the get go before teams have a chance to see exactly what we are doing.

That has been big, but honestly we just executed really well. We kind of knew what they would be to start with and we were able to take advantage to it.”

Following the touchdown, momentum continued to build for Louisburg as senior kicker Drake Varns executed a perfect onside kick opportunity and he recovered his own kick just past the 10 yards the ball was required to travel.

The Wildcats took full advantage as quarterback Madden Rutherford found Weston Guetterman on passes of 34 and 13 yards, which led to a 3-yard touchdown run by Andy Hupp. Louisburg had a 14-0 lead before Eudora had a chance to get its hands on the ball.

“Coach (Drew) Harding saw on film where we had potential to do what we call the ‘middle dribble’ and it worked out perfect,” Ebenstein said of the onside kick. “It was a great call by him. They blocked it perfect and Varns placed it perfectly. I think he kicked it 11 yards to cover it and it was as good as you could have drawn it up.”

Louisburg’s offense slowed down a little after that, but the Wildcats were able to add on to their lead at halftime. With just seconds left in the second quarter, Wiedenmann broke free for a 38-yard run down the sideline, which allowed the Wildcats to try for the field goal.

Varns, once again came through for Louisburg as he converted a 41-yard field goal to put the Wildcats up 17-0 as time expired in the first half.



Kicker Drake Varns leaps into the arms of Louisburg coach

Robert Ebenstein after making a 41-yard field goal right before halftime.

“Eudora dropped everyone back so I just went ahead and ran ‘stretch’ to see what would happen and Ben hit the edge hard,” Ebenstein said. “I told Drake that if we got close we were going to kick it and he got his opportunity. He might have doinked it in, but it worked and was a good kick.”

Wiedenmann led Louisburg in rushing with 123 yards on 17 carries and the Wildcats were also able get their passing game going at times. Rutherford competed 12 of 18 passes for 116 yards, many of which went to Guetterman.

The junior wide receiver caught eight of those attempts for 107 yards and made key catches down the stretch to keep drives alive.

“Weston made play after play when we went to his side,” Ebenstein said. “He had a great game and Madden did a good job getting it to him. We were also able to play solid defense, and whether we win by 1, 10 or 30, we will take it.”



Junior Eli Johnson makes a tackle for the Wildcat defense during the team's 17-7 win Friday.

The Wildcat defense gave up a few yards to the Cardinals, but they were able to keep them out of the endzone until the fourth quarter when Eudora was able to prevent the shutout. Louisburg held Eudora to 272 yards of offense and junior Konnor Vohs also intercepted a pass in the second half.

Senior linebacker Charlie Koontz, who was in his first game back from injury, led the Wildcats with a team-high 13 tackles and Hupp added seven. Seniors Michael Waldron and Garrett Harding each had six tackles in the win.

Louisburg will try and keep its

winning streak going this Friday when it travels to Atchison for a non-league contest. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

L: Ben Wiedenmann 1 run (Drake Varns kick)

L: Andy Hupp 3 run (Varns kick)

Second quarter

L: Varns 41 FG

Fourth quarter

E: Zeke Reazin 1 run (Caden Willits kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ben Wiedenmann 17-123, Andy Hupp 10-25, Justin Collins 2-18, Kolby Kattau 2-10, Madden Rutherford 5-1

PASSING – Madden Rutherford 12-18-116

RECEIVING – Weston Guetterman 8-107, Andy Hupp 1-6, Ben Wiedenmann 1-3, Charlie Koontz 2-0

TACKLES – Charlie Koontz 13, Andy Hupp 7, Michael Waldron 6, Garrett Harding 6, Justin Collins

5, Brandon Doles

4, Konnor Vohs 3, Eli Johnson 3, Weston Guetterman 2, Ben Wiedenmann 2, A.J.

Reed 2, Brayden White 2, Andrew Krause 1, Tom Koontz 1

Louisburg turns things around with win over Piper



Louisburg senior lineman Brayden White brings down the Piper quarterback in the back field Friday during the Wildcats' 23-6 win over the Pirates at Wildcat Stadium.

Two weeks into the season, things were looking bleak for the Louisburg football team.

The Wildcats lost their first two games, including a 36-point defeat in their home opener, and they were a squad that was decimated by injuries. It couldn't have been a worse start.

Fast forward to the present and things are a lot brighter for the Wildcats.

Louisburg picked up its second consecutive win with a 23-6 victory Friday over previous undefeated Piper at

Wildcat Stadium. The Wildcats are a different team, and despite still dealing with some injuries, they are in a much better place.

“It was a huge win,” Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. “That first game we had a lot to learn and we did it by attrition. That second game, I hate to say it, but we got our butt whooped. Last week, I challenged them to answer with who we really are and they did that. Against Piper, I told the boys they could make a statement with an undefeated team coming onto our home field and they answered.

“They have learned a lot in these last few games and they are growing together as a team and I am really proud of them.”

