

MCHS Football Falcons fall short in 45-21 loss



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The Glasgow football team overcame some early game struggles and a hot start by Monroe County to earn a come from behind 45-21 district victory over the Falcons on Friday, October 13th, at Hank Roysse Stadium. The Scotties trailed 14-0 early in the second quarter and had

lost starting quarterback Dalvin Smith to an injury before a couple of sophomore reserves helped Glasgow outscore Monroe County 45-7 the rest of the way. Backup quarterback Tanner Abernathy ran for 150 yards and a touchdown on just 11 carries and he also completed 8 of 16 passes for 117 yards and a score while running back Nick Mitchell piled up 94 yards rushing and three TD's on 15 carries. The win puts the Scotties in first place in the district race with one game remaining.

Monroe County (6-2, 1-1) got on the scoreboard on its second possession of the game when Billy Michael Dyer caught an 18 yard touchdown pass from Ty Mink to cap a five play, 72 yard drive. Mink also added the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 3:08 to go in the first quarter. The Falcons then forced Glasgow (6-2, 2-0) to punt after a three and out for the third time in as many possessions, giving the ball back to the Falcons at their own 46 yard line. Their five play drive ended with Braden Murphy catching an eight yard touchdown pass from Mink and the PAT extended Monroe County's advantage to 14-0 with 11:08 remaining in the second period. Glasgow's offense began to show signs of life at that point. On the ensuing possession, Abernathy, who replaced the injured Smith midway through the first quarter, led the Scotties on a seven play, 70 yard drive which was capped off by Mitchell's first score of the night on a seven yard run. The kick failed, however, leaving the Falcons on top 14-6 with 9:17 left in the first half. Monroe County drove into Glasgow territory a few minutes later but, the scoring threat was snuffed out by senior linebacker Sielverio Rescontellio when he intercepted a pass and returned it 57 yards to the two yard line. Mitchell did the rest with a one yard touchdown plunge and Abernathy connected with Kris Horn for the two point conversion to tie the game at 14-14 with 3:27 left until halftime. Monroe County answered with an eight play, 49 yard drive that culminated with an eight yard TD pass from Mink to Braxton Walker to go up 21-14 with just 29 seconds left on the first half clock. Glasgow's Dontavis Oates, however, would set the Scotties up in great field position by returning the ensuing kickoff to the Falcons' 36 yard line. With just two seconds left in the quarter, Abernathy found Griffin Murphy on a screen pass and the senior speedster weaved in and out of defenders on his way to the end zone. Noah Howard's extra point tied the game at 21-21 at halftime.

The Scotties would take their first lead of the game late in the third quarter following a fumble recovery by Rescontellio at the Monroe County 45 yard line. After having two touchdowns called back by penalties on the drive, Howard booted a 27 yard field goal to put Glasgow up 24-21 with 2:22 on the clock. Abernathy picked off a Monroe County pass just 22 seconds later which eventually led to a four yard touchdown run by Mitchell. Howard's PAT made it 31-21 with 1:43 to go in the third. The Scotties would find pay dirt again with 4:08 to play in the game after forcing Monroe County to turn the ball over on downs at the Glasgow 31 yard line when Abernathy scampered in from 18 yards out. Glasgow's Ryan Jones then intercepted a pass at the Scotties' 25 yard line to set up the final TD of the night on a 15 yard run by Julian Austin. Glasgow senior defensive lineman Tyrell Smith-Shaw forced the Falcons' fifth turnover of the game with less than a minute to play when he stripped the ball from a running back and returned it to the five yard line. The Scotties then took a knee to run out the clock.

In addition to the huge games produced by Abernathy and Mitchell, Murphy ended his night with two catches for 28 yards and a score, Horn had two receptions for 38 yards, Gavin Burd caught two passes for 27 yards and Jaden Franklin had two catches for 13 yards. For the Falcons, Mink rushed 16 times for 39 yards and he completed 21 of 32 passes for 259 yards, three TD's and three interceptions. Walker led the team with eight catches for 65 yards and a touchdown, Dylan Emberton added three receptions for 53 yards, Murphy caught four passes for 49 yards and a score and Dyer finished with four catches for 44 yards and a TD.

The Falcons welcome Green County on Friday in their final district game of the season.

Glasgow next hosts Metcalfe County on Friday at 7 p.m. with the district championship on the line.

TEAM STATS

	GLASGOW	MONROE CO.
Score	45	21
First Downs	20	15
Rushing Yards	294	35
Passing Yards	126	259
Total Yards	420	294
Turnovers	1	5
Penalties	6-70	6-52
Total Offensive Plays	63	61
Time of Possession	22:38	25:22



FALCONS SENIOR BRAXTON WALKER found himself under hot pursuit by a pack of Scotties.



THE FALCONS' Billy Michael Dyer (#83) takes down the Scotties' Jaden Franklin as his team mates stand ready to finish the job.



SOPHOMORE NICK COFFELT (#13) in action.

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