

CLASS 8-MAN DIVISION II PLAYOFF FOOTBALL

Wolves outplay Bulldogs, Jaguars fall

The Hartford Jaguars, Lebo Wolves and Waverly Bulldogs were all in action in Class 8-Man Division II Regional playoff games Friday, Nov. 6. Lebo and Waverly faced off at Lebo, and Hartford took on Crest at Colony.

At Lebo, the Lebo Wolves scored early and often and held a 32-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. Waverly got on the board in the second quarter but was unable to score enough to keep the game going past halftime. Lebo scored an additional 24 points in the second quarter and got the win via the 45-point mercy rule at half-time, 56-8.

Quarterback Devan McEwen led the Wolves' rushing attack, picking up 105 yards and four touchdowns on 10 carries. Other top rushers included Kyle Reese with 39 yards on five carries and Andrew Bailey with six yards on one carry.

In the passing game, McEwen went four for five for 54 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Leading receivers were Konnor Kiefer with a catch for 34 yards and a touchdown and Jerome Ferguson with three catches for 20 yards and a touchdown.

The Wolves also scored a touchdown on a 56-yard punt return by Reese and were successful on all of their seven two-point conversion attempts. McEwen scored three rushing two-point conversions and Addison Smith and Andrew Bailey each scored one. Lebo also scored a pair of passing two-point conversions, one on a toss from McEwen to Landon Grimmett and one on a toss from McEwen to Smith.



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The Lebo Wolves earned a Class 8-Man Division II Regional Championship with a 56-8 win over rival Waverly in the regional round of the playoffs Friday, Nov. 6. The Wolves remain undefeated on the season and advance to the sectional round, in which they will take on Frankfort 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Frankfort.



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Amidst several other players, Lebo teammates Caleb Fehr (75) and Andrew Bailey (12) tackle Waverly ball carrier Michael Lehmann.

For the Waverly offense, leading rushers included Damian Foster with 29 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries and Michael Lehmann with seven yards on two carries.

Through the air, Foster was four for eight for nine yards. Top receivers included Lane Bartley with three catches for seven yards and Lehmann with a catch for two yards.

Defensively, for Lebo, Reese was the leading tackler with six solo and one assisted tackles. Other leaders in tackles included Luke Davies with three solos and three assists, Austin Bailey and Jerome Ferguson with two solos and one assist each, McEwen with a solo and two assists and Andrew Bailey with two solos. Ferguson and Andrew Bailey each had a sack. Reese, Davies, Ferguson, Austin Bailey and Andrew Bailey each had a tackle for a loss

of yards. Defensive stats for Waverly were not available at press time.

At Colony, Hartford had a tough game and took the loss 64-14. Shayden Sull rushed for 165 yards and a touchdown and also made three pass receptions for 18 yards. Quarterback Ali Smith passed for 90 yards. Leading receivers included Tanner Highley with four catches for 58 yards and a touchdown and Andrew McDiffett, who finished with 27 receiving yards.

Lebo improves to 10-0 on the season and advances to

the sectional round of the playoffs, in which they will play Frankfort 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 at Frankfort. Waverly ends the season with a 6-4 record. Hartford closes the season with a 6-4 record.

	Lebo 56, Waverly 8		
Lebo	32	24	x - 56
Waverly	0	8	x - 8
		WHS	LHS
First Downs		4	11
Rushing Att-Yards	18-36		18-148
Passing Yards	9		54
Passes Comp-Att-Int	4-8-0		4-5-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0		1-1
Punts-Avg.	3-14.7		0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-12		3-15



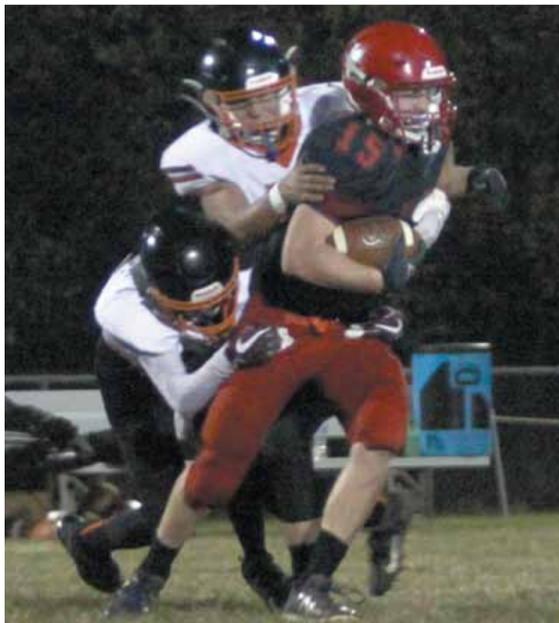
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Konnor Kiefer pulls in a 34-yard pass for a Lebo touchdown.



