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**ON JCONLINE.COM** What does Donnie Hale's transfer mean for Purdue men's basketball? Read Jeff Washburn's blog for more analysis.

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## **PURDUE MEN'S** BASKETBALL Boilers will allow Hale to transfer Forward likely headed to DII Bellarmine **By Jeff Washburn** jwashburn@jconline.com Purdue redshirt sopho-more forward Donnie Hale has asked for a release from his scholarship and will transfer to another school, likely Division II Bellarmine in



Louisville. The 6-foot-8 Hale averaged 3.8 points and 2.8 rebounds in 32 games as a redshirt freshman.

Hale

Coach Matt Painter said Friday after-

noon that Hale wants to be closer to his New Albanv home and has a desire for more playing time. Painter

has granted Hale's request. Contacted Friday after-noon, Hale said he plans to finish the semester at Purdue and then transfer, probably to Bellarmine, which is just a few miles across the Ohio River from his home in New Albany. Hale, who will be 22 in October, wants to be closer to his girlfriend, with whom he has a daughter who will be 3 in November. Hale said he is 99.9 percent sure Bellarmine is where he will transfer.

Hale's girlfriend and daughter live in Charlestown, which also is near New Albany

If he transfers to Bellarmine, Hale will be eligible to play there at the start of the second semester, as soon as Purdue's first-semester grades are posted. After gradating from New Albany 2010, Hale spent the 2010-11 season at a prep school. He enrolled at Purdue the following season and redshirted. Last season, as a redshirt freshman, he made eight starts. "It's really all familybased, wanting to be closer to home," Hale said Friday. "That really is the main factor. I've thought about this for a little bit. After thinking about it, I just decided that this was the best choice for my family. "That part has been tough for me, really wanting to be a lot closer to them while I am playing basketball and getting my education. They want to be more of a part of my life as well." Hale said he anticipated receiving an opportunity to play extended minutes during the upcoming Purdue season. 'That part of it was going to be just fine," Hale said. "There are really a lot of good guys in the locker room. It was a great time here. (The decision) didn't have anything to do with that. I have no hard feelings towards Purdue at all. I will always wish the guys in that locker room and the coaching staff the best of luck. I will be cheering for them.

## **HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**



# West Side stays perfect

Watt delivers big plays as Red Devils top Rensselaer in battle of unbeatens, 20-14

## By Nathan Baird

breaking a school record that had stood for 46 years. He hauled in a go-ahead 79yard touchdown pass from Parker Ronchetto that stood up as the game-winner. And he ended the Bombers' ensuing drive with an interception in West Lafayette tertory, which Matt Nordlund sealed with a sack of Bombers quarterback Dylan Wright in the final minute.

We were just prepared," Watt said. "We had our assignments. We knew what we were doing. We scouted all week. They had a great offense, but we had a defe that was prepared to come out and hit them hard."

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Brandon Watt can look back on three big plays in Class 3A No. 4 West Lafayette's 20-14 victory over 2A No. 2 Rensselaer at Straley Field on Friday.

The Red Devil senior returned the opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown,

But Watt could look back with a chuckle on one that got away: a pass that could have gone for a back-breaking 94-yard touchdown when he beat the Rensselaer secondary. Instead, the ball fell harmlessly through his hands.

Watt and his teammates had to sweat out the pivotal Hoosier Conference vic-

Big plays in all three phases pushed the Red Devils to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Hoosier Conference.

'It's huge," said West Lafayette defen-

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## Better late than never for Knights

Witteveen's heroics save CC in 14-7 triumph over Tipton

**By Sam King** sking@jconline.com

TIPTON — Mitch Witteveen was sitting in the stands when Central Catholic defeated Delphi in the season opener.

The senior hadn't played football since he was a scrawny freshman. He didn't want to have regrets about giving up on potential lifetime memories with his peers and sought out coach Kevin O'Shea the following Monday with a desire to return.

The coaching staff and the

captains made a rare exception, allowing Witteveen back on the team under the following conditions: He would not have a starting spot "unless

Witteveen

something funky happened" and he would run two miles a day for three weeks to show his commitment after missing preseason training.

