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Kapaun Runs by Redskins

Three Kapaun running backs rushed for over 100 yards as the Crusaders handed the Liberal Redskins a 55-40 loss at Cessna Stadium in Wichita Friday night in the first round of the 5A playoffs. Alexander Norris went for 141 yards while Brock Monty had 101 yards and Devin Dempsey had 130 yard on seven carries.

Clearly LHS struggled against the Kapaun rushing offense. That offense helped the Crusaders take a 14-0 lead after a six yard run by Norris and a 26 yard run by Dempsey with 8:16 to play in the quarter.

A Britton Abbott two yard run made it 14-6 but a 56 yard swing out pass from Monty to Dempsey made it 21-6. LHS capped off an 80 yard drive with a seven yard score by Rex Heronemus to make it 21-14 Kapaun with 3:55 to play in the first half. But Monty found Jack McGrath open after a play action fake to make it 29-14 with :49.8 seconds remaining. That score would stand at half.

LHS fumbled the opening kick return of the second half. Monty's 10 yard TD run made LHS pay for the turnover. But an Abbott seven yard run made it 35-22 Kapaun with 5:17 to play in the third. Norris added TD runs of one yard at the 4:28 mark in the third and a 13 yard TD with 1:04 to play in the third.

The Crusaders recovered another fumble and a Monty 48 yard rushing TD helped make it 55-22 with 10:32 to play.

LHS scored the game's final three scores, a two yard run by Abbott, a nine yard run by Heronemus, and a two yard run by Abbott.

The Redskins actually had more yards with 529 to Kapaun's 496 yards. The Crusaders rushed for 401 yards. Abbott passed for 411 yards and rushed for 63 yards and four rushing TD's.

LHS finishes 5-5 and Kapaun is 9-1 and plays at Salina Central next week.

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