

Scott County backs up ratings, defeats Bearcats 56-14

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LAWRENCEBURG – From being on top of the mountain to being not on the top of the mountain, so is the story of athletic competition.

After a huge district win over South Oldham a week ago, the Anderson County Bearcats ran into the top team in Class 5A, Scott County.

The outcome, but more importantly, the effort was not the same.

But, with a week off, head coach David Buchanan can give the players a little time to heal up as they prepare for another big district game next week against Spencer County.

On Friday, Scott County came onto Bob Ware Field and scored early and often in the 56-14 victory.

Getting the ball first, Scott County needed four plays to cover 68 yards. Nick Ranson ran 57 yards for the touchdown with 10:16 left in the quarter. The extra point kicked was blocked by Hudson Hatfield.

On its first drive, the Bearcats were driving but a Hunter

DeGarmo halfback pass was intercepted by Jalen Dantzler.

In just two plays, the visitors scored when Charlie Ellison connected with Dantzler on a 35-yard score. Logan Harris' kick made it 13-0 with 5:32 left in the opening period.

Going to the trick bag again, this time Owen DeGarmo's pass was intercepted by Keller furnish at the Bearcat 47.

Five plays later, Timmy Emongo ran for a two-yard touchdown. The kick by Harris made it 20-0 with just over a minute left in the quarter.

On its next drive, a punt by Nathan Johnson was blocked and the Cardinals had the ball at the Bearcat 1. Ellison kept the ball and scored on the next play. The extra point kick by Harris made it 27-0.

The next Anderson County drive stalled and Scott County took over at its own 13. But the visitors needed just two plays to cover the 87 yards.

Ellison connected with Carson Mullins for a 38-yard completion. And from the Anderson 27, Emongo ran the ball into the end zone. On the two-point play, Emongo ran it into the end zone

for the 35-0 lead and a running clock.

Anderson County did get on the board. Hudson DeGarmo ran 85 yards on second down to get into the end zone with 5:43 left before halftime. Johnson converted the kick for the 35-7 score.

But Scott County came right back needing just four plays to cover 56 yards. It was Emongo running 43 yards for the score. And Harris' kick capped off the first half with Scott County leading 42-7.

Scott County would get the only points of the third quarter. Those came when Red Owens rushed for a 10-yard score. Harris' attempt was good for the 49-7 lead with 3:57 left.

Anderson County would put its second touchdown on the board when Hatfield ripped off a 16-yard score. Johnson's kick made it 49-14 with 8:01 left in the game.

The visitors did tack a final score with 1:17 left. Payton Harris scored from the 5-yard-line and Ashton Maybry kicked the extra point for the final 56-14 score.

The Bearcats did have 221

yards of total offense. While the team had 224 yards rushing, the passing game accounted for minus-3 yards on 1-6 passing with two interceptions.

Hunter DeGarmo had a big night with 156 yards on just nine carries for an average of over 16 yards per attempt. He scored one touchdown.

Hatfield ran 11 times for 56 yards. Cooper ran twice for nine yards and Brayden Caldwell had three rushes for seven yards.

The lone completion by Cooper was a toss to Owen DeGarmo for a three-yard loss.

Clay Beasley led the Bearcats on defense with six total tackles. Hatfield had four stops, including one for a loss. Hudson DeGarmo chipped in with three stops and Caldwell had two unassisted tackles and two assisted stops.

Buchanan said Scott County lived up to its billing.

"They are very good and deserving of every accolade," said the veteran coach.

It was a night that he said his Bearcats failed to play well in any of the three phases of the game. But he said Scott County was responsible for a lot of that.

Early in the game, he said the

team had some success running; however, it was inconsistent. He again gave Scott County a lot of credit for that.

Maybe what disappoints a coach most is when his team comes out with the energy and fight needed to compete in a game. Buchanan said his players had neither energy nor fight on this particular night.

After the big win over South Oldham, it is back to the drawing board for Anderson County, which is still in line to earn one of the four district playoff spots.

"It is time for everyone to look in the mirror, including the head coach," Buchanan said of the post-game message. "That performance was unacceptable across the board."

With no game this Friday, the team will practice for three days.

"We will try to heal, learn and improve," said Buchanan.

NEXT GAME – With the off week, the Bearcats will not play until Oct. 16 when the Martha Layne Collins Titans come to Lawrenceburg. It will be the final home game of the season for the Bearcats. Kickoff at Bob Ware Field will be at 7:30 p.m.

District soccer tourney play set for Collins next week

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SHELBYVILLE -- It is the post-season next week for soccer teams in the 30th District.

Martha Layne Collins High School in Shelbyville will host the boys' and girls' events.

The boys will play at 6 p.m. with the girls to follow at 7:30 p.m. each day.

For the boys, Ander-

son County (1-3 in district play) will face Spencer County (0-4) at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12. The winner will advance to face the top-seeded Collins (4-0) Titans on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The other boys' semifinal will see Woodford

County (3-1) and Shelby County (2-2) face off on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The boys' semifinal winners will play for the title at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Both teams will advance to the Eighth Region tournament.

In the girls' competi-

tion, Shelby County (1-3) and Spencer County (1-3) will each other at 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12. The winner will face top-seeded Woodford County (4-0) on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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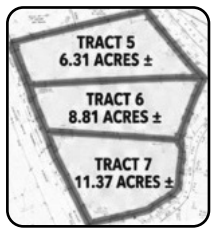
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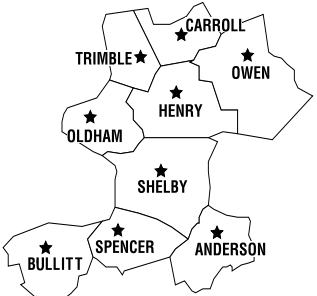
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