

Tigers stung by Bees

DCHS dealt its first loss of season by Upperman

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Upperman took the upper hand early and never looked back, beating Smithville on its home field with a stinging 43-0 defeat.

It was all Bees from the opening kickoff as they marched down the field on their first drive with Blake Metzgar doing the honors with a one-yard touchdown. The drive began near midfield when a Tiger punt after their opening drive of the game was partially blocked.

The second possession of the game for the Tigers was the only sustained drive DeKalb County would have on the night. Tiger quarterback Axel Aldino completed five passes as he worked his team from his own 25 to the Bees' 10 yard line. Aldino, in just his second high school start, went eight for nine in the air for 57 yards in the first half. However, it wasn't Aldino's arm that stopped the drive, it was the gremlin that stymied the Tigers all night – penalties. Back-to-back holding and false start calls backed the Tigers up to the 25, forcing them into a field goal attempt that sailed wide.

The ensuing drive saw

Metzgar ramble into the endzone again after a Donovan McCallister to Jake Penland bomb, making the score 14-0. The Tigers would find themselves stuck deep in their own territory the next drive with Aldino being sacked in his own endzone for a safety making the count 16-0.

Another drive stalled, giving the ball back to Upperman as the second quarter got underway. Metzgar didn't waste much time notching his third TD of the night. McCallister would then hit Cole Bush with a 55-yard touchdown bomb with less than 30 seconds left in the second quarter to make it 29-0 at half-time.

Metzgar wasn't through as he scored his fourth touchdown of the night on the Bees' first drive of the third, making it 36-0 and leading to a constantly running clock. Then, adding insult to injury, the Bees' second team was able to turn a botched play into a 64-yard touchdown run, finishing the game with a 43-0 victory.

In the loss, the Tigers managed less than 100 yards in offense with Aldino going eight for 15 for 63 yards passing and 10 for 18 yards rushing. Due to the constant clock in the sec-



Blocker Isaac Cross paves the way for receiver Grayson Redmon as he tries to elude Upperman defenders in the Tigers' 43-0 loss to the Bees. The Tigers managed less than 100 yards offense against the visitors.

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ond half which begins when a team goes down by 35 in the second half, the Tigers only got off 27 offensive plays. David Bradford led the Tigers on the ground rushing nine times for 27 yards. He had 125 yards rushing last week. Grayson Redmon led the team in receiving, hauling in three balls for 32 yards. Isaac Knowles had two catches

for 13 while Tyzaun Ladet and Desmond Nokes both had single grabs.

"A blocked punt, missed assignments, a bad snap and penalties," lamented Tiger Coach Steve Trapp. "You can't do stuff like that against a team like Upperman."

Trapp said the only positive he took away from the loss was the way his team

was bothered by the way they performed.

"Hopefully they can take that feeling into practice this week and channel it into getting ready for Stone," the coach said, noting Stone has been playing hard this year.

"This begins district play," Trapp said. "No matter how good or bad we've done in the past two weeks,

this is where we need to be ready."

The loss to Upperman comes after a season opening win over Warren County, 19-14. The Tigers head to Crossville to play undefeated Stone Memorial this Friday after Stone beat Scott 28-13 this past week. DeKalb fell to Stone last year 38-16. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.



Sophie Hackett shrugs off a defender as she races toward the goal. The DeKalb County Lady Tigers were clipped by the visiting Community squad 2-1 in their home opener.

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Lady Tigers fall in home opener

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Community spoiled the Lady Tigers' home opener, rallying for two goals in the second half for a 2-1 win.

Things looked good for the Lady Tigers in the first half as they maintained ball control and were able to score first when Sarah Starnes found herself eye-to-eye with Community's goalie, sending the ball whistling past the keep and into the right side of the net at the 21st minute. The goal was set up with an assist by Robin Pafford.

Helping with the first half lead was the Lady Tiger goalie, Ariel Patterson who had her work cut out for her the entire game as she made 19 saves, up significantly from their season-opening win at Upperman when she had to make just two saves in their 8-0

romp of their district rival.

The pressure put on by the Lady Vikings eventually paid off in the 29th minute of the second half when Logan Brothers found the back of the net to knot the game at one. However, six minutes later Jemima Ramos put the ball in goal with an assist from Sara Beth Stacy.

The Lady Tigers went on the road after a close loss, competing in the Smokey Mountain Cup over the weekend. They opened the tourney with a 3-3 tie with Sullivan South in a game played at the Sevier County Soccer Complex on Friday. Saturday did not go as well as they lost to Pigeon Forge in Pigeon Forge 5-1. They wrapped up their mountain swing Sunday with a 1-0 loss to Sevier County.

They were next scheduled to head to Cannon County Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Saints smash Smith County

DCMS improves to 3-0

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A second half explosion propelled the Saints to a perfect 3-0 start on the season as they claimed a homecoming victory over the visiting Smith County Owls, 34-8.

The game was nip and tuck during the first half after the Saints took the lead with 3:21 to go in the first quarter as quarterback Briz Trapp hit Josh May in the endzone for a touchdown. Workhorse back Colby Barnes then barreled through Owls until he reached pay dirt, giving his squad an early 8-0 lead before the homecoming crowd.

The Owls evened the score after a short Saint punt, kicked from their own endzone. The Smith County quarterback took advantage of the field position and went 20 yards on a quarterback keeper,

the conversion making it 8-8 at 5:47 of the second quarter.

Trapp immediately went to work on the next drive, hitting May for a 35 yard gain. The big pass sent up Barnes who pounded his way up the gut of the defense for a 19 yard touchdown to give his team a 14-9 halftime lead. However, the lead could have been even bigger if not for a penalty on what would have been a 101-yard pick-six as May intercepted a wobbly Smith County pass and returned it all the way for a touchdown. A personal foul behind the play sent it back.

The play, in the end, did not hurt the Saints as they dominated the second half, allowing no more Owl points while putting up 20 more of their own.

The win leaves the Saints perfect as they traveled to Trousdale County Tuesday for a key conference matchup.



Ean Jones crushes the Smith County quarterback in DeKalb County Middle School Saints' 34-8 win on homecoming. The team went into Tuesday night undefeated on the year.

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