

PIONEER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Wildcats blank Osawatomie in homecoming game

BURLINGTON — Playing on their own Wildcat Field, the Burlington Wildcats dominated visiting Osawatomie in their homecoming game Friday, Sept. 18.

The Wildcats scored two touchdowns per quarter for the first three quarters and one touchdown in the final quarter. They didn't let Osawatomie reach the end zone at all and came away with the shutout win, 54-0.

Braden Sloyer led the passing game, going four for nine for 133 yards and a touchdown. Top receivers were Gavin Price with a catch for 80 yards and a touchdown and Damon Hoback with two catches for 27 yards.

On the ground, leaders were Sloyer with 173 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries, Gavin Price with 70 yards on nine carries and Caedon Berkenmeier with 24 yards and two touchdowns on three carries.

In point-after-touchdown attempts, Price and Cody Long each scored two rushing two-point conversions and Damon Hoback made catches to score two passing two-point conversions.

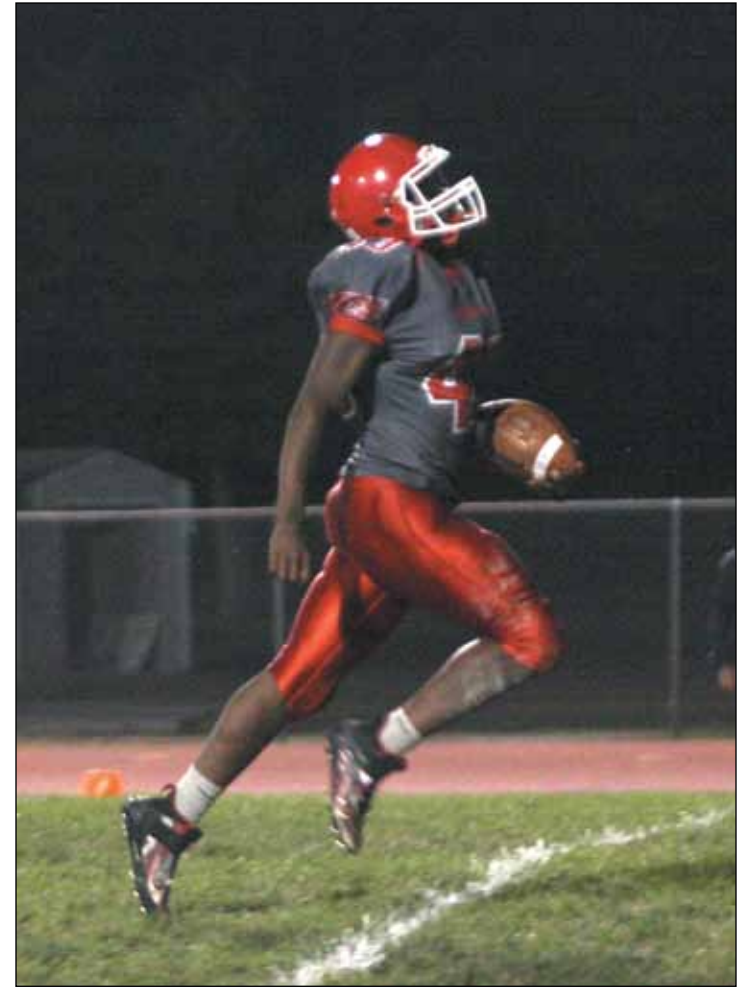
On defense, leading tacklers were Sloyer and Max Kuhlmann with seven each, Jacob Dugar with four and Hoback and Shalonn Wright with three each. Sloyer, Hoback and Wright each had two tackles for a loss of yards. Wright had the team's only sack and also returned an Osawatomie fumble for a touchdown. Kuhlmann, Bryce Pritchett and Wyatt Wilson each made an interception.

The Wildcats travel to La Cygne Friday, Sept. 25, to take on Prairie View in a Pioneer League match-up. Kick-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.



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The Burlington Wildcats earned a dominating 54-0 shutout win over the visiting Osawatomie Trojans in their fall homecoming game Friday, Sept. 18. Above, with arms outstretched, Burlington's Caedon Berkenmeier goes for the diving tackle against Osawatomie ball carrier Sutter Conrad. Clockwise from upper right, Wildcat Shalonn Wright sprints for the end zone on a touchdown run after recovering a football jostled loose by a tackle and breaking away from a group of Wildcat and Trojan players; Braden Sloyer (5) wraps his arms around the football as he carries it down the sideline on an offensive play for Burlington with teammate Gavin Finnerty running alongside him; and the Burlington Wildcats, led by their senior players, take the field prior to kick-off.



Burlington 54, Osawatomie 0				
BHS	16	14	16	8-54
OHS	0	0	0	0-0
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First Downs	18		8	
Rushing Att-Yards	35-429		31-63	
Passing Yards	133		77	
Passes Comp-Att-Int	4-11-0		3-20-3	
Fumbles Lost	0		1	
Punts-Avg.	1-35		2-43	
Penalties-Yards	6-45		4-25	



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The Burlington's Max Kuhlmann leaps into the air and reaches high in an attempt to catch an airborne football on a passing play for the Wildcats.

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