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Knights' ballhawk defense set the tone early for a 63 - 22 win.



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On Mount Baker's second play from scrimmage, Jack Fuller intercepted a pass and returned it to the Mount Baker 19. Two plays later Mak Kanzler took an 18 yard pass from Noah Clark into the endzone to give the Knights the lead..

Breaden Caulk and Noah Clark combine for 8 touchdowns.

By Sam Roach

The Knights took advantage of two first quarter interceptions by Jack Fuller and Noah Clark to score 14 early points on their way to a blow out win over Mount Baker last Friday night at Woolsey Stadium.

On the second play from scrimmage Turner intercepted a Mount Baker pass and returned it to the Mountaineer 19 yard line. Two plays later, Clark found senior tight end Mak Kanzler across the middle for an 18 yard touchdown

reception giving Kings a lead they would never relinquish.

Mount Baker's second offensive series ended just like their first one did only this time it was Clark making the interception. King's methodically marched down the field mixing up runs and passes and six plays later Breaden Caulk plowed into the endzone from eleven yards out.

Mount Baker used two big plays, a kick off return for a touchdown and one long pass to keep the game close but for the entire night, with a powerful running game that would produce 423 rushing yards, the game belonged to the Knights. Caulk led all rushers

with 201 yards on 16 carries and five touchdowns and Clark had 174 yards on ten carries and one touchdown, a 61 yard keeper in the third quarter. In addition, Clark added 116 passing yards on eight completions and two touchdowns.

Defensively, the Knights limited Mount Baker to 124 yards rushing and 115 yards passing and produced four turnovers on the way to a 41 point victory that brought with it, not only a win but a running clock in the fourth quarter against a good team that will contend for a state berth in District 1.

With the win, King's improved their record to 4 - 0. Their next game will be this Friday night at home against Cascade Christian. Kickoff is at 7:00.

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2nd Quarter, 1st and 10 on the King's 2 yard line: This was the key sequence of drives in the game. It was early in the second quarter and although King's had dominated play up to that point, it was still anyone's ballgame. If Mount Baker could have forced King's to go three and out, they would have gotten the ball in good field position with a chance to score and take the lead. King's responded like a team on a mission. Braeden Caulk pounded out a ten yard run, followed by Noah Clark's 34 yard run, followed by another 24 yard run by Caulk. That was 68 yards in three plays and although the drive eventually stalled, the tone was set.

Mount Baker took over on downs but was unable to effectively run the ball and a sack by Angelo Gasperetti forced a punt.

What followed was an eleven play 69 yard drive capped off by a three yard run by Caulk giving King's a 28 - 15 lead. The game was never close after that. The Knights would score the next 21 points to put the game out of reach.

The defense played an outstanding game: Mount Baker is well coached and runs a Wing-T offense which uses a lot of ball fakes and misdirection and teams that run this offense effectively can often average over 200 to 250 yards a game. To stop this offense, a defense must be disciplined and execute their assignments effectively. King's did just that. They read their keys and swarmed to the ball. Mount Baker rushed for only 124 yards and their leading rusher, Brady Bruland, a junior with good speed was held to 32 yards on eight carries. Because of the Knights' defense, Mount Baker was forced to rely on their passing game more than they wanted to and the scoreboard showed it.

63 points and a running clock in the 4th Quarter: Fans may not appreciate the significance of this but this is huge. This was not East Jefferson, this was Mount Baker, the same team that finished second in state last year and stayed with the state champion Royal Knights for at least a half before finally losing the game. Mount Baker is well coached and has a winning tradition in Whatcom County. The pundits expected King's to win this game but certainly not by 41 points. The 2023 King's Knights are getting people's attention this year.



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