

## FOOTBALL

## Turnovers sink Tiders in 28-26 loss at East Troy

By Jeff Brown  
Special To The Reporter

The Tiders varsity football team will go into its home matchup with Evansville tomorrow night still looking for its first win. Edgerton lost the Rock Valley Conference opener 28-26 at East Troy on Sept. 3 and fell to 0-3 on the season.

“I’d call it an unfortunate finish to a well-fought game,” head coach Russ Lietz said of the East Troy game, which was played on a field slick from a downpour that petered out just before kickoff.

The unfortunate finish Lietz was referring to was a botched special teams play with 4:48 left in the game. It led to the winning touchdown for the black-and-gold clad Trojans.

Facing a 4th-and-13 from their own 19-yard line, the Tiders lined up to punt. When the snap sailed over his head and squirted into the end zone, punter Dayveon Lathrop tried to pick up the ball instead of falling for it on a safety. An East Troy player recovered the ball and the Trojans took a 28-26 lead.

It was the first time East Troy led in the game. The Tiders advanced the ensuing kickoff six yards past midfield, but gained no yards on three plays. On fourth down, quarterback Aydan Hanson threw an inter-



**Beau Allison carries the ball around the right side of the line against East Troy on Sept. 3.**

Photo by Jeff Brown

ception, and East Troy took a knee on two straight downs to run out the clock.

#### Kisting goes off

The loss obscured a blazing performance by the Tiders’ Shane Kisting. Kisting, a rangy senior who plays wide receiver and defensive back, scored three touchdowns.

The first came on a 24-yard TD pass from quarterback Aydan Hanson that put Edgerton up 12-0 (the two-point conversion failed). It was the Tiders’ first play after recovering an East Troy fumble.

Kisting’s second TD came on another 24-yard pass from Hanson, with 10:44 left in the second quarter. After a successful two-point conversion, the Tiders led 20-8.

Kisting’s third TD came on an 85-yard kickoff return with 4:07 left in the third quarter. That touchdown put the Tiders up 26-16.

“Shane made the one kid miss that he had to and everybody else had done their part to force their defender out and a seam opened up in the middle,” Lietz said. “With his speed, there aren’t many people who are going to catch him.”

The Trojans took a chunk out of the Tiders’ late lead by intercepting a pass from Hanson and running it back 55 yards for a touchdown with 44 seconds left in the third quarter. That made the score 26-22. Lietz said the interception came about because Hanson threw the ball under heavy pressure up the middle.

The final score made it easy to overlook a solid performance from the Tiders defense, which gave up only 137 yards and 16 points.

“They beat us, but their offense didn’t win the game for ‘em,” Lietz said. “And we have to own that.”

#### Blue Devils have bulk

Lietz said his team has already turned its sights to the game against Evansville. The players practiced and watched

video of the East Troy game on Labor Day.

“They’re disappointed in the finish but we’re trying to stress the positive of it,” Lietz said. “We are getting better. We really should have a 2-1 record.”

Like Edgerton, Evansville is a young team that lost several key starters to graduation. One thing they didn’t lose was size.

“They’re big—they’re going to try to lean into us with their size,” Lietz said. “They run a little

spread, they run a little power I-stuff. They are going to come out and try to establish a run game.”

Whether the Tiders can stop the Evansville run game—and whether they can conquer their habit of self-inflicted wounds—will go a long way to determining whether they pick up their first win of the season.

#### Tiders vs. East Troy-Stats

First downs: 8

Rushing: 42 yards/23 attempts

Passing: Hanson—8 of 15 for 87 yards (3 TD 2 INT)

Fumbles lost: 3

Fumbles recovered: 1

Yards allowed: 137

Penalties: 8 for 75 yards

Leading rusher: Allison (16 for 75 yards)

Leading receiver: Kisting (3 for 71 yards)

Leading tackler: Allison (7)

TFLs: Allison, South (2)

Brown, DuPuis, Kisting, Lathrop (1).

## Stricker makes final Ryder Cup picks

By Doug Ferguson  
AP Golf Writer

Equipped with the most captain’s picks in Ryder Cup history, Steve Stricker added four more rookies to an American team that included a mix of obvious choices and perhaps a surprise, but no Patrick Reed.

Stricker filled out his 12-man team with Tony Finau, Xander Schauffele, Jordan Spieth and Harris English. They were the next four in the Ryder Cup standings. The other two picks went to Daniel Berger and Scottie Scheffler.

Reed has a history of thriving in team events with his personality and short game. He has a 7-3-2 record in the previous three Ryder Cups and is undefeated in singles.

But he’s had a poor summer, and couldn’t play the final two qualifying events while hospitalized with a case of pneumonia that made him fear for his life. Reed returned to play the Tour Championship and tied for 17th in the actual score from the 30-man field.

Europe’s qualifying ends after this week’s BMW PGA Championship in England, and then Pádraig Harrington will announce the three captain’s picks. The Ryder Cup is Sept. 24-26 at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin. Europe not only is the defending champion, it has won nine of the last 12 times dating back to 1995.

The six automatic qualifiers for the American team were Collin Morikawa, Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau, Justin Thomas, Brooks Koepka and Patrick Cantlay.

Scheffler becomes the first American to be picked for his first Ryder Cup without having won on the PGA Tour since Rickie Fowler in 2010. Scheffler has been a steady presence, was runner-up at the Dell Match Play in March, and is No. 21 in the world. He finished 14th in the Ryder Cup standings.

Most striking is the experience. Among the six who qualified, two-time major champion Morikawa and FedEx Cup champion Cantlay have never played in the Ryder Cup. The four picks who will make their Ryder Cup debuts this year are Schauffele, English, Berger and Scheffler.

The six rookies are the most for the Americans since there were six on the 2008 team that won at Valhalla.

Cantlay and Schauffele were a tough team at the Presidents Cup in 2019. Berger played in the Presidents Cup in 2017. Morikawa, English and Scheffler will be playing in this format for the first time as professionals.

The U.S. team traditionally has eight automatic qualifiers and four captain’s picks. That was increased to six for this Ryder Cup because of uncer-



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tainty over how the COVID-19 pandemic—which postponed the matches for one year—would affect the tour schedule.

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