

Game Notes

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Devils' playoff hopes are hurt

Brian Dulik - The Gazette (Medina County Local Newspaper)

BRUNSWICK - It doesn't matter where or when the game is played. Twinsburg's football team owns the Brunswick Blue Devils.

Senior running back Tyrone McGuinea rushed for 108 yards and two touchdowns Friday night, propelling the Tigers to a 26-14 win in Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division play.

Twinsburg (4-3, 2-0), which scored the first 20 points, has now won all five meetings between the schools. Its latest victory also dealt a major blow to the postseason hopes of the Blue Devils (4-3, 0-2).

"For some reason, Twinsburg always plays great against us - and tonight was no different," Brunswick coach Luke Beal said. "They were faster than us, they won the war up front on both sides of the ball, they blocked better and they tackled better. When you do all of those things right, you deserve to win."

Tigers quarterback Jalen Washington ran roughshod over the Blue Devils on the wet turf, completing 18-of-25 passes for 134 yards while rushing for 51 yards and a touchdown.

Twinsburg also forced four turnovers - two coming on Dan Yohman interceptions and two on Keith Yohman fumbles - and added a defensive score on an 18-yard fumble return by Cameron Dial.

"Defensively, we knew we had to stop the Yohman twins and (running back Nick) Roberts," Tigers coach Joe Schiavone said. "We also knew we had to be at the top of our game in terms of execution because Coach Beal does a very good job with their team."

"And on offense, when you have Jalen Washington as your quarterback, you can do a lot of great things."

After digging a three-touchdown hole midway through the second quarter, Brunswick made things interesting thanks to the combination of wide receiver Zach Parker and Dan Yohman.

The duo hooked up for an 80-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the first half to cut Twinsburg's lead to 20-7, then found the end zone on a 24-yard scoring strike early in the third quarter to make it 20-14.

Parker, a 6-foot-3 junior, finished with career highs of seven catches for 128 yards.

"We know Zach has a tremendous amount of potential as a wide receiver, so we've been waiting for him to have a breakout game like that," Beal said. "We haven't thrown the ball much downfield lately, but we've told all of our receivers to be ready for their opportunity. Zach really made the most of his tonight."

The Blue Devils' comeback hopes proved short-lived, as the Tigers answered with a 13-play, 70-yard drive that culminated in a 15-yard TD run by Washington.

Adding injury to insult, Brunswick lost standout defensive end Garrick Koermer to a potentially severe shoulder problem.

The Blue Devils were already playing without starting defensive back Alex Pekar, while Roberts was limited to five carries and 16 yards because of a lingering ankle injury.

Dan Yohman wound up as Brunswick's leading rusher with 71 yards on 18 totes, while Keith Yohman had 58 yards from scrimmage and intercepted a pass.

"We played flat in the first half and looked sluggish when we had the football most of the night," Beal said. "Even though we were running the same plays we've used all year over and over, we were completely out of sync.

"Twinsburg is a very good team, but there just weren't many highlights for us tonight."

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First

T - Tyrone McGuinea 19 run (Frank Candau kick), 9:00.

Second

T - McGuinea 2 run (kick blocked), 11:57.

T - Cameron Dial 18 fumble return (Candau kick), 4:25.

B - Zach Parker 80 pass from Dan Yohman (Triston Wasil kick), :00.

Third

B - Parker 24 pass from Yohman (Wasil kick), 7:24.

T - Jalen Washington 15 run (run failed), 1:27.

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Twinsburg at No. 7 Brunswick

What, when, where: Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division game, 7 p.m., Brunswick High, 3581 Center Road, Brunswick. Call 330-273-0496.

Records: Twinsburg 3-3, 1-0; Brunswick 4-2, 0-1.

What to watch: Twinsburg quarterback Jalen Washington continues to improve and play a larger role in the offense. He had 218 yards and three TDs combined rushing and passing in a 31-14 victory over Strongsville last week. Brunswick must dust itself off from a 41-29 home loss to Mentor last week. Tailback Nick Roberts was held to 84 yards on 24 carries. Brunswick is eighth in Region 2 and Twinsburg 15th, so it's a must-win for both teams.

PD pick: Brunswick.

[Brunswick football team hopes to rebound against Twinsburg](#)

John Blake, Sun News, October 04, 2012 1:35 p.m.

Brunswick hopes to bounce back from a 49-21 Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division loss to Mentor.

The Blue Devils tried to keep the high-flying Cardinal offense down as long as possible but quarterback Mitch Trubisky helped lead Mentor to the win.

The Blue Devils are 4-2 heading into their Week 7 home matchup against Twinsburg Oct. 5.

Brunswick's Nick Roberts had 81 yards on 26 carries. Defensively, Garrick Koermer had five hurries and a fumble recovery and Alex Pekar recorded an interception. Chase Rieg's 31-yard touchdown run gave the Blue Devils their third score with just over a minute left in the game.

Beal said he hopes to build on some of the positives from the first half against the Cardinals.

"You look at the way we played in the first half, if we play like that we can play with good football teams," said Beal. "I was a little disappointed in the second half, it just seemed like things slipped away from us a little bit. Especially offensively we needed to rally a little bit, we just didn't do it. We didn't have the same type of energy we had earlier in the game."

