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Wallace traveled to Chappell to take on the Creek Valley Storm last week but it was the Wildcats that stormed into town and created a flurry of scores all throughout the game. Wallace was able to score on nearly every possession of the first quarter. The offense made their way to the end zone every time they had the ball and the defense either scored points on a safety or by recovering a fumble in the end zone for a defensive touchdown.

Wallace began the game by Josh Grauerholz booming the ball deep into the end zone and he must of liked how it felt because he continued doing it each time he stepped behind the ball for a kick off.

On the first play from scrimmage, the Storm gained four yards but it went down hill from there. They lost control of the snap on their second down and the Wildcat defense set them back 16 yards. The next snap went over the quarterback's head into the endzone which resulted in a two-point safety for the Wildcats.

The first series of downs was just a picture of things to come for Creek Valley. The only thing that varied was if the defense scored points on a safety or a touchdown.

The Wildcat offense was just as fierce as the defense in the opening quarter as they scored each time they had the ball. John Marquardt scored the first touchdown on a 21-yard run, Shane Anders added the PAT.

The next Wildcat score came when Jeff Harms recovered a Storm fumble in the end zone for another six points. Harms recovered another fumble on the seven-yard line on Creek Valley's next possession and Josh May ran the short distance for Wallace's second offensive touchdown.

Following another safety, Josh Grauerholz scored a 13-yard touchdown and on the Wildcat's next series Marquardt scored again on a 19-yard run. Anders added the PAT to both touchdowns.

By this time the younger players were in the game and Tanner Clough made his way to the end zone on a 13-yard run and shortly after Andrew Gardner recovered a fumble for six more on the Wallace score board. The first quarter ended with Wallace leading 51-0.

Things slowed down a great deal in the second quarter. The young Wildcat defense was able to hold Creek Valley on their first attempt with the ball so the offense had another opportunity. A variety of Wildcats contributed yardage so that Mark Jameson only had to go two yards for the only touchdown in the quarter. Anders added another PAT to make the halftime score 58-0.

The third quarter went by pretty quickly with a running clock and it ended up being an uneventful time with neither team scoring. Things changed in a hurry in the final quarter however.

It started out much like the first quarter; the Wallace defense increased their score by adding a safety. Clough then scored his second touchdown of the night by returning the Storm's free kick 45 yards for a quick six and just like that the Wildcats were up 66-0.

Creek Valley then got their offense on the move only to run into the Wildcat defensive wall again and after moving the chain a couple of times, they turned the ball over on downs.

Clough once again wasted no time. On the first down, he shot through a big hole created by his linemen and ran for a 48 yard touchdown. Before the final buzzer sounded Wallace added two more points from another safety to make the final score 74-0.

The Wildcats ended the night with 238 yards of rushing. The leading rusher was Tanner Clough carrying the ball 12 times for 105 total yards followed by John Marquardt who had 51 yards on three carries. Jeff Harms seemed to be everywhere on defense; he had four solo tackles and 10 assisted. Josh May did plenty of damage as well, he was responsible for two unassisted tackles and seven assisted.

Next Game

Wallace will face a tough Paxton team on Friday that brings some size and a lot of experience when they come to town for the Wildcat's next home game. Kickoff is schedule for 8 p.m. following the recognition of parents for Parents Night.