

Press Release

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UCA Lions Roll at Northeast Baptist

West Monroe, LA - Northeast Baptist School won't likely forget the final regular season meeting between their Knights and close rival Union Christian Academy. Next season, UCA leaves ALCAL and moves its football program to full 11-man football as a member school in the Mississippi Private School Association. On Friday night, September 19 in the final regular meeting between UCA and NBS, there was much more than 25 miles that separated the two schools, as UCA's varsity Lions dominated NBS by a score of 64-18 at Riser Middle School Stadium in West Monroe.

The stats were many and were well distributed across the entire team. Junior Quarterback Josh Hall rushed for 46 yards, passed for another 34 yards, went 2-for-2 on passing for two point conversions, and while playing on defense, intercepted an NBS pass. Junior running back Cody Dodd had a strong night with 99 yards rushing, 1 touchdown, and 2 two-point conversions. On defense, Dodd made two solo tackles and had two assists. Junior Brandon "Paco" Allen carried the ball for 187 yards,

picked up another 50 yards through the air, and scored 3 touchdowns. He also had a successful two point conversion. On defense, Allen made 2 solo tackles, and had 4 assists.

The Lions mixed up the offensive scheme this week, and followed a growing trend of utilizing multiple quarterbacks based on different formation patterns. Senior Tyler Davis took some snaps for the first time this season, and demonstrated leadership and athleticism. Offensively, Davis had a phenomenal game, rushing for 79 yards, and scoring 4 touchdowns. Defensively, he made 4 solo tackles, and kept pressure on the NBS quarterback by sacking him 4 times. He also had 4 tackle assists, and forced 2 NBS fumbles. Davis' performance Friday night was enough for Head Coach Blaine Beck to name him UCA's Player of the Week.

Other key players for the Lions included Sophomore Chase Kinnison, who rushed for 18 yards and Sophomore Josh Ellis with 8 yards rushing on offense. On defense, Ellis had 3 solo tackles and 2 assists, including 1 sack and 2 forced fumbles. Sophomore receiver Jonathan Baze caught 3 passes for 84 yards. Defensive stars included Dannon Dowling who had 4 assisted tackles, and junior back Dustin Ates with 2 solo tackles, 2 assists and 1 interception. Sophomore Caleb Roberson scored 1 solo tackle.

The Lions finished the game with 437 total rushing yards and 84 passing yards for a season-high total of 521 yards of offense.

This Friday night, the varsity Lions travel to St. Joseph, LA to take on Tensas Academy of MPSA in their first ever match-up against the Chiefs. Game time at Tensas is 7PM, and all UCA fans are invited to "Wear Your Purple" and support the Lions in their 2008 season.

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