

# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: Waynesboro Indians roll past Greencastle-Antrim Blue Devils

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## Tribe's Brady Beckner surpasses 1,000 yards for season

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WAYNESBORO — It seems whenever Waynesboro and Greencastle-Antrim square off on the football field, there isn't much of a game.

It was true during the earlier part of the 21st century when the Blue Devils were pounding away at the Indians on their way to lopsided wins.

Now, the same is true for Waynesboro.

After beating G-A for the first time in a long, long time two years ago, the Indians have now added two more wins to this short rivalry. On Friday night, Waynesboro handed the Blue Devils a 42-10 loss.

And coupled with Shippensburg's loss to Northern York, it puts the Indians (5-3, 4-1 MPC) in a good position to earn a share of the Mid-Penn Colonial Division championship. Big Spring and Shippensburg — also both 4-1 in the Colonial — still have to play one another, meaning if Waynesboro wins out, the Tribe will assure itself a share of the division crown.

First things first, and that is the game that was played on the turf at Buchanan Automotive Stadium.

For the third straight game, Waynesboro's offense played like it was shot out of a cannon. The Indians took a 21-0 lead after the first quarter and built a 35-0 lead at halftime that triggered the continuous clock rule.

### **Brady's big game**

Senior running back Brady Beckner continues to impress, rushing for 121 yards and surpassing 1,000 yards for the season. Beckner exploded for a 55-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter to give the Indians a 42-0 lead.

"It feels great," Beckner said. "At the beginning of the season, I was definitely looking at 1,000 yards, and then, later on in the season, I was like, 'Man, I've gotten more yards in these past two games.' I definitely think I can do more than a thousand."

Now, Beckner has updated his goal and said he'd like to see if he can get 1,500.

With the offensive line he has in front of him, it's more than possible.

"The line does a great job. They definitely hold up their end. They made great blocks down the field and at the line of scrimmage. Also, our passing game was working. Brady is passing great right now and Cam is definitely one of our go-to receivers."

### **Get it done**

G-A (1-7, 1-4 MPC) averted a shutout when Ian Gelsing kicked a 46-yard field goal and Kyrin Zimmerman caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Cade McDowell with 23 seconds left to play.

"Get the job done," Waynesboro coach Steve Myers said after the game. "Take one at a time."

It was essentially the same thing he told his team after the game in a short message that included "two more to play."

It's a motto that Myers' bunch seems to have taken to heart, and that's "taking care of business."

Indeed, Waynesboro was businesslike and methodical in the first 24 minutes of play, making another statement that both the offense and defense have become dominant forces in the league against whomever they play.

"We're playing hard, we're playing physical just like the last couple of weeks," Myers said. "Whether we are on offense or defense, we're getting after it."

Speaking of defense, Waynesboro held G-A to 125 total yards, holding the Blue Devils to 2.1 yards a carry.

"I thought we'd give them a little better game," G-A head coach Chuck Tinninis said. "Myers is doing a great job. They're well-coached, they're playing good football. They're a solid team, they can run, they can throw, they play tough defense and No. 11 (Forrest Rhyne) is a stud."

In the past three games, Waynesboro has scored 63, 35 and 42 points.

### **On a roll**

The Indians scored early and often.

On its very first possession, Waynesboro marched 40 yards in five plays, capped by a 3-yard run by quarterback Brady Riddell — who runs more like a fullback. The score was set up nicely on a 49-yard pass play from Riddell to Cameron Keck. George Souders made six extra points, and his first gave the Tribe a 7-0 lead.

After forcing the Blue Devils to punt, Waynesboro was off and running again. This time, the Indians drove 79 yards on seven plays, with Mason Frampton breaking loose on a 33-yard scoring run.

Frampton changed direction that enabled him to outrun the defense.

G-A struggled to get yards as Waynesboro snuffed out running play after running play, and the Devils were unable to get anything going in the air. The consequence was their third punt in three possessions.

Waynesboro took advantage of its third offensive series by scoring its third touchdown of the game, this time on a 2-yard run by Riddell, which was set up by a 40-yard run by Beckner.

G-A punted the ball five times and had one blocked in the first half.

Following its fourth punt, the Blue Devils gave up another score as the Tribe marched 71 yards on six plays. During the possession, Keck caught a 37-yard pass while being defended by Antwoine Carter, who was covering Keck as good as a defender can guard any receiver. The ball appeared to drop right through Carter's hands into a falling Keck's, giving Waynesboro a first down at the G-A 17.

Beckner gained 12 yards on the next play, and Riddell threw a corner pass to Keck in the end zone for a 28-0 lead after Souders' point after touchdown.

On G-A's ensuing possession, the Indians' Austin Bish broke through the line and blocked Gelsinger's punt.

Waynesboro scored three plays later when Riddell passed to a wide open Dylan Cummins for a 35-0 lead with 2:17 left to play in the second quarter.

"When we're blowing assignments and giving up touchdowns, that doesn't help. But I saw a lot of grit out of a lot of our kids, and we want to end the season on a high note beginning next week," Tinninis said.

Riddell threw only five passes, but he completed all of them, including four for 131 yards to Keck. In addition to Beckner's 121 yards, Frampton gained 45 yards on just two rushes.

It was a pretty clean game, too. There were only five combined penalties. Waynesboro was penalized three times for 30 yards, including a personal foul. G-A had just two penalties for 20 yards.

NEXT: Waynesboro travels to play James Buchanan. The Blue Devils host Northern York.