Friday night assured those who allowed him back that they had made the right decision, and Witteveen proved to himself he did as well with his 67yard punt return that sealed Class 2A No. 3 CC's 14-7 victory at Tipton.

"I was in pain watching them, and my senior year, I thought I wanted to have no regrets after looking back at high school," Witteveen said. "I came out and I feel like I am helping the team out as much as I can."

Friday night, Witteveen was a difference-maker both on special teams and defensively.

In a game defined by defense and penalties, it was an untimely decision to punt the ball inbounds, but away from playmaker Jackson Anthrop, that spoiled the Blue Devils' homecoming.

Tipton had the ball with 1:40 to go, but threw an incompletion and CC burned two timeouts. With 1:06 to go, Witteveen capped a fantastic football

game with a fantastic finish.

"This is really the first time I've let (someone join the team after the season started)," O'Shea said. "Something funky happened, and we had to put Mitch out on the field. And we're very blessed that he came out because without that, he wouldn't have bailed us out tonight.

The prior Tipton series, an undersized Knights defense plugged up the middle on a fourth-and-inches play, offsetting a bad punt snap that gave Tipton the ball with a short field and time dwindling.

"On defense, every play is crucial and we're just coming at them full steam," said line-

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Wednesday's



Last vs.

## Standings

## **American League**

						Lust	¥.3.		
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	10	Div.	Home	Away
Boston (d)	97	63	.606	_	W-2	6-4	44-30	53-28	44-35
TB(e)	90	70	.563	7	L-1	8-2	42-32	51-30	39-40
Balt.(e)	83	77	.519	14	L-1	3-7	34-40	44-35	39-42
x-NYY(e)	82	77	.516	141/2	L-4	3-7	37-39	46-35	36-42
Toronto (e)	73	87	.456	24	W-1	4-6	29-45	39-40	34-47
						Last	VS.		
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	10	Div.	Home	Away
Detroit (d)	93	67	.581	_	L-1	6-4	47-29	51-30	42-37
Clev. (e)	90	70	.563	3	W-8	9-1	42-32	51-30	39-40
KC(e)	85	75	.531	8	W-2	6-4	43-31	44-37	41-38
Minn. (e)	66	94	.413	27	L-4	2-8	29-45	32-47	34-47
Chicago (e)	62	98	.388	31	L-4	3-7	25-49	36-43	26-55
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West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	10	Div.	Home	Away
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x-Oakland (d)	94	65	.591	_	L-2	6-4	42-31	52-29	42-36	ng
Texas (e)	89	71	.556	5½	W-5	7-3	51-23	44-35	45-36	
LAA (e)	78	82	.486	16½	L-2	5-5	32-42	39-42	39-40	Pir
x-Seattle(e)	70	89	.440	24	W-2	4-6	35-38	35-43	35-46	RE
x-Houston (e)	51	108	.321	43	L-12	0-10	25-51	24-54	27-54	AL.

Last vs.

## National League

			-			Last	VS.		
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	10	Div.	Home	Away
Atlanta (d)	95	65	.594	_	W-2	6-4	46-28	55-24	40-41
x-Wash. (e)	84	75	.528	10½	L-3	5-5	43-33	47-34	37-41
NYM (e)	73	87	.456	22	L-2	6-4	34-42	32-47	41-40
Phila.(e)	72	88	.450	23	L-3	2-8	36-38	43-38	29-50
Miami (e)	60	100	.375	35	W-2	5-5	29-47	34-45	26-55
						Last	VS.		
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	10	Div.	Home	Away
St. Louis (d)	95	65	.594	_	W-4	8-2	44-30	51-27	44-38
Pitt (p) (e)	92	68	.575	3	W-1	5-5	43-31	50-31	42-37
Cin. (p) (e)	90	70	.563	5	L-3	6-4	40-34	49-29	41-41
Milw.(e)	73	87	.456	22	W-3	6-4	34-42	37-44	36-43
Chicago (e)	66	94	.413	29	L-1	3-7	25-49	31-50	35-44
West	w	L	Pct.	GB	Strk	Last 10		Home	Away
x-LAD(d)			.572	-				46-32	
x-Arizona (e)	80	79	.503	11	L-2	4-6	36-40	44-34	36-45
x-SD(e)	75	84	.472	16	W-2	6-4	34-39	45-36	30-48
CE()	74	85	.465	17	W-2	6-4	42-31	40-39	34-46
x-SF(e)	/4	05	. 105						

