

Chieftains Fall to Mineral Point

The Mineral Point Pointers spoiled the Chieftains Homecoming with a 47-28 win on Friday night. We were unable to stop the Pointers high-powered passing attack. Coach Thompson "They have some very good players and tonight we just could not match that." With the win the Pointers are now 4-1 in conference play and 5-2 overall. The Chieftains are now 2-3 in conference play and 4-3 overall.

The game started with the Chieftains on offense but after picking up one first down we were forced to punt. We played great against the run but the Pointers would hit a big 41-yard TD pass and PAT to grab a 7-0 lead. On our next possession we went a quick three and out. MP would then march down the field and extend the lead to 14-0 with a two yard TD run.

Trailing 14-0 we would put together a short 8-play drive but would again be forced to punt. Coach Thompson "When we have been successful we have gotten off to fast starts, tonight a slow start really made it tough on us." Our defense would step up on the next drive getting a stop and the offense would then go to work. Putting together a nice 7-play drive getting good runs by Jared Roen and Tanner Williamson we moved to the Pointer 28-yard line. It was then that FB Trevor Troxel burst through a big hole and raced 28-yard for the TD and after Keegan hit the PAT it was 14-7. Coach Thompson "Nice run by Trevor and nice hole by the offensive line. We were right back in the game."

Unfortunately, that momentum was short lived as on the kick off the Pointers would take the kick 70-yards for the TD and again were up by two scores. Coach Thompson "That really hurt." We would bounce right back though. After a nice return by Tyrrel Anderson we put together a 17-play drive. Getting big pass completions from Tanner to Montana Lins for a first down and later from Tanner to Jared Roen for a first down we marched down the field. After a nifty run by Tanner we were on the MP 14-yard line. It was from there that Jared Roen would burst through a hole and plow into the end zone and after Keegan hit the PAT it was 21-14. Coach Thompson "What a great drive, but that is how we must play, we held the ball for 17-plays and kept MP's offense off the field."

With renewed energy the defense swarmed all over the MP offense and we went to half down 21-14 but with all the momentum.

In the third quarter we would start on defense and get the next big play of the game. After a MP pass reception we would knock the ball loose and Tanner would scoop it up and race deep into MP territory. Unfortunately, we would turn the ball over one play later and MP went back on offense. MP would then put together a drive and after a three yard TD run were back up 28-14.

On our next possession we could not get things going and punted the ball back to MP. Our defense would then stop MP and force a punt. On the punt Zach Swaziek would block the punt and we had great field position. Coach Thompson "We kept battling out there and that was a big play on specialty teams." We would quickly capitalize getting a huge run on a QB draw by Tanner we were inside the MP 5-yard line. One play later Jared would plow in for the score and again Keegan would add the PAT and it was now 28-21. Coach Thompson "The guys kept clawing back, but we just could not get that next big play to pull even."

The Pointers would regain control of the FB game as they would score on their next three possession to go up 47-21. We would rally for one last score as Tanner would hit Montana on a 4-yard TD pass and after Keegan added the PAT it was 47-28 and that would be the final. Coach Thompson "We are all disappointed over the loss but sometimes things do not go as you want them too. We played hard but MP has a very nice team and

you have to give them credit. We have a big game next week against IG and we have to bounce back and I know we will!"

STATS

	Riverdale	MP
1st Downs	14	13
Passing C/ATT	5-18	18-25
Passing YDS	33	318
Rushing At	51	32
Rushing YDS	213	116
Total YDS	246	434

Individual Stats

Rushing

Trevor Troxel 10-69 1 TD

Tanner Williamson 19-61

Jared Roen 12-52-2 TD

Tyrrel Anderson 8-35

Passing: Tanner Williamson 5-18--33 yards 1 TD

Receiving: Brett Hach 2-14 Montana Lins 2-13-1TD

Defensive

Trevor Troxel: 9 tackles, 1 blocked punt

Jared Roen: 9 tackles, 1 blocked kick

Jared Schneider: 7 tackles, 2 TFLs, 1 QB sac, 1 forced fumble

Zach Swaziek: 5 tackles, 1 QB sac

Montana Lins: 6 tackles, 1 fumble recovery

Tanner Williamson: 1 fumble recovery

Tyrrel Anderson: 8 tackles