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Hugoton cruises to victory over SWH

(Hugoton)- The Hugoton Eagles entered Friday's game against Southwestern Heights having outscored their opponents 119-16 in their first three victories over Stanton County, Lakin, and Guymon (OK). It was much of the same Friday as the Eagles defeated the Mustangs 66-14.

Hugoton started off with a bang after senior Caleb Gifford began the game returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown prompting a bang to go off, which is what occurs when the Eagles score. The two point conversion failed. After Heights went three and out and had to punt Hugoton then put together an eight play drive that went 64 yards and was capped off by a 25 yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Zach Dunlap to senior wide receiver Coltin Ghumm to put the Eagles up 12-0. The two point conversion again failed.

Southwestern Heights answered back though with a drive of their own going seven plays and 64 yards as senior quarterback Wes Winfrey found senior wide receiver Daniel Gutierrez for a 25 yard touchdown. This cut the margin to 12-6 as the two point conversion failed.

The Eagles responded quickly though as they scored their next four touchdowns in just two plays for each drive. The first of the four was capped off by a Dunlap 25 yard run for a touchdown. The two point conversion failed giving Hugoton an 18-6 lead. After another Heights punt, Dunlap hooked up with senior Keithan Martin for a 16 yard touchdown. It was then senior Bubba Beltz scampering for a 66 yard touchdown run, and then Martin again scoring on a 39 yard touchdown run. This time the two point conversion was successful giving the Eagles a 38-6 lead.

Hugoton would score twice more before halftime as Martin had another rushing touchdown going 15 yards for the score. Beltz then added 32 yard run for a touchdown. The extra point failed. The touchdown run was Beltz's sixth rushing touchdown of the year. He leads the Eagles in touchdowns this season.

The second half also belonged to Hugoton as they outscored Heights in the third quarter 15-0 on touchdown runs by Gifford and senior Delmer Reyes. The Mustangs weren't shut out in the second half though as they did score a fourth quarter touchdown on a 27 yard run off of a reverse by Gutierrez. The two point conversion was successful when Winfrey hooked up with senior Jacob Flores in the corner of the end zone on a fade route.

Southwestern Heights dropped to 1-3 on the season and will play at Satanta next Friday. Hugoton improved to 4-0 and will host Cimarron next Friday.

Note: Southwestern Heights leading rusher Oscar Sigala is no longer on the team for the season. Mustangs sophomore Ruben Chavez saw a lot of playing time in the running back position. Chavez was chosen by his teammates to wear the honorary #3 in honor of Tony Sigala. Chavez usually wears #20.

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