(magic number)(e) - eliminated from division race (p)-clinched playoff berth (d)-clinched division title x-Friday's game not included

## AL pitching leaders

Through Thursday	
ERA	
AniSanchez, Detroit	2.64
Colon, Oakland	2.64
Iwakuma, Seattle	2.66
Darvish, Texas	
Scherzer, Detroit	2.90
Strikeouts	
Darvish, Texas	269
Scherzer, Detroit	240
Sale, Chicago	221
FHernandez, Seattle	210
Saves	

<b>Strikeouts</b> Darvish, Texas	Nation	al I	eag	gue	
Scherzer, Detroit240 Sale, Chicago221	Team	W	L	РСТ	GB
FHernandez, Seattle	Pit (p)	92	68	.575	-
Saves JiJohnson, Baltimore48 GHolland, Kansas City46 MRivera, New York44 Nathan, Texas41	Cin (p)	90	70	.563	-

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Wild card standings

Team W L PCT GB

91 69 .569

90 70 .569

89 71 .556

American League

## Friday's games

Results HOME team in caps

**Major League Baseball** 

Friday's	games
BRAVES 1, Phillies 0	Atlanta's <b>Chris Johnson</b> led off the eighth inning with a homer to spoil an otherwise dominant start by <b>Cliff Lee</b> , and <b>Kris Medlen</b> allowed only two hits in eight innings.
Brewers 4, METS 2	Milwaukee's <b>Norichika Aoki</b> hit a leadoff homer, and <b>Khris Davis</b> connected three batters later.
BLUE JAYS 6, Rays 3	Toronto's <b>R.A. Dickey</b> lead the Blue Jays to a victory that stopped the Rays' seven-game winning streak. Tampa Bay wasted a 2-0 lead and committed a season-high three errors, including a pair by two-time Gold Glove third baseman <b>Evan Longoria</b> .
MARLINS 3, Tigers 2	Detroit's <b>Jhonny Peralta</b> played in his first game since completing a 50-game suspen- sion, going 1-for-4 with an RBI. Miami's <b>Giancarlo Stanton</b> drove in three runs.
Pirates 4, REDS 1	Pittsburgh's <b>Marlon Byrd</b> had three hits, and <b>Pedro Alvarez</b> hit a two-run homer. Both teams clinched postseason berths this week. Whoever wins the three-game series would be assured of hosting the one-game wild- card playoff on Tuesday night.
Red Sox 12, ORIOLES 3	Boston's <b>Clay Buchholz</b> allowed three runs over seven innings as the AL East champion Red Sox moved closer to securing home-field advantage throughout the postseason.
Royals 6, WHITE SOX 1	Kansas City's <b>James Shields</b> struck out 10 and scattered four hits over seven innings for his 100th career win, and the Royals ensured Chicago of its worst record since 1970.
CARDS 7, Cubs 0	St. Louis clinched its first NL Central title in four years behind the strong pitching of <b>Lance Lynn</b> and home runs by <b>David Freese</b> and <b>Matt Holliday</b> . St. Louis is tied with Atlanta for the best record in the NL. It is assured of home-field advantage when the NL division series starts Thursday.
Yankees 3, ASTROS 2	New York's <b>David Robertson</b> got the save as <b>Mariano Rivera</b> looked on, and the Yankees sent the Astros to their team-record 13th consecutive loss.
RANGERS 5, Angels 3	<b>Thursday:</b> Texas pinch hitter <b>Jurickson</b> <b>Profar</b> homered leading off the ninth inning, and the Rangers overcame a four-error inning to beat Los Angeles 6-5.
Indians 12, TWINS 6	<b>Thursday:</b> Cleveland reliever <b>Joe Smith</b> struck out pinch hitter <b>Oswaldo Arcia</b> to stop a ninth-inning rally and the Indians held off Minnesota 6-5.
Nationals at D'BACKS (late)	<b>Arizona note:</b> GM <b>Kevin Towers</b> said the fate of his team's coaching staff will be determined soon after Sunday's final game.
Athletics at MARINERS (late)	<b>Seattle note:</b> Manager <b>Eric Wedge</b> told the Mariners on Friday he will not return for next season, saying it became obvious he did not have a future with the organization.
Rockies at DODGERS (late)	<b>Colorado note:</b> The Rockies handed out 35,000 <b>Todd Helton</b> bobblehead dolls on Wednesday.
Padres at GIANTS (late)	San Diego note: Padres SS Ronny Cedeno missed his third straight game Thursday after being beaned by Arizona's <b>Heath Bell</b> on Monday night.