Defense was the calling card for Louisburg on Friday as the Wildcats held the Pirates to a season-low six points and created a lot of havoc, which didn't let Piper get into a flow offensively.

The Wildcats (2-2) sacked the quarterback twice, forced two turnovers and held Piper out of the endzone for much of the night. Louisburg gave up just 118 yards of total offense.

“That is all coach (Jeff) Lohse, (Alex) Gentges, (Kade) Larson, (Drew) Harding, (Joel) McGhee, (Pete) Skakal and (Ty) Pfannenstiel,” Ebenstein said. “Those coaches are the defensive guys and they took care of business along with the players. It was a great

effort all-around.”

Sophomore linebacker Brandon Doles, who is filling for injured starter Charlie Koontz, had his best game as a Wildcat. Doles led the team with nine tackles, recorded a sack, forced and recovered a fumble on special teams and deflected a pass later in the game that turned into an interception.

Doles also tackled the Pirate punter on a bad snap attempt early in the game that gave the Wildcats a short field with which to work.



Brandon Doles (8) and Justin Collins (23) bring down a hurdling Piper player Friday in Louisburg.

“For a sophomore stepping in for a senior, he is learning quick and he played a great game for us,” Ebenstein said. “He is a heck of a player and I think he is going to get better and better in all phases.”

Senior lineman Brayden White also had a big day up front with four tackles, including a sack and a tackle for a loss. Senior lineman Garrett Harding, junior linebacker Ben Wiedenmann and junior defensive back Justin Collins also added four tackles.

Offensively, the Wildcats played conservatively as they took little chunks of yardage at a time and it worked on their opening possession. Louisburg drove 80 yards in 11 plays and found the endzone when Wiedenmann scored on a 6-yard run to put the Wildcats up 6-0.

Wiedenmann had another big game on the ground for Louisburg as he finished with 19 carries for 112 yards and the touchdown.

Both offenses stalled for much of the first half, but the Wildcats made it 9-0 when senior Drake Varns nailed a 30-yard field goal. Piper answered with a touchdown drive, and after a missed extra point, trailed Louisburg by three at halftime.

“That was kind of the plan coming in,” Ebenstein said. “We were going to play football in a phone booth and see if they can match us. Defensively they did match us and they

were solid and played tough football. It was nice to see us put a couple drives together and get in the endzone though.”

The Wildcat offense appeared it was going to stall again late in the third quarter when they faced a fourth-and-16 near the redzone. Instead, quarterback Madden Rutherford found Kolby Kattau down the sideline for a 21-yard touchdown pass to make it 16-6.

“We drew that up and we knew it was going to be cover 1 on the back out and it came down to just making a play,” Ebenstein said. “Madden put it where it needed to be and Kolby made a nice catch.”



Kolby Kattau was all smiles after catching a second half from Madden Rutherford on Friday.

Louisburg's defense forced Piper to turn the ball over on downs a couple different times near midfield and the Wildcats took advantage of one of those as Rutherford hit Weston Guetterman on a 2-yard touchdown pass to go up 17 with 3 minutes and 49 seconds left in the game.

Guetterman then sealed the win with an interception on Piper's ensuing possession to give the Wildcats their first home victory of the year.

Louisburg will try and make it three in a row this Friday when it hosts Eudora for homecoming. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. and the crowning for king and queen will be at 6:30 p.m.

"Eudora is a growing team and they are continuing to get better," Ebenstein said. "We can't look past them. They have some linemen that are pretty good, they have a big tight end and they have a great coach. Eudora will be ready to go for sure so we have to come ready to play."

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SCORING SUMMARY

First quarter

L: Ben Wiedenmann 6 run (2 point failed)

Second quarter

L: Drake Varns 30 FG

P: LeJames White 5 run (kick failed)

Third quarter

L: Kolby Kattau 21 pass from
Madden Rutherford (Varns kick)

Fourth quarter

L: Weston Guetterman 2 pass from
Rutherford (Varns kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ben Wiedenmann 19-112;
Madden Rutherford 16-44; Andy Hupp 10-21; Justin Collins 4-13

PASSING – Madden Rutherford
6-14-55

RECEIVING – Weston Guetterman
3-25; Kolby Kattau 1-21; Michael Waldron 1-5; Ben Wiedenmann
1-4.

TACKLES – Brandon Doles 9, Ben
Wiedenmann 4, Garrett Harding 4, Brayden White 4, Justin
Collins 4, Michael
Waldron 3, Eli Johnson 3, Drake Varns 2, Andy Hupp 2, Ben
Guetterman 1, Kolby
Kattau 1, Tom Koontz 1, A.J. Reed 1.

Wiedenmann's big plays help Wildcats to first win



Louisburg running back Ben Wiedenmann looks for an opening during the Wildcats' 38-12 win over Baldwin on Friday.

BALDWIN CITY – Louisburg was nowhere near healthy when it entered Friday's road contest at Baldwin.

