

Season ends for CHS Arrows at Starkville

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For the Clinton Arrows football team, the season ended early at Starkville on November 3. After finishing 14-1 and capturing the Class 6A state championship in 2016, the Arrows finished 5-6 and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

But the Arrows turned in maybe their best effort of the season in their final game against Starkville. Clinton led the #5-ranked Yellow Jackets for the first 39 minutes of the 48-minute game, eventually falling 21-15. CHS outgained Starkville with 300 yards of offense to 268 for the Yellow Jackets.

Clinton jumped to a surprising 13-0 lead, totally dominating the first half. The Arrows led 3-0 with eight minutes left in the first quarter on Tucker Barefoot's 25-yard field goal and went up 6-0 with seven minutes left in the half on Barefoot's 29-yard field goal. Less

than two minutes later, junior quarterback Hunter Hulsey connected with wide receiver Des Baker for a 31-yard touchdown pass. The score capped a three-play 58-yard drive. Starkville

then scored on their only sustained drive of the night, going 80 yards in only two plays to make it 13-7 with five minutes left in the half.

On Clinton's next possession, Hulsey was knocked out of the game with a leg injury. But, time after time, the Arrows defense stopped Starkville and held the Yellow Jackets scoreless in the third period.

But Starkville faked a punt in the

fourth period and scored on a short drive to go ahead for the first time, 14-13 with 8:35 left. On the Arrows' next drive, they turned the ball over on a fumble, and Starkville scored again on a short drive to go up

21-13 with seven minutes remaining.

Behind senior quarterback Walker Burchfield, CHS had their best drive of the night, moving to the Yellow Jacket 2-yard line, but they couldn't punch it in. Burchfield did an admirable job in Hulsey's absence, rushing eleven times for 39 yards and completing 8 of 14 passes for 103 yards. Starkville took a safety on the final play to end the scoring at 21-15.

The Arrows defense should be given credit for their best effort of

the year, holding Starkville to just one long drive and their second lowest point total of the year. Haven Barnes had five solo tackles and two assists. Delawrence Butler and Braxton Bailey both had six solo stops each.

With the tough loss, a tough season came to a close. But Clinton was so close at times in 2017 to winning more games and could have well finished 7-4 or even 8-3. The Arrows fell to South Panola 18-17 in the season opener and were one play from winning, and two plays away from beating Starkville. CHS suffered six turnovers against Brandon and Northwest Rankin, and both games were winnable without the turnover.

The future looks bright on Arrow Drive. The ninth grade Arrows finished undefeated and won the Little Six Championship, and a strong rising senior class at CHS should help the Arrows be right back in the playoff mix this time next year.



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