Twinsburg (3-3) is coming off a 31-14 win over Strongsville

Tigers rebound, rout Mustangs

by Steve Batko | Correspondent ~ Twinsburg Bulletin

Behind a superb first half of football, Twinsburg won its league opener and its Homecoming game in a 31-14 victory over Strongsville at Tiger Stadium.

Senior quarterback Jalen Washington led the Tigers, along with a defense that was in the Mustang backfield all night. Twinsburg impressed in the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division opener on Sept. 28.

With the win, Twinsburg is 3-3 and Strongsville fell to 2-4.

"I thought the guys played great," said head coach Joe Schiavone as the Tigers led 31-0 at the half. "The kids had a very productive first half. Jalen did an outstanding job making plays with his arm and his feet. Defensively, we did a great job pressuring their quarterbacks all night."

Twinsburg's defense posted five sacks and four tackles for losses. Harassing Mustang quarterback Bobby Cole the entire game, the defense also shut down Strongsville's run game and Wildcat offense, led by back-up quarterback Mike Myers.

In 12 plays of the Wildcat, Strongsville netted only 39 yards.

Washington (228 total yards) amassed 200 total yards and three touchdowns in the first half alone as he posted a career-high rushing total of 109 yards and two touchdowns on only six carries. He was 11-of-24 passing for 119 yards.

On the first play from scrimmage, Washington used a gorgeous ball fake to senior back Tyrone McGuinea and raced 78 yards up the middle for a touchdown that set the tone.

The athletic Washington was held to only 25 yards and an interception in the second half as Strongsville controlled the ball and Schiavone used all of his seniors.

In upcoming play, Twinsburg starts a tough stretch on the road as the Tigers play at Brunswick Oct 5 and Solon on the road Oct. 12, plus at Mentor in the regular season finale, Oct. 26.

As the offensive line gets more experience, the Tiger staff added a few players to their offensive game plan as junior standout linebacker Jacob Turay and speedy sophomore wide receiver Darius Jones are seeing more action.

Jones caught a 10-yard pass and added two rushes for 28 yards. His catch was the 10th different athlete to post a catch from Washington this fall.

Turay had some key blocks and starred on defense with nine tackles, a sack, an interception, a quarterback pressure and hit, plus a tackle for a loss.

Junior wide receiver Tay Johnson had three catches for 31 yards and a one-yard TD catch from Washington.

McGuinea had 17 rushes for 61 yards and a 12-yard touchdown jaunt. Junior Martell Anthony added four catches for 42 yards and four rushes for 18, while senior Cooper Rea had two catches for 29 yards. Senior Anthony Ellis had a catch for seven yards.

"Tay had a great game catching balls from Jalen and our offensive line did a superb job protecting and opening up holes for Tyrone [McGuinea]," said the coach.

On the Tigers' second series of the game, Anthony had all four of his receptions and set up the Johnson TD catch as Washington rolled right, side-stepped a defender, and tossed to Johnson.

Twinsburg's defense set up the next score as junior cornerback Kon Grewal (six tackles and a team high four solos) had an interception on a tip by junior corner Darion Eiland (six stops).

Set up by the running and catching of Jones, Twinsburg then scored on a 6-yard QB draw by Washington. Senior Frank Candau was perfect on his PAT kicks and it was 21-0 with 2:34 left in the first quarter.

Moments later, Turay picked off another Mustang pass and a 31-yard return gave Twinsburg the ball at the 12, where McGuinea scored to make it 28-0 with 38 ticks left in the first quarter.

"We did a great job of pressuring Strongsville and Cameron Dial had a great game," said Schiavone.

Dial was in on seven stops with two sacks and a tackle for a loss. Seniors Chris Rode (5.5 tackles, 1.5 sacks and a fumble recovery) and Ben Bisesi (8.5 stops, half a sack) also excelled.

"Our guys really stepped it up defensively with their tackling and making plays when they needed to," said Schiavone.

Candau booted a 20-yard field goal as the first half expired to make it 31-0. Strongsville opened the second half with a robust 18-play drive, but the 78-yard drive was halted with a fumble in the end zone recovered by Rode.

Senior Demetrius Williams pressured the Mustang quarterback, who completed the pass to 225-pound tight end Tony Kapferer, who was hit by Rea and fumbled just over the goal line. It was a demoralizing play for Strongsville.

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[Jalen Washington leads Twinsburg past Strongsville: High School Football Roundup](#)

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With Twinsburg's ace tailback John Barton sidelined for the rest of the season because of a torn ACL, a lot of pressure has fallen on the shoulders of Jalen Washington to get the job done.

The Tigers (3-3, 1-0) senior quarterback was a one-man wrecking crew Friday night in 31-14 Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division victory over Strongsville.

The 6-0, 175-pounder completed 11 of 24 passes for 119 yards and a touchdown, and also rushed six times for 109 yards and two touchdowns for Twinsburg, which travels to Brunswick next week for huge conference game. The Blue Devils should be steaming from their 49-21 setback to Mentor.

No. 2 St. Edward 34, Erie (Pa.) McDowell 23 Quarterback Ryan Fallon passed for 126 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles (6-0), ranked second in Division I, left the Keystone State unbeaten with the nonleague win. Alex Middleton aided the cause with four receptions good for 87 yards and two touchdowns.

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