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Crimson Tide falls in season opener

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Minden High School was at high tide for the start and finish of Friday night's football season opener at W.W. Williams Field.

Unfortunately, the Crimson Tide ran low in between, with "the little things" turning costly as Parkway took a 45-14 win over Minden.

Minden lit up the scoreboard first as Daylen Robinson's six yard scoring scamper at the 6:20 mark of the opening stanza and a 6-0 lead after the extra point attempt was blocked.

But it only took the Panthers 14 seconds to answer as Parkway quarterback Cannon Link hit Ed Moses in stride for a 72-yard scoring strike that put PHS on top 8-6 following a two-point conversion run by CJ Dudley.

Parkway was unsuccessful on an onsides kick try immediately after, setting Minden up with solid field position at its own 48-yard line.

But two penalties bogged down the Tide as they were flagged for 15 yards and forced to punt after four plays.

And again Parkway struck quickly, driving 61 yards on five plays with Rontavious Richmond juking and dancing his way to paydirt on a seven-yard touchdown that pushed the Panthers' advantage to 14-6 after the PAT failed.

Minden drove inside the Parkway 30 early in the second quarter, but again a pair of penalties bogged down the Tide and forced a punt from their own 45-yard line.

This time it took the Panthers three plays to score as Jaylen White ran

right and raced 65 yards untouched for a score that put Parkway on top 21-6 with 6:52 remaining in the first half.

Minden had another scoring opportunity late in the opening half as the Tide drove down to the Panthers' 15-yard line before a Major Cooper pass was picked off at the 6-yard line to give the ball back to PHS with 1:02.

That was more than enough time for Parkway as White slashed right and outraced everyone down the right sideline on a 82-yard scoring run with seven seconds left on the clock to put the Panthers up 28-6 at halftime.

After the game Minden head coach Spencer Heard admitted that five turnovers and eight penalties for 81 yards were too much to overcome.

"Some of the penalties occurred in bad situations," Heard said. "We had the ball in the first half where we were close to or in the red zone and penalties backed us up out of there and took some of those opportunities away. I think that was a big part of it."

"We've got to tackle better, squeeze better on the defensive line — there's a lot of things we have to do better. We just have to get ready to come to work Monday, move on and get better on to the next game."

A 6:16 drive by Parkway to open the second half sealed Minden's fate as a 24-yard field goal put the Panthers up 31-6.

The Crimson Tide drove to the Parkway 30 early in the fourth quarter before a pass bounced off a receivers' hands into the hands of a Panther defender with 10:25 remaining.



Minden running back Daylen Robinson (4) runs over Parkway Gregory Chitman (30) on the Crimson Tide's opening drive during Friday night's 45-15 loss to the Panthers.

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Minden finally scored again with 2:15 remaining as Robinson scampered to paydirt on a two-yard run and followed with the two-point conversion run to account for all 14 of the Crimson Tide's points on the night.

Robinson finished the night with 99 rushing yards.

"He's going to run hard," Heard said of Robinson. "I thought he played well. I thought we moved the ball relatively effectively at times. Penalties and little things here and there put us in some situations that killed some drives. ... We can't afford to do that."

Minden plays another home game next week as the Tide plays host to Green Oaks at 7 p.m. Friday.



Robinson (4) was the biggest bright spot for the Crimson Tide on the night, rushing for 99 yards and accounting for all of Minden's 14 points.



Minden's Zezekiah Harris (17) fights for yards after a catch during Friday night's season opener against Parkway.



Minden's Jaylin Williams (19) managed to hold on to the ball for this reception Friday night against Parkway.

Glenbrook begins LHSAA play with big win

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Glenbrook lit up the scoreboard for 45 first-half points Friday night as the Apaches opened the season with a 59-28 home win over River Oaks to record their first official Louisiana High School Athletics Association victory.

The Apaches jumped out early, with DJ Carter scoring on an eight-yard touchdown run before recovering an onside kick. Quarterback Ty Feaster then fired a 44-yard scoring strike to Cason Clemmons to put the Apaches up 14-0.

A 42-yard punt return by Madox Mandino accounted for Glenbrook's third score before Feaster hit Turner McClelland on a 50-yard scoring strike.

Madino later scored again on a 44-yard screen pass from Landry Powell.

Not to be outdone, Glenbrook's defense got in on the scoring action late in the first half as Garret Brown turned in a pick six as he intercepted a River Oaks pass and raced it back 63 yards to paydirt.

"It was nice to start that fast," said Apaches head coach David Feaster. "River Oaks is down a little bit. They're numbers are down. They don't have the speed they're used to having. For years Glenbrook has been playing against those guys. They have a great football program. They've won some state championships over there in the MAIS. The fact we were able to get up on them early and easily beat them was really nice."

Ty Feaster threw for 179 yards and three touchdowns on 9-of-12 passing while adding two carries for 22 yards.

Rhett Johnson led the Apaches with 39 rushing yards on four carries while Carter added 24 yards on four rushes.

Powell added another 20 yards on the ground on two carries with one rushing touchdown.

McClelland topped Glenbrook receivers, hauling in three passes for 89 yards and two scores while Clemmons added a pair of catches for 52 yards.

Defensively, Hayden Harmon led the Apaches with eight tackles, Jonathan Bryant added six tackles with a sack, and Powell, Johnson and Mason Farnell chipped in with five tackles each.

Coach Feaster said it was good to be able to use so many players and spread the ball around against River Oaks.

"We started out the season trying to identify 22 starters," he said. "But offensively, we were able to switch out all the skill people and really didn't miss a beat. We've got some good players on both sides of the ball.



