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FOOTBALL

Tide wraps season with 44-21 stomping of Big Foot



Senior Ethan Krause (43) had his best game of the shortened season in a win over Big Foot Friday night. Krause averaged over four yards-per-carry en route to 82 total yards and two touchdowns.

By Steven Slack Special to the Reporter

"Couldn't ask for a better ending," tweeted senior Drew Hanson about his five-touchdown performance that lifted the Tide to a 44-21 trouncing of Big Foot Friday night.

The Edgerton varsity football team's victory closed out the five-game alternate fall season on a night that served as both homecoming and parents' night.

"This is always going to be a special group for me," first-year head coach Russ Lietz told the Edgerton Reporter. "This group has definitely put in the time in the offseason...I was just thrilled we got to experience it...I was just super excited for this group of young

In his final game with the Crimson Tide (3-2), Hanson appeared in complete control of the offense. The UW-Oshkosh commit amassed 244 yards while

ng out to either side and

Photo by Jill Cook

rolling out to either side and throwing deadly-accurate strikes down field.

"Effortless," Lietz responded, when asked to describe Hanson's performance on Friday. "He did what we thought he could do. I'm glad he was able to put that out on film. To hit five different receivers for touchdowns, that's pretty impressive.

"We told the kids, 'If you give him time, he will pick a defense apart.' He certainly showed that on Friday."

Not only did the offensive line provide Hanson with ample time to show off his arm, they managed to create holes for senior Ethan Krause who notched 65 yards and a touchdown on the ground as well as 17 yards and another score as a receiver.

"We knew, going into the season, the running game was going to be difficult," Lietz said. "That's based only on our size, not our effort, not our execution."

Senior Konner Knauf continued his weekly tradition of torturing opposing secondaries, this time tallying 9 receptions for 148 yards and a touchdown. On the other side of the ball, Knauf put his hands to work snagging an interception.

Breydon Simmons, Shane Kisting and Beau Allison all caught a touchdown from Hanson as well.

The Tide graduates a number of skill players, but Lietz believes this senior class leaves a legacy for the next group to aspire to.

"This class epitomizes that they're not big kids but they play with a big heart. They got strong, and they embraced it and didn't care," Lietz said, echoing a final speech he gave to his players. "I never once heard them complain about being too small...That'd be an easy crutch, and these guys never used that."



Konner Knauf strides into the endzone against Big Foot Friday night. Knauf again had his way with the opposing secondary, racking up 148 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Photo by Jill Cook

Almost to the finish line. Revved up for business!

GIRLS' TENNIS

Fox and Ulset reached State in first year as partners

By Steven Slack Special to the Reporter

Sophomores Sylvia Fox and Ashley Ulset fell to Sheboygan North's Emily Fisher and Estelle Leonhard last Thursday at the WIAA girls state tennis tournament in Lake Geneva.

This shortened alternate fall season was the partners' first together after playing No.2 and No.3 singles as freshman.

"We threw them together to work on going to state in the next couple of years, not this year," head coach Eric Nuenthel admitted of the coach's expectations for the first-time partners. "I did not expect them to get to state... This was a pleasant surprise.

"I thought this would be a perfect practice for them for next season," Nuenthel explained about the initial idea for pairing the duo. "It usually takes a couple of years playing with a partner to start gelling where we have no issues."

Nuenthel noted that neither girl had an interest in doubles after playing in a few matches their freshman years. He described them as competitive players who previously enjoyed the pressure of singles matches.

"Neither one of them really cared for doubles until they actually started playing and learning how," Nuenthel said. "Now they're having fun doing it."

The 25-year coaching veteran observed that doubles is a more cerebral game than singles, requiring much more strategy and communication.

"What's nice about these two is they have decent serves and they can place the ball pretty well," Nuenthel said. "They're still young enough that they tend to overpower the ball...That's their singles training."

If next season returns to normal, as Nuenthel is hoping it does, varsity girls tennis will be picking up their rackets again in August.



Sophomores Sylvia Fox (left) and Ashley Ulset (right) advanced to the WIAA girls state tennis tournament in just their first year as partners but fell to a pair of juniors from Sheboygan North. The Crimson Tide's No.1 doubles players had only three matches before they began their postseason run to the state tournament.

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Senior Charlie Hayek (59) flexes after a tackle on Big Foot quarterback Basil Demco (8). The Tide defense picked off Demco three times in Friday's victory. Photo by Jill Cook

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