

Chieftain Rally Comes Up Short

The varsity football team found itself in an early 16-0 deficit and despite a strong rally could never overcome that slow start. Coach Thompson "We had a tough time in the first quarter but then after that we played pretty good football for the most part."

On a great Homecoming Saturday afternoon the Chieftains started out on offense and after a short kick we started with great field position. Unfortunately we were stopped short on a fake punt and the Wildcats took over. SW would then quickly march downfield and grab an 8-0 lead. On our next possession we would fumble the ball away on a second and short. However our defense would step up and force a turn over and we would take over.

We would struggle to move the ball and be forced to punt. SW would then put together another scoring drive and in the opening minutes of the second quarter they would plow in to take a 16-0 lead.

The Chieftains came to life on our next drive as Trevor Troxel would hit Elijah Cannon for a 36-yard gain. Two plays later we were inside the Wildcat five but a fumble would halt the drive. It was at this point we turned in a huge play. Trevor Johnson would alertly scoop a loose ball and sprint into the end zone and it was 16-6. Coach Thompson "Nice heads up play by Trevor to get us back in the game!"

Now with the score at 16-6 the Chieftain defense came to life and would force a punt. On the punt we went for the block and just missed the block and ran into the punter giving the ball back to SW. They would take advantage and go in for a touchdown to take a 24-6 lead.

We would come right back on our next possession getting a 14- yard pass completion from Trevor T. to Elijah. Then a big 28- yard completion to Brady Fox down to the 2-yard line. Coach Thompson "Great throw and just a great catch by Brady. He is an excellent receiver." We would then punch it in as Bradon Roen would crash in for a TD and after Brady raced in for the two point conversion it was 24-14. Unfortunately the momentum gained was short lived as SW would march downfield and score just before the end of the half to take a 32-14 lead. Coach Thompson "That score really hurt, we had some chances to make some plays but just couldn't get the big stop we needed."

The third quarter saw the Chieftain defense get off to a great start and force punts on SW first two possessions led by hard charging Cody Sperry who registered two TFL's. Coach Thompson "Cody had a very nice game, he has made great strides this year."

However on offense we struggled fumbling on our first two possessions. The second turnover would result in a SW score and it was 38-14. Coach Thompson "Just too many turnovers."

We would come right back putting together a nice scoring drive. Sparked by a reverse pass on which Elijah would hit Trevor T. for a 22- yard gain. Later Trevor would hit Bradon for 27- yards on a screen pass. We would cap things off when Trevor hit Ethan Haffner for a 24-yard TD pass and it was 38-20. Coach Thompson "Very nice drive and nice grab by Ethan for the TD."

The Chieftain defense would then get us right back in the game as Bradon Roen would step in front of a Wildcat pass and race inside the SW 10- yard line. Coach Thompson "Huge play and Bradon plays relentlessly out there!" The Chieftains would quickly punch it in as Trevor would hit Brady on a 9- yard TD pass and it was 38-26. Coach Thompson "What a game for Trevor T. who was not expected to play but was unexpectedly cleared earlier in the week. I know we did not win but the seniors had a chance to play their last home game together and did their best."

SW would then put together a drive to put the game away. We did drive to the SW one yard line as time expired the final 45-26.

Coach Thompson "We did some really nice things but we just were not consistent enough. I thought in the second half we played very well and played more aggressively. You can not fault the effort of our team we must continue to work hard and keep working to get better."

The Chieftains will finish the season at Fennimore on Friday night.

Stats

	Riverdale.	SW
First Downs.	17.	15
Com/Att.	21/41.	5/10
Passing YDS.	281.	81
Rushing Att/YDS.	18/82.	48/270
Total YDS.	363.	351

Ind Stats

Passing

Trevor T. 20/40. 259 yards 2 TD

Elijah 1-1. 22 YDS

Receiving

Brady 9-116. TD

Elijah. 5-82

Ethan 3-44. TD

Bradon 3-27

Trevor T 1-22

Rushing

Bradon 11-57

Brady 3-17

Trevor J. 1-4

Caleb 1-2