

# Knights Hold on to First Half Lead to Win 14-6 over the Cumberland Pirates - Still Undefeated After Five Weeks



The ALAH Knights football team played the Cumberland Pirates on Saturday, September 23 in week 5 of the season at Cumberland. Defense played an important part of the game. Knights defensive lineman #70 Jacob Tighe and linebacker #3 Maddix Stirett take down the Pirates running back Blake McMechan in the first quarter of the game last Friday. #8 Easton Frederick and #1 Jayce Parsons look to help if needed.

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The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Knights football team hit the road to take on the 3-1 Cumberland Pirates on Friday, September 22. There wasn't a lot of scoring in the game but fortunately for the visitors they scored two of the three touchdowns in the game with all the scoring coming in the first half. The teams battled in the second half, mostly in the middle of the field but the red, black and gold came away with the last big stop and the win.

ALAH got the ball first but a high snap, an incomplete pass and only a five yard gain led to the Knights punting the ball to the Pirates who went on a long drive from their own 19 to the ALAH 10 and burned nine minutes off the clock.

The Knights defense stepped up and stopped the Pirates on four straight plays to give the ball back to their offense.

The Knights mounted a drive that started at their 11 and moved to Cumberland's 35 but Pirate defensive back Blake McMechan picked off a pass to stop ALAH with 10:09 left in the first half.

The visitor defense held again and forced another Pirate punt. This time they scored quickly with Knight quarterback Jayce Parsons taking the ball 60 yards on the second play from scrimmage into the end zone for the first score of the game. Kaden Herschberger kicked the extra point and ALAH led 7-0.

ALAH's Garrett Casteel recovered the Knights onside kick but another interception ended that drive at the 5:51

mark of the second quarter.

A huge break came for the Knights when after the defense forcing yet another punt, the snap sailed over the punter's head and Payton Warrior tackled him at the 2 yard line where Parsons took it into the end zone on the second play. With another extra point kick by Herschberger the Knights took a 14-0 lead with 2:46 remaining in the first half.

Cumberland didn't roll over and put together a drive that saw them go to the passing game frequently to move the ball to the Knights 11 where running back Blake McMechan took it in for a td. The kick was, no good but cut the ALAH lead to 14-6 with 46 seconds left in the half.

The second half would see no more scoring as both teams moved the ball mainly in the middle of the field but neither team could cross the goal line. The Pirates had four series in the last two quarters but they ended with a punt, turnover on downs, an interception by the Knights linebacker Easton Frederick and with a big stop by the visiting defense another turnover on downs.

The Knights also had four possessions in the second half but a fumble and a turnover on downs ended the first two. On their third series, on a fourth down play, QB Parsons executed a quick kick that put the home team back on their own 20 yard line. The ALAH defense bent but didn't break, giving up three first downs but making a huge stop on a fourth and 17 play that ended the Pirates hopes. The Knights last series was the best, going into victory formation and taking a knee to run out the clock.

The win moves the Knights to 5-0 on the season with the Nokomis Redskins up next for the annual Homecoming game on Friday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilson Field. Nokomis is one of the two new teams that joined the Lincoln Prairie Conference this sea-

son. ALAH lost to Cumberland 25-17, 13-25, 18-25 Record 5-9, Conference record 2-2

## ALAH Sports Scoreboard



### Varsity Volleyball September 19

ALAH lost to Cumberland 25-17, 13-25, 18-25 Record 5-9, Conference record 2-2

ACES: Karaline Vanausdoll, 2; Sara Herschberger, 2; Hannah Carter, 1; Brynlee Moore, 1; KILLS: Summer Melton, 10; Mackenzie Condill, 6; Addison Yeakel, 2; Alayna Plank, 1; Sara Herschberger, 1; Brynlee Moore, 1; BLOCK KILLS: Maggie Benedict, 1; Karaline Vanausdoll, 1; DIGS: Karaline Vanausdoll, 12; Mackenzie Condill, 7; Alayna Plank, 5; Summer Melton, 4; Sara Herschberger, 2; Maggie Benedict, 1; ASSISTS: Alayna Plank, 22; Sara Herschberger, 1

JV defeated Cumberland 25-19, 19-25 15-7

### Varsity Volleyball September 21

ALAH defeated Okaw Valley 25-16, 26-24 Record 6-9; Conference record 3-2

ACES: Karaline Vanausdoll, 2; Savannah Butcher, 1; Summer Melton, 1; Sara Herschberger, 1; Mackenzie Condill, 1; KILLS: Summer Melton, 9; Savannah Butcher, 6; Karaline Vanausdoll, 2; Addison Yeakel, 1; Maggie Benedict, 1; Mackenzie Condill, 1; Alayna Plank, 1; BLOCK KILLS: Savannah Butcher, 1 assist, 1 solo; Alayna Plank, 1 assist, 1 solo; DIGS: Karaline Vanausdoll, 11; Mackenzie Condill, 6; Alay-

na Plank, 4; Sara Herschberger, 3; Summer Melton, 2; Brynlee Moore, 1; ASSISTS: Alayna Plank, 17; Maggie Benedict, 1; JV defeated Okaw Valley 25-22 and 25-17

