

Wildcats drop first game

Set sights on
bi-district title

"Bring on Mount Pleasant" was the cry of Wildcat fans after the team suffered its only district loss last week at Nacogdoches with a score of 21-13.

After winning the district crown in a game for the ages the week before against Marshall at home, the Wildcats would travel to Nacogdoches with one goal in mind: to play hard and stay healthy to get ready for playoffs.

With the playoffs one week away, the Wildcats would play starters sparingly and use the final game of the district season as a means to give some starters some much needed rest and get some backups some much needed playing time before the playoffs.

The game would start late as a storm cell would come through Nacogdoches late Fri-

day afternoon, and lightning knocked out power at Dragon Stadium forcing both teams to get a late start to pre-game warm ups.

The first half was a defensive struggle as both teams had trouble moving the ball as both defenses stepped up to make big plays and force the other teams' punters to get in a good workout.

The Wildcats were first to strike midway through the second quarter as QB Brady Attaway found Alex Fleming deep down the right sideline to the four yard line before calling his own number two plays later with a 2-yard TD run. Paul Metzner's PAT was blocked resulting in a 6-0 Whitehouse lead.

Nacogdoches came right back as they connected on a 42-yard touchdown pass right before the half, and with the PAT, they would take a 7-6 lead into the half.

The Wildcats came out the second half and give the starters the rest of the night off and

give the back-ups some reps. The Dragons, however, continued to find the Whitehouse defense stingy, but connected on a 24-yard TD pass late in the third quarter to extend the lead to 14-6.

Then, early in the fourth quarter, the Dragons would find the end zone again, this time on a 2-yard TD run to extend its lead to 21-6. The Wildcats would not be finished as QB Ace Estrella would score late in the fourth quarter on a four yard run to cut the lead to 21-13.

The Wildcats then recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and got one last chance to possibly tie the score but Estrella's fourth down pass went incomplete, and with the win, Nacogdoches would get into the playoffs as the number three seed and will advance to the Division 1 section starting this week.

With the loss, and Marshall's defeat of Kilgore, the district

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Photo/Jim Jackson

The Wildcats hope to rebound from their loss against Mount Pleasant in Saturday's game.

JV ends year with loss to Nac

The Whitehouse JV ended their season last Thursday night suffering a 22-6 defeat at the hands of the Nacogdoches Dragons, to go 5-5 overall and 2-5 in district play.

Nacogdoches got on the board on their first possession with a 33-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead. Later in the first quarter, the Dragons scored their first touchdown on a 47-yard interception return, and the PAT extended the lead to 10-0.

After the Wildcats stopped a second quarter drive by the Dragons, Nacogdoches faked the field goal attempt, and the holder was knocked out of bounds at the Whitehouse two yard line. The next play resulted in a two-yard touchdown run extending the lead to 16-0.

The Wildcats got an excellent scoring opportunity when Collin Perry's 54-yard run put the ball on the Nacogdoches two-yard line. However, a penalty forced the Wildcats to go for a fourth down attempt, and the pass would fall incomplete keeping the Nacogdoches shut out alive.

Early in the fourth quarter, Whitehouse got on the board as QB Braden McDaniel hit Ryan Bell with a 32-yard pass down to the Nacogdoches one yard line. Devry Clark then scored on the one-yard touchdown run to make the score, 16-6.

Nacogdoches would score one final time on a 14-yard TD pass to finish the scoring for the night at 22-6.

VARSITY LADY CATS EARN HONORS



Members of the varsity Lady Cats receiving all-district honors are, left to right, (front) Joanna Blake, first team; Brittany Jordan, outstanding defensive player of the district; Melany Perez, honorable mention; (back) Katy Kidwell, honorable mention; Lauren Schlattner, honorable mention; Brittani Toole, co-MVP; and Jordan Knight, honorable mention.



Five members of the team were recognized for their academic achievements this week. Pictured are Taylor McCain, Stephany Crawford, Christine Ford and Brittany Jordan. Not pictured is Lauren Schlattner. Crawford and McCain earned the honor of Academic All State rating which means they maintained a 97 percent or higher in all regular classes during the current school year up to the end of the district schedule in volleyball. The other girls earned the honor of Academic All District which requires that grade to be at least an 87.

Troup slips by Bulldogs, 15-7

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After an awe-inspiring lightning display that caused a 45-minute storm delay, the Troup Tigers and the Garrison Bulldogs were able to begin their mud-fest.