## Look ahead All times Eastern

## Today's probable pitchers and lines

Today's probab	ble	pitcl	hers	s an	d liı	1es		Wednesday's results
AMERICAN LEAGUE				201	3 Statis	stics		NYM 1, Cin 0 StL 4, Was 1 ChC 4, Pit 2
Pitchers	GS	W-L	Pct.	WHIP	ERA	IP	BA	ChC 4, Pit 2 LAA 3, Oak 1
L.A. Angels at Texas, 12:05	ET (Li							TB 7, NYY 2 Bal 9, Tor 5
LAA: Richards (R)	16	7-7	.500	1.34	4.09	140.2	.266	Cle 7, CWS 2
TEX: Holland (L)	32	10-9	.526	1.28	3.33	208.1	.256	Mil 4, Atl 0 Mia 3, Phi 2
Cleveland at Minnesota, 1:		•	· ·	1 22	414	152.0	262	Tex 7, Hou 3
<b>CLE:</b> Kazmir (L) <b>MIN:</b> De Vries (R)	28 1	9-9 0-1	.500 .000	1.32 2.40	4.14 11.70	152.0 10.0	.262 .356	Det 1, Min 2 Bos 15, Col 5
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 1:0		-		2.40	11.70	10.0	.550	SD 12, Ari 2
<b>TB:</b> Archer (R)	22	9-7	.562	1.10	3.21	126.1	.221	Sea 6, KC 0 SF 6, LAD 4
TOR: Happ (L)	17	4-7	.364	1.52	4.85	85.1	.254	Thursday's
Oakland at Seattle, 4:10 ET	(Line	: Oak, -155	5)					results
OAK: Parker (R)	31	12-7	.632	1.21	3.74	192.2	.239	SD 3, Ari 2 (11) TB 4, NYY 0
SEA: Maurer (R)	13	4-8	.333	1.58	6.48	84.2	.313	Bal 3, Tor 2
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05								Mil 4, NYM 2 Atl 7, Phi 1
BOS: Lester (L)	32	15-8	.652	1.27	3.67	208.1	.249	Tex 6, LAA 5
BAL: Chen (L)	22	7-7	.500	1.30	4.03	131.2	.267	KC 3, CWS 2 Cle 6, Min 5
Kansas City at Chicago Wh			ET (Lin .000		2 <b>0</b> ) 1.59	11 1	.179	LAD at SF
KC: Ventura (R) CWS: Johnson (R)	2 4	0-0 2-2	.000	1.06 1.57	2.82	11.1 22.1	.179	Sunday's game
N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 7					2.02	. 1	.230	<ul> <li>TB at Tor, 1:07 Mil at NYM, 1:10</li> </ul>
NYY: Pettitte (L)	29	10-11	.476	1.36	3.88	176.1	.279	Det at Mia, 1:10
HOU: Clemens (R)	4	4-6	.400	1.50	5.69	68.0	.285	Pit at Cin, 1:10 Bos at Bal, 1:35
NATIONAL LEACUE								Phi at Atl, 1:35
NATIONAL LEAGUE		<b>T</b>						KC at CWS, 2:10 Cle at Min, 2:10
<b>Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1</b> <b>PIT:</b> Morton (R)	: <b>05 E</b> 19	l (Line: C 7-4	<b>in, -135</b> ) .636	1.24	21/	111 0	.260	NYY at Hou, 2:1
CIN: Arroyo (R)	31	7-4 14-11	.560	1.24	3.14 3.60	111.2 197.1	.260	ChC at StL, 2:15 LAA at Tex, 3:05
San Diego at San Francisco					5.00	137.1	.233	SD at SF, 4:05
<b>SD:</b> Stults (L)	32	10-13	.435	1.28	3.94	196.2	.276	Oak at Sea, 4:10 Was at Ari, 4:10
SF: Petit (R)	6	4-0	1.000	1.13	2.84	44.1	.236	Col at LAD, 4:10
Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets, 4:	10 ET	(Line: N	YM, -115	)				End of regular seas
MIL: Nelson (R)	0	0-0	.000	.60	.00	5.0	.063	
NYM: Harang (R)	25	0-1	.000	1.35	5.57	137.1	.268	-
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:	10 ET	(Line: Atl	l, -250)					
PHI: TBA ATL: Minor (L)	31	13-8	.619	1.08	3.22	198.2	.233	
					3.22	196.2	.233	
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 4 CHC: Jackson (R)	<b>4:15 E</b> 30	8-17	stL, -180) .320	1.42	4.74	172.2	.273	
<b>STL:</b> Wainwright (R)	33	18-9	.520	1.42	3.01	236.1	.275	
Washington at Arizona, 8:								-
WAS: Haren (R)	29	9-14	.391	1.26	4.87	162.2	.273	
ARI: McCarthy (R)	21	5-10	.333	1.37	4.64	128.0	.301	-
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 9								
<b>COL:</b> Nicasio (R)	30	8-9	.471	1.50	5.32	152.1	.272	
LAD: Greinke (R)	27	15-3	.833	1.13	2.67	171.2	.236	
INTERLEAGUE								
Detroit at Miami, 7:10 ET (	Tine D	et -170)						
<b>DET:</b> Sanchez (R)	28	14-8	.636	1.18	2.64	177.0	.231	
MIA: Eovaldi (R)	17	4-6	.400	1.31	3.50	100.1	.245	



