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MT. LIONS HOLD OFF MOOREFIELD FOR 19-17 WIN AT HOME

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PARSONS – No. 3 ranked Tucker County hosted PVC rival Moorefield last Friday September 14th. The Mt. Lions scored 19 first half points and held Moorefield to just 3 points in the second half to get the home win by the final score of 19-17.

Tucker County received the opening kick, but had to punt after failing to maintain the drive. Moorefield also had to punt after the Mt. Lions defense held the Yellowjackets to a 3 and out. The Tucker County offense then got moving. The Mt. Lions put together a 12 play drive that was capped by a 7 yard touchdown pass from Liam Hood to Ben Cromer. The PAT kick was missed to make the score 6-0 Tucker County with 2:52 left in the first quarter. Moorefield then answered back with a quick drive as they went 55 yards in 4 plays. The drive was highlighted by a 40 yard run that put the ball at the Mt. Lions 4 yard line and then on the next play Moorefield scored on a 4 yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was good to give the Yellowjackets the lead 7-6 with 1:47 left in the first quarter. Tucker County got in the end zone again in the second quarter as Liam Hood connected on a 13 yard touchdown pass to Jeffrey Snyder with 10:35 left in the second. The 2 point conversion attempt failed to make the score 12-6 Tucker County. The Mt. Lions would add another score in the second quarter on a 2 yard touchdown run by Cole Rapp with 6:06 left in the first half. The PAT kick was good to push the Tucker County lead to 19-7. Moorefield would grab some momentum late in the second as the Yellowjacket defender stepped in front of a Liam Hood pass and returned the interception back 50 yards for a pick 6 touchdown. The PAT kick was good to make the score 19-14 Tucker County with 35 seconds left in the second quarter. Tucker County then ran out the clock and the Mt. Lions led at the half 19-14.

Moorefield got the ball to start the third quarter, but was unable to move the ball on offense. The Mt. Lions struggled to move the ball on offense in the third quarter also. Late in the third quarter the Yellowjackets put together a drive that got them deep inside Tucker County territory. Moorefield's drive stalled and the visitors made a 20 yard field goal with 3:07 left in the third to make the score 19-17 Tucker County. The Mt. Lions then put together a drive on their next possession that took the ball down to the Moorefield 10 yard line. The drive stalled and Tucker County attempted a 27 yard field goal, but the Ben Callaway kick was blocked with 11:10 left in the fourth quarter to keep the score at 19-17 Tucker County. Moorefield then took over on offense, but the Mt. Lions defense would flex their muscle the rest of the quarter. The Yellowjackets were unable to sustain a drive the rest of the game and the Tucker County defense held the Moorefield offense in the fourth quarter to give the Mt. Lions the victory by the final score of 19-17.

Liam Hood led Tucker County with 12 of 21 passing for 153 yards. Cole Rapp added 13 carries for 66 yards rushing for the Mt. Lions and Hunter Collar chipped in with 11 carries for 28 yards on the ground. Tucker County was led in receiving by Jeffrey Snyder with 4 receptions for 76 yards and Ben Callaway added 4 catches for 39 yards. Ben Cromer also had 2 receptions for 29 yards for Tucker County in the win. Moorefield was led by Javen Fawley with 14 carries for 74 yards rushing. Tucker County outgained Moorefield in total offense 252-132.

Tucker County(4-0) will host Philip-Barbour for Homecoming on Friday September 21st, kickoff is set for 7pm. For more Tucker County Sports info visit TuckerCountySports.Com



Tucker County's Jeffrey Snyder pulls down a reception in the game last Friday Sept. 14th against Moorefield. The Mt. Lions got the victory at home 19-17. Photo by Susan Marks.