Close Game for the Cats

by Miranda Knake

The Wildcats now hold a record of 0-1 after the first game of the season against the Marion Indians. The game ended with a close score of 29-26.

Coach Drew commented, "We have to be more consistent on Special Teams. On one hand, they created a successful on-side kick. On the other, at times we had very poor coverage on punts."

The Wildcats had a total of 120 rushing yards during the game. They also had 287 passing yards compared to Marion's 133 passing yards. There was an average of 37.7 yards for the punts made that evening.

"Offensively, we are very diversified; we had five different receivers with a catch and five players rushing the ball from four different positions," stated Coach Drew. "We will clean up a lot of the missed blocking assignments this week in practice, but by-in-large, we have a lot to build on."

Quarterback Justy Feldt made two touchdowns at the game and made up the total of 287 passing yards.

Mike Sibel was top in receiving with a total of 108 yards, making one touch down. Following him were Robbie Mohr with 64 yards and Shawn Roling with 55 yards. Jonny Thomas was close behind with 47 yards, making one touchdown, as was Travis Klostermann with 13 yards.

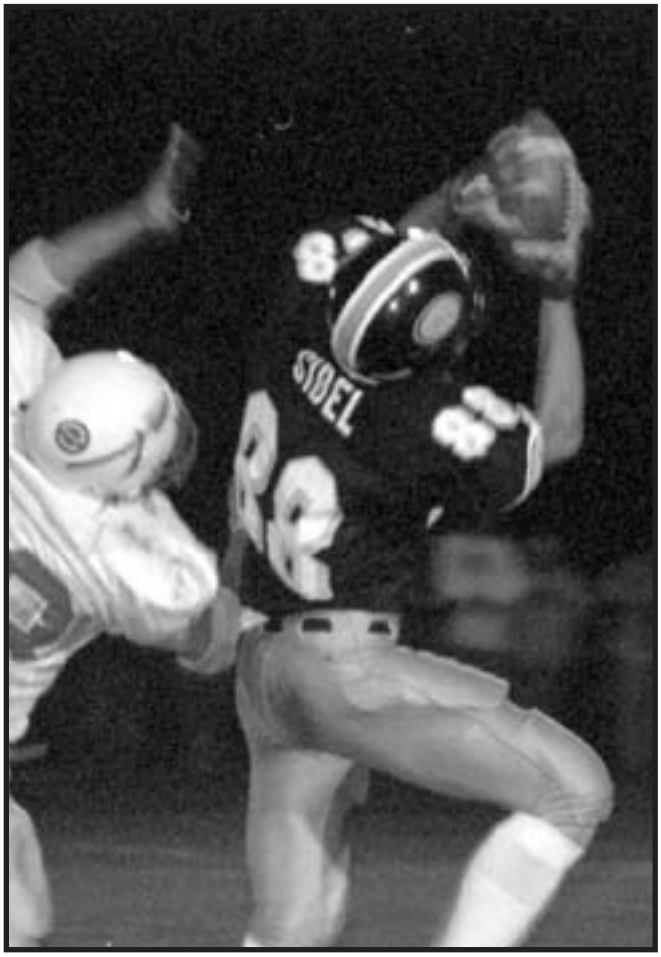
Our leader in rushing was Brent Klostermann with 45 yards. Feldt had 38 yards and Mohr came in with 17 yards at the game. Dustin Helmrichs made a touch down holding a total of 16 yards and Travis Klostermann rushed four yards.

"Defensively, we have to do a better job of tackling and playing team defense," Coach Drew said. "We got better throughout the game, by putting together two impressive defensive stops in the second half. We have to play tough defense from the opening whistle."

On defense Nathan Burger led the pack with 12 tackles. Helmrichs, Jorgie Ramirez, and Jake Norlin each had six tackles. Right behind were Travis Mollenhauer and Chad Ries with five tackles. Mollenhauer and Thomas also each made one fumble recovery. Mike Sibel made four tackles, and Mohr and Feldt each had three. Travis Klostermann, Blake Humpal, Tristan Miles, and Doug Nadermann all made two tackles. Jeremy Ronnebaum, Brian Hillebrand, and Andrew Kracke all made one tackle at the game.

"This was a very disappointing loss," stated Coach Drew. "Our football team jelled and got stronger as the game went on. We definitely outplayed Marion in the second half yet they were able to make the plays to win the game. Ironically, Marion, a running team beat us with a pass!"

The next game for the Wildcats is this Friday at Alburnett. Take a trip to support the Cats!



Mike Sibel makes a key catch during the Marion game. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

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time of 20:53. He placed 32nd, and Jordan Keith, who ran in next, placed 47th, with a time of 21:40. Kyle Fangman followed him, with a time of 22:26. He placed 55th out of 95, and Josh Cummings, another senior, placed 66th with a time of 23:16. Jeff Nurre was the final MV runner in. He ran a time of 24:23, and came in 79th place. When later asked to speak about the meet, he simply stated, "It was hilly."

For many of the runners on the cross country team, this was their first meet. Two freshmen, Kelsey Melchert and Jennifer Nurre, joined the team. For Bonny Jaeger, Laura Orcutt, and Adam Ries, this was their first experience running a real cross country meet. Another new member, Jacque Sternhagen, was unable to make the meet.

Tyler Willey winds his way around the rough course at the MFL-MarMac meet last week. (photo by Jessi Preussner)