

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: Big Spring runs over Greencastle-Antrim

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NEWVILLE — Aside from a few late touchdowns, it was a forgettable night for Greencastle-Antrim Friday at Big Spring.

The Bulldogs had their way through the first three quarters, at one point leading 42-0 before eventually putting the finishing touches on a dominant 49-21 Mid-Penn Colonial Division football victory.

Big Spring's Ryan Adams found the end zone four times, rushing for 174 yards while adding 71 receiving. Bulldog quarterback Jaret Petty was also ultra-efficient, completing 8-of-11 passes for 146 yards and three scores, orchestrating a Big Spring offense that did as it pleased for much of the evening.

"We came out and we weren't ready to play," G-A head coach Chuck Tinninis said. "There's no excuses, they beat us and we just didn't play well. I didn't have my team ready to play and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure that doesn't happen."

Little went right for the Blue Devils (1-5, 1-2 MPC) until the fourth quarter, when a trio of rushing scores in the final 10 minutes lessened the blow.

Adams was a one-man machine from the opening whistle, reeling in a two touchdown passes while breaking loose on an 80-yard scoring run all in the first half. The junior running back's fourth trip across the goal line served as his final carry of the night, making it 42-0 with seven minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Petty was equally impressive during the first two quarters, connecting twice with Adams on touchdowns of 23 and 41 yards while hitting Nick Black for a 39-yard score, sending the Bulldogs (5-1, 3-0 MPC) to the locker room up 28-0 at the half.

"We didn't do many things right in the first half on either side of the ball," Tinninis said. "They came out swinging, throwing the ball well. It just got away from us."

Things continued to snowball on the opening kickoff of the second half, as Charles Bowers found a seam en route to a 84-yard touchdown return for a 35-0 cushion.

The Blue Devils lost a fumble on their ensuing possession, giving the ball back to Big Spring at the G-A 41. Three plays later, Adams carried around the left side for a 24-yard trip to pay dirt, extending the margin to 42-0.

With the game decided, the Blue Devils finally found some traction in the fourth, getting on the board with an 8-yard touchdown run by Demetrius Burton.

Starting at the Big Spring 41 after forcing a punt, the Blue Devils drove to the 1 where Cade McDowell took a keeper across for their second score of the quarter.

The Bulldogs quickly answered as backup quarterback Ethan Lee scrambled for 46 yards two minutes later, accounting for Big Spring's seventh touchdown of the night.

Following a few nice gains on the ground, McDowell rumbled in from 7 yards out to produce the 49-21 final.

"We're going to come back Monday, buckle up and get back to work," Tinninis said. "There's four games left, so we're going to find out who wants to play football."

Burton carried 25 times for 118 yards to highlight G-A's offense. Caleb Schaeffer added 73 yards on nine attempts.

The Blue Devils return to action next Friday at home against unbeaten Shippensburg (6-0).