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## **WILDCATS SUFFER FIRST LOSS OF THE SEASON AT ELKINS MIDDLE 20-8**

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ELKINS – The Tucker Valley Middle School Football team traveled to Elkins Middle on Wednesday October 2nd. The Wildcats got down early and Tucker Valley could not complete the comeback as they fell in the contest by the final score of 20-8.

Tucker Valley won the coin toss and the Wildcats deferred their option until the second half. This would give the ball to Elkins to start the game. The Hornets offense then went to work as they drove the ball down the field. The drive stalled when Elkins fumbled the ball and Tucker Valley recovered at their own 2 yard line. A good return after a Tucker Valley punt gave Elkins the ball at the Wildcats 23 yard line. Then three plays later the Hornets scored on a 5 yard bubble screen pass for a touchdown. The 2 point conversion was no good to make the score 6-0 Elkins with 2:17 left in the first quarter.

The visiting Wildcats fumbled the ball and Elkins recovered with 16 seconds left in the first quarter. The first quarter ended with the score the same 6-0 Hornets. Tucker Valley would turn the ball over again in the second quarter after a fumble recovered at the Wildcats 47 yard line. Elkins then scored 6 plays later on a 5 yard touchdown pass with 2:58 left in the second quarter. The 2 point conversion was no good to push the Hornets lead to 12-0. The second quarter ended with the score remaining the same Elkins 12-0.

Tucker Valley got the ball to start the third quarter, but the Wildcats went 3 plays and punted. Elkins could not move the ball on their offensive possession and they were forced to punt. The snap back to the punter was bad and Tucker Valley recovered the ball at the Elkins 7 yard line with 3:59 left in the third. The Wildcats could not take advantage of the field position as they failed to convert a fourth down play at the Elkins 5. Elkins took over on offense and the third quarter ended with the score the same 12-0 Elkins. The Hornets were then forced to punt early in the fourth. Tucker Valley's Jeremiah Wretchford blocked the ensuing punt to give the Wildcats the ball at the Elkins 11 with 6:20 left in the game. Tucker Valley would get a score 3 plays later on an Ethan Rosenau pass to Garrett Wilfong from 6 yards out with 4:57 left in the fourth quarter. The 2 point conversion was good by the Wildcats to make the score 12-8 Elkins. Tucker Valley then forced a punt by Elkins that gave the Wildcats the ball back at their own 39 yard line with 2:24 left in the game. The Tucker Valley comeback ended as Elkins intercepted the Wildcats pass and returned it for a touchdown. The 2 point conversion was good to make the Elkins lead 20-8 with 1:34 left in the game. Elkins recovered the kick and ran out the clock to end the game with the final score Elkins 20 Tucker Valley 8.

Tucker Valley(4-1) will host Barbour County tonight Wednesday October 9th with kickoff set for 6pm. For more info visit TuckerCountySports.Com.



**Maddox Anderson of Tucker Valley looks for running room against Elkins Middle. Tucker Valley fell at Elkins 20-8 on October 2nd. Photo by Brittany Channell.**