Seattle starter Felix Hernandez pitches against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning at Safeco Field.

By loe Nicholson, USA TODAY Sports

## **HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP**

## ohnson's touchdowns lift Delphi

Staff reports

touchdown on 12 carries. Ben- carries. Justice finished with in the second quarter and fin-

## **KNIGHTS**

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backer Joe Corcoran. "Our Dline is really getting to its slants this year. Coy Cronk is making great plays of all, coach (Tim O'Shea) is putting us in the right position to make plays.' Because of the size differential on the line, the Knights (5-1) had a pass-heavy offense. Senior quarterback Ty Preston completed 21 of 37 passes for 201 yards, including nine throws for 109 yards to freshman Ben Tharp. The breakthrough came in the final two minutes of the third quarter, when Preston took advantage of an aggressive Blue Devil defense with a 13-yard screen pass to Joe Smith for the game's first touchdown. 'We tried draws earlier in the game, and it wasn't working because they were really pinching hard," said Smith, who rushed for 78 yards on 10 carries. "We thought if we tried a draw one more time, it would open up. After that, we tried a middle screen and evervone just vacated the area." Tipton's response was an 11play, 72-yard drive that ended with Cory King's 28-yard TD reception on fourth-and-7. Deciding they were not going to let that be the play they regretted on the bus ride home, the defense responded with the fourth-down stop on Tipton's next drive.

Trevor Cox's second interception of the night set up Garrett Johnson's game-winning 1yard touchdown run with 4:44 remaining to give Delphi a 12-6 victory Friday night at Hammond Gavit.

Johnson, who ran 37 times for 187 yards, scored both touchdowns for the Oracles (3-3). His 2-yard run tied the game in the first quarter.

