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King's High School Football  
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## Knights pull away in the second half to beat Granite Falls 52 - 28



In the 3rd quarter, King's used a relentless ground game to score twice and put the game out of reach.

### King's outscored Granite Falls 28 - 7 in the second half to secure third conference win.

By Sam Roach

"Okay, I'm going to say this as calmly as I can," Line Coach Luke Bobin told his linemen just before the beginning of the third quarter last Friday at Granite Falls, "but it all starts with us. If we're going to win this thing tonight, it's going to start with us."

The linemen got the message loud and clear and proved to be the catalyst as King's scored 28

unanswered points in the second half, half of those points coming on the ground, as King's defeated Granite Falls 52 to 28.

At halftime, the game was close as Granite Falls, after falling behind early 14 - 0, used their passing game to tie the game at 21 all with twenty-two seconds remaining in the second quarter.

King's responded by returning a short kickoff to the Granite Falls 47, a thirty six yard strike from Noah Clark to Caden Castillo and a twenty one yard field goal with one second remaining by Matthew Williams to take a three point lead into the locker room at the half.

In the intermission, King's made some defensive adjustments especially as it related to the potent Granite Falls passing attack. According to Defensive Coordinator Dave Taylor, "we identified their two primary targets and moved to a Nickel package...Basically we prioritized stopping the pass and made them try to run the ball to beat us." The offensive linemen that Bobin had exhorted just minutes before the third quarter started were also the defensive linemen responsible for shutting down the Granite Falls running game. For the next twenty four minutes they did just that. Granite Falls lone touchdown in the second half came on a deep pass late in the 4th quarter after the outcome had been clearly decided.

On the offensive side of the ball, relying on their powerful running game, the Knights pounded the ball at Granite Falls as Offensive Coordinator Caleb Taylor took advantage of what the Granite Falls defense gave him. It was a heavy dose of junior running back Braeden Caulk, Clark, and freshman running back Garrett Hagen. With their efficient running attack, King's scored twice on the ground and twice on passes that were set up by that running game.

With the victory, King's locked up the top seed out of the Emerald Sound Conference going into post season play. King's next game will be the opening round of the state playoffs in November. The opponent and date are TBD.

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## The Inside Stories

### Caden Castillo

All this kid does is make plays when King's needs them. He doesn't get as many targets as the other wide receivers do, but when he does, he makes the most of them. Last Friday night when Granite Falls tied the game at 21 all with twenty five seconds remaining in the second quarter, Castillo got open on a deep post route and put the Knights into scoring position.

### There is a lot of depth at the running back position

Last Friday night, King's rushed for 327 yards led by junior Braeden Caulk who had 166 yards on 18 carries. Up to this point in the season, everyone knew about Caulk and his running mate, sophomore Quinn Carlson. The two often split the load especially when King's ran their two back sets. What many people didn't know was that there was a third running back in the fold. After Carlson went down with an ankle sprain late in the second quarter, the next man up was freshman running back Garrett Hagen. In the second half, Hagen ran for 98 yards on seven carries that included a 74 yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. In other words, in the second half when King's gave Granite Falls a heavy dose of their running game, even without Carlson in the lineup, they didn't skip a beat.

### King's defensive line and linebackers effectively shut down Granite Falls running game.

King's held Granite Falls to under 100 yards rushing and, in the second half, this proved to be the difference in the game.

### Christianity is alive and well at Granite Falls

One of the things that especially impressed me was after the game when the two teams met together for prayer. The post game prayer was led by two Granite Falls captains and their prayers were genuine expressions of a strong faith that gave honor and glory to God. And when Granite broke out the united gathering, they did so with a shout, "Family!" It was encouraging to see.

### Best line of the night.

"I started out as the 2nd string water boy. Now I'm the ball boy." Memphis (he's in elementary school)



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## The Photo Gallery

