

Vikings Drop Seventh Straight

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When the season began, it looked like the Avery High football team might raise some eyebrows this season. After all, they won their first two games, and looked pretty good in doing it. But following a loss at Watauga on August 31

(a 35-20 setback), the Vikings just haven't been the same. They've dropped seven consecutive games, and for head coach Darrell Brewer, there seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel. The latest setback occurred Friday night as Madison pounded Avery 33-9 in a Western Highlands 1A/2A Conference game at MacDonald Stadium. The loss also leaves Avery (2-7 overall; 0-4 WHC) winless in league play.

The Patriots (7-1; 3-1) snapped a 7-7, first-quarter tie on Tyler Hoffman's nine-yard touchdown run with 9:05 left in the second quarter. And Madison just pulled away from there. A 26-yard TD pass from Tyler Rogers to Brandon Jerniga with less than five minutes left in the first half gave Madison a 21-7 lead. The Patriots broke the game open in the third quarter. Rogers hooked up with Daniel Nash on an 11-yard TD toss for a 27-7 lead. The Vikings scored a safety for their only points in the second half.

How bad was it, well, Madison racked up 426 yards, including 348 on the ground. Avery had 34 yards total. Hoffman and Deryck Hilemon paced the running game. Hilemon ran for 141 yards on 14 carries; Hoffman had 131 yards on 14 attempts. Luke Childress had 32 rushing yards on nine carries, and he scored Avery's only TD on a two-yard run in the first quarter. The Vikings play at Mountain Heritage next Friday night.

EAGLES SOAR BY HUSKIES

The Ashe County High football team, which snapped a three-game losing streak against Alleghany last week, had thoughts of a possible upset on their minds Friday night. But those thoughts were squashed by Wilkes Central as the Eagles blasted the Huskies 47-14 Friday night in Moravian Falls in a Mountain Valley 1A/2A Conference game.

Ironically, the Huskies (3-6 overall; 2-4 MVC) took a 14-7 lead following a blocked punt, but the Eagles (7-1; 5-0 MVC) responded by scoring 40 unanswered points. The win keeps the Eagles in a first place tie with Starmount in the MVC standings. The Rams overwhelmed North Wilkes 40-6 Friday night. The Eagles take on Starmount at home in their regular-season finale, October 26.

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Brandon Wingler and Jonathan Cox scored for the Huskies return home to play Forbush next Friday night.