Troup had to do without their record-breaking running back, Chris Davis, who has been out nursing injuries the last two weeks, along with linemen B.J. Rambo and C. J. Deason. The Tigers relied on Derrick Thompson, Jeremy Jasper, Jamie McGowan and Thacher Riddle for their ground game with Thompson leading the way with 14 carries for 95 yards.

The Bulldogs took the opening kick off and drove 65 yards using a 4th down penalty to keep the drive going. They

scored, with the point attempt being good, and made it a 7-0 game for the Bulldogs.

The Tigers looked like they would answer right back when they were on the Bulldogs 45 yard line and Nick Harrison hit a wide-open Riddle for a 35-yard gain which would have set the Tigers up for a 1st and goal at the 10-yard line. Unfortunately the play was called back, because of a penalty, forcing the Tigers to punt.

The Tigers defense held the Bulldogs on their next possession, forcing them to punt. With the Tigers taking over on their own 45-yard line, Harrison went to the air with Jason Osteen, Joel Hasley and Reginald Wade on the receiving end. Osteen set up the Tigers first touch-

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Freshmen lose at home

The Whitehouse freshman team finished the season at home against Nacogdoches and wound up on the losing end of a close game, 26-24.

The visiting Dragons would strike first on a short TD run, but the missed two point conversion made the score, 6-0. The Wildcats came right back with a Roderick Johnson TD run, and with the PAT by Taylor Burns, they would take a 7-6 lead.

The Dragons took the lead 12-7 before Burns connected on a 27-yard field goal to make the

score 12-10. The Dragons extended their lead to 18-10 right before the end of the half on another TD run.

The Wildcats started the second half off with a good kickoff return by David Godinez to the 45-yard line. From there, QB Payton Smith found Carl Caldwell on the first play from scrimmage on a 55-yard TD completion. Johnson carried it in for the two point conversion to tie the score at 18 all.

The Dragons scored late in

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Eighth-graders end year undefeated; claim district championship

The Whitehouse 8th grade traveled to Nacogdoches last Thursday in search of two things: 1) a district championship and 2) an undefeated season. Both were accomplished in the same dominating fashion as most games have gone this season for these young Wildcats as they put up 37 first half points and then coasted to a 37-12 victory.

The Wildcats wasted little time getting on the board as they went to the airways on the first drive. QB Preston Conder found Quincy Aldridge on a 60-yard completion before connecting with Aldridge again for the 10-yard TD pass to stake the 'Cats to an early 6-0 lead.

After a Trey Metoyer interception, the Wildcats again scored on their next possession as QB Conner Cashion found running room up the middle on the option play to get in the end zone from eight yards out to make the score, 12-0.

Nacogdoches' next possession resulted in another turnover, this time on a fumble recovered by Dee Mwape at the Wildcat 38-yard line. The drive started out with a first down run by Shundrick Beasley to the Nacogdoches 48, and then Conder hooked up with Aldridge again for a 48-yard strike. The two point conversion was good, and the Wildcats led 18-0 at the end of the first period.

On its next possession, the Nacogdoches' offense would again shoot itself in the foot with another turnover, this time fumbling at its own 45-yard line.

On the first play of the drive, Cashion hit Aldridge on a quick out that led to a 13-yard gain. Beasley kept the drive going on a big third down run. Facing fourth down and four, Cashion hit Beasley out of the backfield for a 14-yard TD completion to extend the Wildcat lead to 24-0.

The next Nacogdoches' possession would not get any better as a hard Wildcat rush on the QB led to an errant pass that Cashion picked off in the flat and take the distance for a 30-yard interception return to push the Whitehouse lead to 30-0 with 3:56 left in the second quarter.

The Wildcat defense then forced a punt which led to the final Whitehouse score of the half as Conder would take it in from the four yard line, and the PAT by Jonathan Parker gave the 'Cats a 37-0 lead at the half.

With a big lead, the Wildcats gave up two scores in the second half to make the final score, 37-12. The win would finish off a dominating 9-0 season in which the combined score for the year was 335-48.

The 8th grade combined a strong defense with

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Members of the undefeated Whitehouse Junior High "A" team: Trey Metoyer, Patrick Cook, Logan Newton, Preston Conder, Conner Cashion, Dee Mwape, Zach Thompson, Shundrick Beasley, Cody Mogle, Jonathan Parker, Todd Martin, Ryan Ralson, Simon Webb, Matt Durst, Cody Bryant, Cameron Varing, Edward Rodriguez, Tyler Barker, Stephen Chavez, William Lawrence, James Lenderman, Scott Sanders, Terry Brown, Joey Gautney, Quincy Aldridge, Brandon Neel, and Garrett Clark.