Glenbrook High School (pictured in jamboree action against Arkansas' Parkers Chapel last week) was victorious in its first Louisiana High School Athletics Association game Friday night with a 59-28 home win over River Oaks.

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We're doing it like that right now knowing that sometime down the road we're going to have to deal with some injuries or someone's going to get the virus, or even fatigue might become a problem. We're blessed right now and making everybody play on both sides of the ball a little bit for conditioning's sake if nothing else knowing that the need will come somewhere down the road.

"With a school our size and the low numbers we have, to have that many guys contributing really is important for us."

Glenbrook faces a much tougher test next week as the Panthers hit the road to Shreveport to face the Calvary Cavaliers, the defending Div. IV state champions.



Glenbrook linebacker Luke Vining (54) is pictured closing in on a Parkers Chapel runner during jamboree action last week. The Apaches will next play at Calvary on Friday.

Lakeside shuts out Magnolia, 39-0

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SIBLEY — The Warriors' engine was clicking on all cylinders Friday night as Lakeside opened the 2021 prep football season with a dominating 39-0 home win over Magnolia School of Excellence.

Lakeside's scoring came on five touchdowns and a safety.

"Magnolia has some talent but had some injuries out there and had a rough night," said Warriors coach Mike Santelices. "I've been on that side of an outcome. I've been there before where you suffer injuries and it's a tough ordeal. I really kind of hated to see it."

Senior running back Ashton Stewart played a big role for Lakeside, powering his way for three touchdowns on 88 yards rushing.

He provided the Warriors' first score on a one-yard dive at the 9:29 mark of the opening stanza.

"Ashton's a thumper but has some speed, too," Santelices said. "He's a solid receiver also. He's a good little running back and definitely deceptive in the open field. I wish he was a freshman."

Lakeside pushed the lead to 13-0 at the 2:31 of the first quarter as quarterback Jacob Whitehead threw a screen pass to Cade Boley, who did the rest for a 19-yard scoring strike.

The Warriors pushed their advantage to 19-0 with 11:39 remaining in the first half as Stewart bulled his way to paydirt again, this time from six yards out.

Lakeside's defense provided a quick turnaround score as defensive lineman tipped a pass into the air and picked it off. Two plays later Whitehead tossed a screen pass to receiver Tario Grigsby, who was coming out of the backfield, for a four-yard scoring strike at the 9:39 mark of the second quarter.

On the ensuing series, Koby Mangrum, Redden, and Ty Maness combined for a sack before Mangrum battled his way through the Magnolia offensive line again for a sack on a safety to put Lakeside on top 27-0 with 7:46 remaining before halftime.

Lakeside stretched its lead to 33-0 at the 10:38 mark of the final stanza as Stewart showed his speed and raced to paydirt on a 38-yard run.

Whitehead capped off the night's scoring for Lakeside in the final minutes on a quarterback keeper around the right side for a 30-yard scoring scamper.

Santelices said the opener provided a perfect way for him to learn more about his team and especially his younger players.

"It was definitely a good night for us," Santelices said. "We got a lot of good looks at different positions, which we're going to need



Lakeside's starting offensive backfield (pictured during jamboree action last week) of running back Ashton Stewart (26) and quarterback Jacob Whitehead (2) combined for five touchdowns during Friday night's season opening home win over Magnolia School of Excellence.

as time goes on. It won't always be this easy. We're going to have to plug and play and continue going with the next man up, and that's what we did tonight.

"In the second half we were able to put kids in different positions just to see how they looked. We left some starters in because I need them to get conditioning for games later in the season. The O-line and D-line, I kind of wanted them in there to build their conditioning. But overall it was a good night both offensively and defensively. It was fun."

But Santelices also saw some things for his Warriors to work on headed toward next week's home game against Block, which lost a home game to Buckeye Friday night by the score of 14-6.

"We were flagged eight times," Santelices said. "Those little things can be costly in a close game. We'll go back and look at the film and see areas they can improve."



Lakeside quarterback Jacob White (2, pictured during last week's jamboree action) threw touchdown passes of four and 19 yards while adding a 30-yard scoring scamper to help spark Friday night's win over Magnolia School of Excellence.



North Webster quarterback Colin McKenzie (16), running back Cooper Sanders (9) and the Knights' offensive line (pictured during jamboree action last week), all played key roles in Friday night's 34-7 home win over Haynesville to open the 2021 prep football season.

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Knights dominant in 34-7 win over Haynesville

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SPRINGHILL — North Webster scored on its first possession and never looked back Friday night as the Knights rolled past Haynesville

by a score of 34-7. JaMarcus Stephens, who finished with three touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions, scored two plays into the Knights' first possession on a one-yard plunge. He also played a big

role from his linebacking position on a defense that didn't allow Haynesville to score until there were under four minutes remaining in the contest. North Webster quarterback Colin McKenzie added a one-yard scor-

ing scamper while also tossing a touchdown pass to Seth Dehart for the Knights' final score on the night. "Our kids executed what we had planned," said North Webster coach John Ware. "They

executed and really played hard. We really dominated up front on both sides of the ball and that was the key to the game to be honest. "Cooper Sanders had some big runs and McKenzie threw the ball well

and ran the ball well. "But it started up front on both sides of the ball." The Knights will next play host to North Cad-do, which beat Homer 26-25 after scoring on the game's final play Friday night.



North Webster head coach John Ware said he was especially pleased with the play by his Knights in the trenches on both sides of the ball during Friday night's home win over the Haynesville Golden Tornado.



JaMarcus Stephens (36, pictured in jamboree action last week) recorded two rushing touchdowns along with one receiving score and a pair of two-point conversions to help lead North Webster past Haynesville Friday night.