

Raiders end David City's win streak

By Hunter Williams

The Mead Raiders came to David City as the underdog on Sept. 5 and left as the first team to ever beat the Scouts in eight-man football.

The Raiders beat the Scouts 40-33 with Mason Reed leading the march with 203 passing yards and 97 rushing yards.

"Mason Reed had a top 10 performance in total yards on offense in school history," said the head coach of the Raiders, Brandon Mills.

Reed was one of the standout guys to Mills. However, Reed doesn't give himself all of the credit for his performance against the Scouts.

"I felt like it wasn't just me," Reed said. "I had my line blocking for me, my running back throwing down blocks and receivers catching the ball so that I couldn't do it without them."

Leading the defense were Preston Price and Tony Engel. Engel had eight solo tackles and seven assists, as well as one interception.

"It seemed like every tackle he made that game was a big one," Mills said.

The Scouts went into this game on a nine-game win streak, never having lost an eight-man game.

The game started with the Raiders falling behind 13-0 in the first quarter, but the game wasn't over quite yet. They answered soon after with a touchdown, ending the first quarter only down seven.

“I was a little scared because we came out kind of flat, but then after the second quarter, we were just on a roll and never really stopped,” Reed said.

In the second quarter, Engel stopped the Scouts' drive with an interception, leading to a touchdown followed by a two-point conversion. This drive put Mead up 22-13 at half, holding David City to a scoreless second quarter.

With three minutes left in the fourth quarter, Reed passed to tight end Abram Lee for a 13-yard touchdown.

The Scouts had one last drive to try and get back in the game. Defensive tackle James Engel had two tackles to stop the Scouts on the 31-yard line, keeping the Raiders on top.

This is Mills' second year coaching at Mead. In Mills' first year coaching, he lost to the Scouts 44-30 in his second-ever game with the Raiders. This year, he came back with many of the same players but a different outcome.

“I don't want to say it was a revenge game, but it was definitely a game where we played our best and really proved to ourselves that we could make a run and win the game,” Mills said.

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