

The Kadoka Area Kougars football team kicked off the 2022 season with a victory over the White River Tigers 38-0 on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tyus Williams scored the first three touchdowns of the game, and the Kougars never looked back.

We were able to run the ball well and that was complimented by an accurate passing game which gave us a big advantage in the game. The Kougars ran the ball 34 times for 207 yards as a team, led by Gus Stout with 12 carries for 80 yards, and Tyus Williams had 10 carries for 61 yards. The Kougars threw the ball eight times as Garrett Hermann was very accurate as he went 7-8 for 114 yards and 2 touchdowns passing. Catching touchdown passes for the Kougars was Gabriel Fauske and Jonathon MacFeat.

Defensively the Kougars shutout the Tigers as we held them to 110 total yards on 48 plays. The defensive line did a good job, led by Reece Ohrtman with 5 solo sacks and 3 assisted sacks. As a team we recorded 11 total sacks. Reece Ohrtman had 13 tackles and Layne Palmer had 12. Garrett Hermann forced a fumble; Tyrel Mansfield had a fumble recovery, and Gabriel Fauske had an interception.

Overall, I was happy with the way the kids played in the first game of the season. We have work to do, and we need to clean things up, but it was a good start to the year. This week the Kougars will host the #3 ranked 9A Harding County/Bison Ranchers, fresh off their 64-12 victory over New Underwood. This is going to be a big game for both teams, and it should make for an exciting night of football. Kickoff will be Friday night, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Kadoka.