

Chieftains Top Southwestern 43-13

The varsity football team started fast and finished strong as we picked up a big conference win over Southwestern Friday night by the score of 43-13. Coach Thompson "The entire team was sharp tonight and it all started in practice this week, be it the starters or the mayhem squad everyone practiced well and it carried over to the game. Our scout team players did a great job this week giving the regulars a very good look at what SW was going to do."

The Chieftains would start fast in this pivotal conference match up. Tyrrel Anderson would receive the opening kick-off and race 30-yards to get the night going. We would then put together a 9 play 65 yard drive to take the early lead. A key play on the drive was a big fourth and one pass completion from Tanner Williamson to Montana Lins that picked up 10-yards. Tyrrel Anderson would cap the drive with a 24-yard TD run as he exploded through a big hole and raced to pay dirt. Keegan Franklin would drive home the PAT and it was 7-0. Coach Thompson "Great start and Tyrrel had a big night out there tonight." With the lead the Chieftain defense went to work quickly shutting down the SW attack. Getting a big play from Trevor Troxel and also a big stop on a fake punt we had great field position.

The Chieftains would quickly go to work driving 37-yards on 6-plays to score again. The drive was highlighted by a tremendous sliding catch by Jared Roen who some-how hung on to the Tanner Williamson pass to pick up 17-yards. Coach Thompson "Great catch as Jared hung onto the ball despite taking a big hit." The Chieftains capped the drive on a nifty 12-yard TD pass from Tanner to Tyrrel. Coach Thompson "Tanner had a great game and does a tremendous job in helping to lead this team!" The PAT failed but we led 13-0.

The Chieftain defense would now take the field again and pick up where they had left off. Getting another big play from Trevor Troxel who was in the SW backfield all night the Chieftains forced SW into a third and long. That is when safety Montana Lins stepped in front of a SW pass and raced deep into Wildcat territory with the interception. Coach Thompson "Nice job by Montana, besides the interception he had a lot of big hits out there." With great field position the Chieftains quickly went to work driving 40-yards on 5-plays to score again. The big play was a 30-yard run by Tyrrel as he took an option pitch and raced deep into SW territory. Trevor Troxel would plow in from 2-yards out and it was 19-0. We faked the PAT and Tanner would hit Montana for the 2-point conversion and we were up 21-0. Coach Thompson "Great job by our offensive line(Jordan Stanek, Dylan Peterson, Trevor Johnson, Zach Swaziek, Jarred Schneider , Casey Ekleberry and Andrew Poskitt) they all did an excellent job, when your offense is successful it all goes back to these guys up front."

On the Wildcats next possession the Chieftains would get a big play from defensive tackle Jordan Stanek who would snare a SW pass for an interception. Coach Thompson "Jordan continues to have a real nice season and showed nice hands on that interception." Unfortunately, we would turn the ball over and SW would take advantage marching in for a score to make it 21-7.

We would promptly answer that score on our next possession. After getting another nice return by Tyrrel we would drive 53-yards on 5-plays to get back into the end zone. The big plays on the drive were

a rugged 17-yard run by Jared Roen and a 30-yard TD pass from Tanner to Jared on a perfectly executed play. The PAT was no good but we were back up 27-7. Coach Thompson "That was a big drive to get back the momentum!" The Chieftains would get the ball back once more before half. This time Trevor Troxel would pick off a Wildcat pass to set up another scoring chance. Coach Thompson "Trevor T. was right on everything tonight he has great football instincts." With very little time left in the half the Chieftains moved into FG range. A nice 11-yard Tanner to Trevor T. completion would set us up. Keegan would then step in and drill home the 27-yard FG and it was 30-7. Coach Thompson "It is a great to have a kicker as good as Keegan, it gives us a big advantage. Also what a half the players did an outstanding job!"

To start the second half the Wildcats took it at us putting together a long drive and taking advantage of a couple of Chieftain Penalties to go in for the score to cut the lead to 30-13. We would answer right back as the offensive line took over the line of scrimmage and we would drive 64-yards on 12-plays all on the ground to go in for another TD. On the drive Jared Roen would carry 5 times for 54-yards. Jared would cap the drive on a one-yard scoring plunge and with the Keegan PAT it was 37-13.

On SW next possession we would stop SW and get the ball back. The offense would go back to work as Nolan Garoutte would rip off a pair of big runs of 14 and 17-yards. Unfortunately, a fumble would halt the drive. The defense would step on and force another turn over when Tanner leapt in front of a SW receiver for an interception. We would then put the game away with a 12-play 95-yard drive. Getting a 25-yard run by Tyrrel and an electrifying 43-yard run by Tanner we were deep into SW territory. The drive would be capped by a 4-yard run by Max Hougan as he plowed through a nice hole to make it 43-13. Coach Thompson "Max has worked extremely hard and it was nice to see that pay off on both sides of the ball tonight."

Both teams would have one last possession as the Chieftain defense capped the night with one more interception when Jeff Hrubes snared a deflected pass to stop SW. We would then run out the clock and it was a 43-13 final. Coach Thompson "Big win and great effort by the entire team. We need to sustain that type of energy for the rest of the season as we have a lot of big games coming up. None bigger than next week's contest against Boscobel. They are much improved and have played very well this year. We will need another great week of practice and another great performance next week if we want to be successful."

Stats

	Riverdale	SW
1st Downs	17	6
Rushing ATT/YDS	48-332	33-112
Passing C/ATT/YDS	9-19-98	1-9-10
Total YDS	430	122

Individual Stats

Rushing:

Tyrrel Anderson 9-124 1TD

Jared Roen 15-98 1 TD

Nolan Garrote 11-53

Trevor Troxel 5-8, 1 TD

Tanner Williamson 5-40

Max Hougan 2-8, 1 TD

Drake Harris 1-1

Passing

Tanner Williamson 9-19, 98-yards, 2-TD

Receiving

Montana Lins 4-24, 2-pt conversion

Jared Roen 2-47, 1 TD

Trevor Troxel 2-15

Tyrrel Anderson 1-12, 1 TD