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MT. LIONS FALL TO EAST HARDY AT HOME 39-6

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PARSONS – The Tucker County Football team hosted East Hardy for a home game on Friday October 23rd. The Mt. Lions defense played well early, but the #8 Cougars got their offense moving in the second quarter to give East Hardy the win by the final score of 39-6.

Tucker County won the coin toss and deferred their option until the second half. This gave the Cougars the ball on offense first. East Hardy then drove the ball deep into Mt. Lions territory. The Tucker County defense then stepped up as they held the visitors on a fourth down play. This stop would give Tucker County the ball at their own 16 yard line with 7:00 left in the first. The Mt. Lions could not move the ball on offense, however, and Tucker County punted the ball back to East Hardy. The Cougars offense then went to work again as they put together a long drive that took the ball down to the Mt. Lions 3. The first quarter then ended with the score tied 0-0 after one quarter.

East Hardy then fumbled the ball at the goal line and Tucker County recovered the ball in the endzone on the first play of the second quarter. This gave the Mt. Lions the ball at their 20 after the touchback. The Tucker County offense would struggle again as they were forced to punt the ball back to the visiting Cougars. East Hardy then capitalized on the good field position. The Cougars then got on the scoreboard with a 1 yard touchdown run from Mason Miller with 8:26 left in the second. The PAT kick was good to put the score to 7-0 East Hardy. Another punt from Tucker County put the ball back in the hands of the Cougars offense. The visitors wasted no time as they scored on an 18 yard touchdown pass from Mason Miller to Noah Lang. The PAT kick was no good to make the score 13-0 East Hardy with 4:18 left in the first half. An interception by Tucker County's Ethan Rosenau on the Mt. Lions next possession gave the Cougars another opportunity late in the second quarter. East Hardy then added another score on a 42 yard touchdown pass from Mason Miller to Brayden Richie with 2:33 left in the second. The PAT kick failed to make the halftime score 19-0 East Hardy.

Tucker County got the ball to start the third quarter, but the Mt. Lions had to punt the ball to East Hardy after 3 plays. The Cougars then put together a 6 play 71 yard drive that was capped off with a 35 yard touchdown pass from Mason Miller to Dawson Price. The extra point kick was good to put the score to 26-0 Cougars with 7:42 left in the third. East Hardy then added another score in the third on a 15 yard touchdown pass from Mason Miller to Richie. The PAT kick failed to make the Cougar lead 32-0 with 2:53 left in the third. Tucker County started their next drive with some positive yards as the third quarter ended with the score 32-0 East Hardy.

The Mt. Lions continued their drive as the fourth quarter started. Then Tucker County's Quarterback Trenton Wilfong connected with Maddox Anderson on a 48 yard touchdown pass. The 2-point conversion failed to put the score to 32-6 East Hardy with 11:15 left in the game. The Cougars then added another touchdown in the fourth to make the final score 39-6 East Hardy.

Tucker County was led by Trenton Wilfong with 6 of 12 passing for 76 yards. Maddox Anderson added 4 receptions for 73 yards receiving. East Hardy outgained Tucker County in total offense 497-99.

Tucker County(1-4) will travel to Petersburg this Friday October 30th for a game at 7pm. There will be an online audio broadcast of the game on TuckerCountySports.Com. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



**Tucker County offensive linemen Owen Porter(68), Dom Mullenax(54), Gavin Mullenax(55) and Tyler Collar(70) wait for the play call against East Hardy on Oct. 23rd. Tucker County fell in the contest 39-6.
Photo by Brittany Channell.**