Delphi intercepted three passes and held Hammond Gavit (2-4) to 175 total yards.

### Winamac 51 West Central 0

This Class A top-five showdown at Francesville was anything but after Tyler Katschke rushed for a pair of first-quarter touchdowns for No. 3 Winamac (6-0).

Katschke rushed for 141 yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries. The Warriors gained 445 yards on the ground, averaging 12 yards a carry.

Hunter Holiday rushed for 61 yards to lead No. 5 West Central (5-1).

### Twin Lakes 42 **Benton Central 12**

Cameron Bennington and Michael Griffin led an Indians running game that gained 444 yards and had 120 called back by penalties at Monticello.

Griffin had 126 yards and a

lington rushed for 8/ yards and had two second-quarter touchdowns after Benton Central (1-5) took a 6-0 lead on Gunther Balensiefer's 8-yard run in the first quarter.

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Johnny Lanie's 15-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Souligne drew the Bison within 21-12 in the third quarter, but Griffin's 73-yard touchdown run regained the momentum for Twin Lakes (4-2).

## **Fountain Central 56** Seeger 13

Five touchdown passes from Koby Pierce, three to Ethan Woodrow, powered Class A No. 6 Fountain Central (6-0) to an easy Wabash River Conference victory.

Pierce also ran for a 13-yard touchdown, and Jared Fishero added a 43-yard TD run to his 29-yard scoring reception, Collin Strange's 80-yard touchdown made it 49-0 at halftime.

Trevor Bowlus and Devin Acton had touchdown runs in the fourth quarter for Seeger (2-4).

### **Tri-County 54** South Newton 9

Blake Justice and Trenton Kyburz each ran for two touchdowns during a 46-point first half for the host Cavaliers (2-4).

Brenden Kidd also ran for two touchdowns as Tri-County rolled up 306 yards on just 21

12/ yards on seven carries and was 8 of 8 passing for 136 yards.

Trever Lowe rushed for 70 yards and a touchdown for South Newton (1-5).

### **North Montgomery 71** Crawfordsville 28

Chandler Snow rushed for a 74-yard touchdown 48 seconds into the game, but it was downhill from there for the Athenians (0-6) on Homecoming night.

Jalen West threw three touchdown passes, two to Alex Parsons, and ran for a score as North Montgomery (4-2) rolled to a 42-7 halftime lead. Parsons also ran for a touchdown. Jeremy Johnson's 129 yards on four carries paced a 507-yard rushing attack.

Travis Harris threw touchdown passes to P.J. Schafer and Tyler Bilyeau and ran for a score in the fourth quarter for Crawfordsville.

### North Vermillion 52 Attica 16

Class A No. 2 North Vermillion quickly eliminated any thoughts of redemption for Attica in this rematch of last season's sectional title game.

The Falcons (6-0) scored three touchdowns in less than six and a half minutes in the first quarter. Jacob Earl, whose 10-yard TD run made it 21-0, added a 95-yard touchdown run

ished with 286 yards and five touchdowns.

Brady Sheridan and Lance Whorrall put Attica (3-3) on the board in the fourth quarter, combining on a 7-yard touchdown pass. Brad Green's 5-yard run closed out the scoring.

## Carroll 41 **Clinton Prairie 6**

Three long touchdown runs by Brandon Dillon in the second half broke open a 6-0 game for the visiting Cougars (3-3).

Dillon had given Carroll that slim halftime lead with a 7-yard run but got a chance to stretch his legs in the second half with scoring runs of 49, 46 and 65 yards. Kreed Switzer caught a 32-vard touchdown pass, and Jaden Reneau returned an interception 20 yards for a score to highlight a 27-point fourth quarter.

Kyle Johnson caught a 16yard touchdown pass that brought Clinton Prairie (1-5) within 14-6 in the third quarter.

## Tri-West 48 Frankfort 20

Isaac Rudd rushed for a touchdown and threw for a score for the visiting Hot Dogs (1-5).

Colton Jobe scored three touchdowns, on 50- and 33-yard rushes and on a 44-yard reception from Jake Hendershot, for Tri-West (4-2).