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QB Brady Attaway looks downfield during the Wildcats' 20-12 victory over the Henderson Lions. Whitehouse has a chance to lock up the district crown tomorrow against Marshall.

Cats one game away from crown

All Coach Randy McFarlin could say was that sometimes you win "ugly" and last Friday's home win over Henderson fit into that category.

"I knew that there would be games this year that we would not play real well in, but that because of our talent, we would win," said Coach McFarlin.

"Tonight was one of those games and now we need to adjust and look ahead to a huge game versus Marshall," said Coach McFarlin.

The Wildcats found themselves playing an unfamiliar role last week: district leader and big home favorite vs. the 1-3 Henderson Lions. The problem with that was the visiting team had nothing to lose, and their coaches had them ready for the big upset over the Wildcats. The Lions came out early

and took the opening kickoff down the field to only come up short as a fumble recovery by the Wildcats stopped the early drive.

The Wildcat offense could not generate much, and the Lions got the ball back with time running out in the first quarter. The Lions would take a fourth and nine and come away with a big 36-yard TD completion from Joel Johnson to Doogie Brown to take the lead, 6-0.

The Cats went to the running game (41 attempts for 213 yards on the night) as Henderson left five in the box in an attempt to take away the Wildcats' passing game.

This strategy produced solid runs from Luke Shivers and Jimmy Kennedy and pushed the Cats deep into Lion territory. Kennedy finished off the drive

with a 5-yard TD run, and with Paul Metzner's PAT, the Wildcats claimed the lead 7-6 with 9:12 remaining in the second quarter.

The Whitehouse defense, ranked first in district entering the contest, was challenged by the multiple look offense of the Lions, but they forced a punt on the Lions' next possession to give the Wildcat offense plenty of time to build on the lead.

After Shivers picked up seven tough yards to convert a fourth down and one, Kennedy galloped 38 yards to pay dirt, and Metzner's PAT extended the lead to 14-6.

Metzner would then extend the lead to 17-6 on the Wildcats' next possession with a 43-yard field goal right before the

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Tigers suffer first loss, 21-24

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The Troup Tigers went to Elysian Fields Friday night and left with their first loss in district play.

The Tigers led the game until late in the second quarter when the Yellow Jackets began their come-from-behind victory.

The game began as a defensive battle, with only one score recorded in the first quarter: a 1-yard run by QB Nick Harrison, who kicked the PAT, giving the Tigers a 7-0 lead with 2:32 remaining.

The Tiger defensive unit then went on a tear, forcing the Jackets to punt. The offense was quick to take advantage, with Chris Davis throwing the ball down field to Reginald Wade for an 80-yard touchdown, putting the Tigers up 14-0 with 11:49 left in the second quarter.

The Jackets answered back almost a minute later scoring on a 3-yard touchdown run with the

point after no good, making the game 14-6 with 10:58 left in the second quarter.

Elysian Fields then stopped the Tigers on their drive and scored again right before the end of the half on a 10-yard pass. The Tigers held a slim 14-12 lead at the half.

The Jackets picked up where they left off, getting the first score of the third quarter on a 5-yard pass reception. Another two-point conversion failed, but the Jackets took the lead 14-18.

Late in the third, Harrison hit a wide open Jaron Hasley for a 20-yard reception and the Tigers last TD of the night. Harrison's kick was good, giving the Tigers a 21-18 lead with 3:17 left.

The Jackets posted the only score of the fourth quarter, and the final points of the game, with 9:02 left, ending the Tigers undefeated district streak, 21-

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Photo/Jim Jackson

Brittani Toole goes for a shot in the Ladycats victory over Lindale Thursday, Oct. 26.

Ladycats falter in playoffs

The Whitehouse Ladycats found the height and athletic ability of the Highland Park Lady Scots too much to handle Monday, as they lost in three, 17-25, 16-25 and 23-25.