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Damian Foster, left, carries the ball for Waverly while several teammates block Lebo defenders from reaching him.



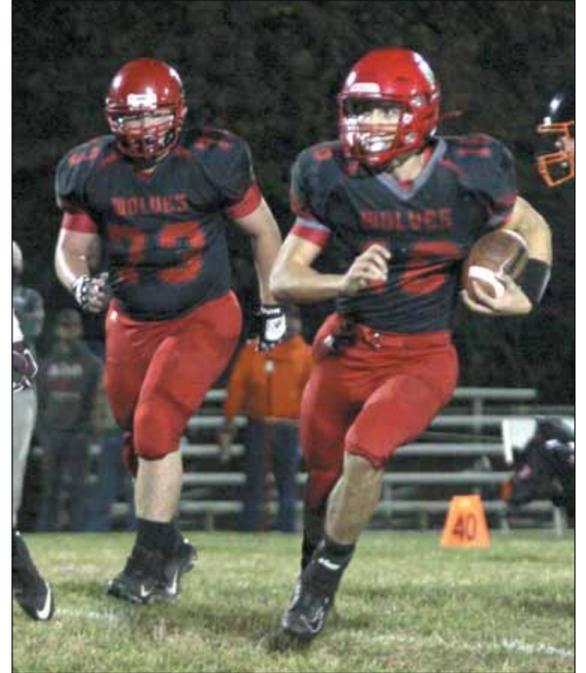
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Lebo's Kyle Reese works to stay on his feet and move the ball downfield, against defense from Waverly's Brantley Petersen, left, and Josh Rodriguez.



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Lebo's Luke Davies reaches out to try to trip up Waverly's Ben Meehan.



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Lebo's Devan McEwen (16), with teammate Austin Bailey alongside, runs through an opening and down the field on a quarterback keeper play for the Wolves during the regional playoff game between Lebo and Waverly Friday, Nov. 6.

CLASS 3A PLAYOFF FOOTBALL

Wildcats' run ends in regional loss

BURLINGTON — The Burlington Wildcats played host to Frontenac for a Class 3A Regional playoff game Friday, Nov. 6. The Wildcats' only loss in the regular season had come to Frontenac, and they again came up short in the playoff rematch.

After a scoreless first quarter, Frontenac was the first team on the board with a touchdown in the second quarter, and they led 8-0 at halftime. The lead increased to 14-0 in the third quarter, and though Burlington got on the board in the final quarter, they were unable to overcome the deficit. The Wildcats fell, 22-6.

Braden Sloyer led the Wildcat offense on the ground, picking up 135 yards and the team's only touchdown on 29 carries. Other leading rushers included Gavin Price with eight yards on nine carries and Caedon Berkenmeier, Jayme Wagner and Cody Long, who each tallied two yards on one carry.

Sloyer also led in the passing game, going six for 14 for 69 yards. Leading receivers included Damon Hoback

with two catches for 33 yards, Price with three catches for 23 yards and Long with a catch for 13 yards.

Defensively, the top tackler for Burlington was Sloyer with three solo and seven assisted tackles. Other leaders in tackles included Berkenmeier with three solos and four assists, Max Kuhlmann with a solo and six assists, Long with two solos and three assists, Hoback with a solo and four assists, Price with three solos and an assist, Shalonn Wright with three solos, Karson Allen with a solo and two assists and Eric Pabon with three assists. Wright had the team's only sack. Allen forced a fumble and Hoback had a fumble recovery.

The Wildcats end their season with an 8-2 record.

	Frontenac 22, Burlington 6	
Frontenac	0	8
Burlington	0	0

	BHS	FHS
First Downs	14	13
Rushing Att-Yards	43-150	34-124
Passing Yards	69	72
Passes Comp-Att-Int	6-15-2	7-13-0
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts-Avg.	1-22	3-31
Penalties-Yards	0-0	0-0

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