

Woodstock routs Mustangs

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WOODSTOCK - As Woodstock celebrated its homecoming Friday night, Tanner Skogen rushed 14 times for 217 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Wolverines to their fifth straight win, a 40-0 rout of Kennesaw Mountain in a Region 5AAAAA contest at the Wolverine Den.

"Skogen has been our main man in a sense," Woodstock coach Mike O'Brien said. "He has been very consistent and, hopefully, he'll continue to be.

"The effort and aggressiveness is there with our kids. The defense played tremendous."

Skogen started fast for the Wolverines (6-1, 5-1), gaining all of team's 78 yards on four carries during the opening drive of the game. His 6-yard touchdown run, and the first of Brad Sullivan's two extra points, gave Woodstock a 7-0 lead just 93 seconds into the contest.

The Mustangs' first drive ended with an interception by the Wolverines' Drew Yeargin, who returned it 56 yards to Kennesaw Mountain's 16-yard line.

Three plays later, however, the Mustangs (1-6, 1-5) got the ball back when Edgar Ortiz recovered a Woodstock fumble.

After a Kennesaw Mountain punt, the Wolverines had a seven-play, 54-yard scoring drive end with Skogen crossing the goal line on a 3-yard burst, making the score 14-0 with 1:17 left in the opening quarter.

The teams traded punts before the Mustangs suffered another turnover. This time, Woodstock's Corey Santiago intercepted a pass, setting up another scoring drive.

The Wolverines moved 41 yards on three plays with Skogen rambling the final 23 for a touchdown. The point-after sailed wide, but Woodstock still had a 20-0 second-quarter advantage.

On the ensuing possession, Kennesaw Mountain ran nine plays before giving the ball up on downs at the Woodstock 34-yard line.

The Mustangs forced the Wolverines to punt and got off one snap

before heading into halftime trailing by the 20-point margin.

Kennesaw Mountain punted to start the second half and Woodstock quickly capitalized. On the first play from scrimmage, Corey Carmichael busted through the middle of the line and raced 86 yards for a touchdown, putting the Wolverines ahead, 26-0, with 8:36 remaining in the third period.

The Mustangs punted again, but this time Woodstock fumbled the return and Kennesaw Mountain's Jos Oria recovered the loose ball.

Starting at the Wolverines' 37, Kennesaw Mountain gave the ball up on downs at the 30.

Two snaps later, Woodstock lost another fumble, which the Mustangs' Julius Peacock pounced on.

With excellent field position, Kennesaw Mountain began at the Wolverines' 19-yard line before giving the ball back on downs at the 1.

From there, it took Woodstock just four plays to get into the end zone. An 85-yard touchdown run from Skogen, and an extra point by Jonathan Weiner, put the Wolverines up, 33-0, with 10:09 left in the final quarter.

Three possessions later, the Mustangs went from their own 21-yard line to Woodstock's 41 but fumbled and the Wolverines' Drew Yeargin recovering the ball.

It took Woodstock only three plays to cover 53 yards for another score. Weiner ran 46 yards for a touchdown and added the point-after, making it a 40-0 game with 3:17 to go.

The Wolverines put the finishing touches on their win when Josh Modjeski came up with Woodstock's third interception of the night.

"We really got whipped up front," Kennesaw Mountain coach Scott Jones said. "There are a lot of things we can work on to get better."