The Cats were led in points by Lauren Schlattner with 15 and Joanna Blake's 12. Brittani Toole would finish the match with a team high of 10 kills and 2 blocks.

"They played with their heart," said Coach Cheryl Till. "I told them titles are great and our season ended too soon, but they had lots of accomplishments this year.

"The titles are nice, but when they look back years from now it will be the relationships they developed and the memories that will stand out."

The loss in Terrell to Highland Park ended the season for the Ladycats, who still claimed the bi-district championship following a thrilling five-game match over Lindale last Thursday at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

The Ladycats took the first two games by scores of 25-20 and 25-17. Jordan Knight led the charge for Whitehouse in the opening two games of the match with 12 points along with 7 digs.

Toole played her usual stellar performance at the net with 8 kills in the first two games while Melany Perez led the way with 13 assists.

The next two games would see the Lady Eagles find the momentum and pull the match even by taking game three 18-25 and game four 19-25.

Toole picked up 8 more kills in games three and four, and Stephany Crawford came through with 5 kills of her own. Schlattner led the scoring in those two games with 11 points, while Blake ran the offense with 12 assists.

The decisive game five would be played to 15, and the Lady Cats found themselves in a big hole trailing 8-3, forcing them to dig deep and find something extra.

Knight found her big serve, and Toole led a defensive surge that helped the Cats claw their way back into the match and ultimately come out on top 15-13 to win the bi-district crown.

"These young ladies turned the corner tonight," said Coach Till. "We finally found a way to dig deep and come from behind to win a big game."

"I am so very proud of them," said Coach Till.

JV falls to Lions

The Whitehouse JV suffered a tough loss on the road last Thursday in Henderson to the Lions by a score of 22-6.

The Wildcat offense would have to wait until late in the fourth quarter until they got in the end zone on a 15-yard TD pass from QB Braden McDaniel to Heath Mayo.

The Lions would take the early lead on a safety after a bobbled snap on a punt attempt by the Wildcats. Later in the second quarter, they would extend their lead on a 55-yard TD pass, and after the PAT, the score would be 9-0.

The Lions would score in the second half on a 10-yard pass and later on a 14-yard run before Mayo's TD would finish the scoring on the night.

The JV will be on the road tonight as they travel to Marshall to take on the Mavericks with game time following the 9th grade.

DISTRICT CHAMPS



The Whitehouse girls cross country team captured the district championship Thursday, Oct. 26, in Jacksonville. Pictured are Whitney Rankin, Ruby Carranza, Lydia Uribe, Alex Barnes, Kami Cook and Natalie Holcomb. See story, page 12A.

Basketball teams prepare to start scrimmages

High school hoops action gets under way with scrimmages scheduled for both Whitehouse and Troup teams.

For Whitehouse, the boys varsity will host Justin Northwest on Saturday, Nov. 4 (time to be announced) and travel to Longview for a 10 a.m. contest

on Saturday, Nov. 11. The first regular non-district game will be Nov. 17, when the ninth, JV and varsity squads host Athens beginning at 5 p.m.

Wildcat girls ninth, JV and varsity teams will travel to Brownsboro for a scrimmage on Saturday, Nov. 4 (time to be

announced). Their first game will be Saturday, Nov. 11, with the ninth-graders playing at noon.

The Troup Tigers scrimmage Sabine in Troup on Tuesday, Nov. 7, and then play in Rusk on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Both matches will be held at 5

p.m. Their first non-district game will be Tuesday, Nov. 21 at home against Winona, with JV beginning at 5 p.m.

The Lady Tigers travel to Henderson on Saturday, Nov. 4 for their only scrimmage. JV plays at 10 a.m. with varsity following. Their first game will

be Saturday, Nov. 11 hosting Rusk. Games begin at 10 a.m.

Schedules for the Ladycats and Lady Tigers will be published next week, along with previews of this year's teams.

Boys schedules and previews will be published on Nov. 16.