

Chieftains Lose to Iowa-Grant

The varsity football team was unable to stop a strong Iowa-Grant running attack as we lost to the Panthers by the score of 41-7. Coach Thompson "We had a hard time stopping the run and on offense we were unable to establish a consistent running game. When that happens it makes it very difficult."

In front of a big parents night crowd the Chieftains would start out on offense and after a nice kick return by Jared Roen we had good field position. However we could not capitalize and were forced to punt. IG would then quickly march downfield and take the lead on a 29-yard TD run and after the two-point conversion it was 8-0.

On our next possession we would move the ball picking up a pair of first downs as we got a couple of nice runs by Nolan Garoutte, but the drive would stall. The Panthers would then put together a long drive capped by a 5-yard TD run and it was 14-0. On our next possession we would again move the ball getting a big 21-yard gain by Tanner Williamson and nice runs by Tyrrel Anderson and Jared Roen and a big penalty on IG and we were inside the Panther 5-yard line, but the Panther defense would stiffen and we would not score.

Heading into the second quarter the Panthers would again move the ball downfield and extend their lead to 20-0 after a 10-yard TD run. We would break into the end zone on our next possession as we would hit on a couple of big pass plays. The first a 32-yard completion to Brett Hach from Tanner Williamson. Coach Thompson "Brett has very good hands and runs real nice routes he had a nice game tonight." Moments later Tanner would team up with Montana Lins for a 21-yard TD pass and after Keegan hit the PAT it was 20-7. Coach Thompson "Those two have teamed up a lot this year and have hit on a number of big plays."

We were then able to sustain the momentum as the defense would turn in a great series as we would hold IG out of the end zone from inside the ten getting a couple of nice plays from Zach Swaziek and Nolan Garoutte. Offensively, we would not be able to move the ball and would be forced to punt on the punt we would narrowly miss out on a big play as the IG returner would muff the ball but we were unable to recover the ball. The defense would once again make a stand when Tanner Williamson out fought the 6' 5" IG receiver and came up with an interception to stop the Panthers and send us to halftime. Coach Thompson "Great play by Tanner he was not going to allow their receiver to get to that ball!"

Going into halftime we had some momentum and we felt if we could get a consistent running attack going and slow their running game we could fight our way back into the game. The Chieftain defense would then come up with a big play to start the second half as we would force a fumble which was recovered by Jared Roen. Coach Thompson "Big play to start the second half!" However, we would not be able to get things going and would be forced to punt. IG would go onto to take advantage of a short field and push the ball into the end zone to take a 27-7 lead.

On our next possession we just could not get things going and again were force to punt. IG would again move the ball and after a 30-yard TD run we trailed 34-7.

In the fourth quarter we would put together a nice drive moving to the IG 2-yard line but we would be unable to score. IG would then go on to add a late score to make it a 41-7 final.

Coach Thompson "Give credit to IG they played a very good football game and took it to us. It is a disappointing loss and sometimes things do not go as you want them to go, but the key thing is our ability to bounce back from adversity. It would be easy to point fingers and to feel sorry for ourselves but we need to shake this off, stick together and play the very best football game we can play against Darlington. Knowing this team I expect us to play one of our best games of the year this Friday at Darlington."

A reminder that the game at Darlington will start at 3:30 this Friday.

Stats

	Riverdale	IG
First Downs	12	24
Passing C/ATT	9/16	8/14
Passing YDS	120	99
Rushing ATT	33	52
Rushing YDS	100	411
Total YDS	220	510

Individual Stats

Rushing

Nolan Garoutte 8-31

Jared Roen 8-24

Passing:

Tanner Williamson 8-14--117-1TD

Receiving

Montana Lins 4-57-1 TD

Brett Hach 3-43

Defensive Leaders:

Zach Swaziek 12 tackles

Tyrrel Anderson 11 tackles

Trevor Troxel 8 tackles

Jared Roen 7 tackles 1 fumble recovery

Tanner Williamson 5 tackles and 1 interception