The Wildcats were missing nine combined starters on both sides of the ball due to injury, they had to shuffle guys in different positions and change things up offensively. It wasn't exactly the perfect recipe for success.

Whatever the Wildcats did, worked like a charm.

Louisburg ran all over Baldwin as it amassed almost 400 yards of rushing on its way to a 38-12 victory over the Bulldogs at Listen Stadium on the campus of Baker University. In the process, the Wildcats picked up their first win of the season, which helped erase the bad taste they had the previous two outings.

"It was a little different for sure," Louisburg coach Robert Ebenstein said. "The look was different, what we could do was different and what we thought we would be good at is different than normal. That is just coaching. Every week is different

and we want to give
the kids the best opportunity each week to have success and
put them in position
where they can succeed. You could tell they wanted this one
and they came out
and played really hard. It was a good win.”

Ben Wiedenmann provided the lift the Wildcats were looking for
as he recorded three touchdowns of 30-yards or more in the
first half and finished the game with 231 yards on the ground
on 26 carries.

He got it thanks to the blocking
up front as Brayden White, Ian McGuire, Garrett Harding, along
with two new
starters in Andrew Krause and Sam Kratochvil, shined on the
offensive line.

Tight end Michael Waldron, along with blocking backs Brandon
Doles and Kolby
Kattau, also broke Wiedenmann free on several plays.

“Anyone that knows me, knows that
I want to run the ball,” Ebenstein said. “Situations in our
last two games kind
of took that away from us early and forced us to throw a
little bit more and
this one was different. In the first quarter, we established
what we wanted and
Ben ran hard and we blocked well. Then with our two running
backs out, I
thought Brandon and Kolby came in and blocked really well.”

Wiedenmann wasn't the only Wildcat
to eclipse the century mark in rushing as quarterback Andy
Hupp also added 106
yards on the ground, threw for a touchdown and ran in three 2-
point
conversions. Hupp replaced starting quarterback Madden

Rutherford, who was one of the Wildcat starters out with injury.



Quarterback Andy Hupp drags a Baldwin defender for a few extra yards Friday. Hupp threw for a touchdown and rushed for more than 100 yards.

“Andy is a monster,” Ebenstein said. “He runs hard, he blocks hard, he tackles well and he was just all over the place for us. I was really pleased with him as well.”

The Wildcats (1-2) got things going on their first possession as Wiedenmann broke free for a 35-yard touchdown run, and after a Hupp 2-point conversion, went up 8-0.

On Louisburg’s next drive, it was

Wiedenmann again as he found the endzone on a 36-yard scamper and went up 16-0 after another Hupp 2-point run.

Baldwin went on to score to begin the second quarter, but the Wildcats returned the favor as Wiedenmann scored on a 31-yard run. Louisburg drove down the field before halftime and Hupp found Waldron on a 1-yard touchdown in the back of the endzone and the Wildcats went up 32-6 at the break.

Justin Collins provided the only score in the second half for the Wildcats on a 41-yard run to seal the win.



Senior Michael Waldron brings down a Baldwin runner Friday in

Baldwin City.

Other than one big play, the Wildcat defense was sound all evening as Baldwin recorded just 89 total yards of offense, including minus 22 yards rushing.

“Defensively I was really pleased with what we were able to do considering some guys were in different spots,” Ebenstein said. “We gave up the one big pass play, but other than that I thought we did some good things out there.”

Hupp led the Wildcats with eight tackles on the night, while Harding finished with seven and Eli Johnson added six. Konnor Vohs also recorded an interception.

Louisburg returns home Friday as it will try to get its second consecutive win against Piper. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. During halftime of the contest, Louisburg will also recognize its newest hall of fame inductees – Dennis Stiles, Krystal Bowes (Grojean), Jason Burk and John Lohse.

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SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

L: Ben Wiedenmann 35 run (Andy Hupp run)

L: Wiedenmann 36 run (Hupp run)

SECOND QUARTER

B: Gavin Lang 26 pass from Connor Quick (run failed)

L: Wiedenmann 31 run (Hupp run)

L: Michael Waldron 1 pass from Hupp (Wiedenmann run)

THIRD QUARTER

B: Trysten Heck 80 fumble return (run failed)

FOURTH QUARTER

L: Justin Collins 41 run (kick failed)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Ben Wiedenmann 26-231;
Andy Hupp 23-106; Justin Collins 1-41

PASSING – Hupp 2-6-minus 2

RECEIVING – Michael Waldron 1-1

TACKLES – Andy Hupp 8, Garrett Harding 7, Eli Johnson 6, Brandon Doles 5, Michael Waldron 5, Brayden White 5, A.J. Reed 5, Kolby Kattau 3, Tom Koontz 3, Terrance Foster 2, Konnor Vohs 1, Ben Guetterman 1, Justin Collins 1, Andrew Krause 1.