### ALAH Soccer September 21

ALAH defeated Arthur Christian School 3-1

STEALS: Kaulin Morfey, 4; Johnny Burgin, 4; Ishmael Corona, 3; Jesus Corona, 3; Addison Rohr, 2; Colin Fay, 2; Preston Gingerich, 2; Zach Snyder, 2; Andrew Stutzman, 1; Alek Stutzman, 1; SHOTS: Ishmael Corona, 5; Addison Rohr, 3; Andrew Stutzman, 2; Jesus Corona, 1; GOALS: Ishmael Corona, 2; Andrew Stutzman, 1; ASSISTS: Andrew Stutzman, 1; Kaulin Morfey, 1;

GOALIE STATS: Nathan Cogdill, 17 saves, 1 goal in;

### ALAH Cross Country

September 23 at Spartan Classic St. Joe Ogden High School

All times for boys and girls were PRs

Girls finish 15th in team standings in Girls 3 Mile Varsity

Individual results: Ruby Burton, 38, 20:26.96; Kimberly Krutsinger, 48, 20:54.93; Embrey Reardon, 56, 21:29; Josie Carrillo, 115, 24:31.8;

Boys 3 Mile Varsity: Preston Gingerich, 76, 17:49.92; Owen Herring, 159, 22:34.82

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- Approaches to SRI investing
- Shareholder advocacy, community investing and corporate responsibility
- Portfolio construction and how SRI can be incorporated
- ESG performance, risk and rating metrics



Scoring in the Knights game at Cumberland last Friday night was limited but quarterback Jayce Parsons put two on the board for ALAH. On this score he is headed to the end zone on a 60 yard scoring run for the first touchdown of the game. He would score again on a 2 yard run in the second quarter after a Pirate turnover.

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From Coach Jefferson on the Knight Pride facebook page, "Cumberland is a good football team, and they made us earn it last night - felt like a playoff game. Speaking of, we are officially playoff eligible, and we are 5-0 for the first time since 2004! Homecoming next week, so hoping for a packed house at Wilson Field to try to move on to 6-0 against Nokomis. Here are our Week 5 stats from our victory over the Pirates!"

### OFFENSIVE STATS

Rushing - Jayce Parsons, 17 for 140 & 2 TDs; Landon Waldrop, 10 for 41; Maddix Stir-

rett, 3 for 5; Easton Frederick, 1 for -9

Passing - Jayce Parsons, 1 of 7 for 16 & 2 INT; Landon Waldrop, 0 for 1

Receiving - Landon Waldrop, 1 for 16

### DEFENSIVE STATS

Tackles - Maddix Stirrett, 17; Easton Frederick, 10; Jeffrey Arwine, 8; Cruz Hale, 7; Jacob Tighe, 6; Landon Waldrop, 5; Connor Nettles, 5; Payton Warrior, 4; Jayce Parsons, 3; Nathan Tighe, 3; Mit Appleby, 3; Brennon Hutson, 1

Tackles for Loss - Landon Waldrop, 1; Mit Appleby, 1

Sacks - Easton Frederick, 1; Maddix Stirrett, 1

Interceptions - Easton Frederick, 1

Pass Break-Ups - Connor Nettles, 4; Jayce Parsons, 2; Landon Waldrop, 2; Cruz Hale, 1

Forced Fumbles - Easton Frederick, 1

### SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

Kick-Offs - Kaden Herschberger, 3 for 73 and accomplished an onside kick

PATS - 2 of 2 (100%)

Punts - Landon Waldrop, 1 for 42; Jayce Parsons, 1 for 23

Kick-Off Returns - Landon Waldrop, 2 for 45

Onside Kick Recoveries - Garrett Casteel, 1



A big play in the ALAH football game with Cumberland came when Cumberland snapped the ball over their punter's head and Knights sophomore Payton Warrior shot down the field for the tackle. The play gave the ball to the Knights at the 2 yard line and they scored one play later to take a 14-0 lead.



ALAH head football coach Ryan Jefferson talks to the team in the post game huddle at Cumberland last Friday night. The Knights hung on to win 14-6 in a hard fought defensive battle with the Pirates to remain undefeated on the season. The next opponent for the Knights are the Nokomis Redskins for the annual Homecoming game on Friday, September 29 at Wilson Field. Game time is 7:00 p.m.