

The Kadoka Area Kougars defeated the White River Tigers 64-36 in our final regular season game of the season last Friday night.

The game against White River was a high scoring affair. We had ups and downs defensively containing White River's talented QB and receivers, but as the game wore on, our kids were able to settle in and take care of things. I was happy with how our kids responded when adversity hit, especially in the second half. After we had gotten ahead by a couple of scores, we allowed the Tigers to score a couple of their own touchdowns, and we gave up the lead in the third quarter. After that, we were able to buckle down and rattle off 34 straight points to take a commanding lead, and we were able to secure the victory.

We had some guys really step up this week with some injuries that have hurt our depth. Gus Stout had a really nice game running the football as he had 11 carries for 93-yards and 2 touchdowns. He also threw for two conversions and had 2 catches for 33-yards and 1 touchdown. Reece Ohrtman had the biggest game of his career rushing for the second straight week as he rushed 20 times for 211-yards and 2 touchdowns. Gabriel Fauske had a nice game as well as he had 15 carries for 81-yards of his own too. Again, our offensive lineman did a great job, so kudos to Dawson Reckling, Ian VanderMay, Lincoln Koehn, Cyril Eisenbraun, and Jon MacFeat for great blocking.

We had some nice plays this week in the passing game as well as Garrett Hermann was 9-15 passing for 96-yards and 3 touchdowns. Jon MacFeat had a big night with 4 catches for 42-yards and 2 touchdowns. Gabe Fauske had 4 catches for 17-yards and Dawson Reckling 1 catch for 10-yards.

Defensively we were able to turn the ball over a couple of times. Dawson Reckling had 2 interceptions, one of which he returned for a big touchdown. We also recovered 3 kick offs (recoveries by Tyrel Mansfield, Dawson Reckling, and Reece Ohrtman), so we were able to get 5 turnovers in our favor in the game. Leading the Kougars in tackles this week was Gabe Fauske with 15 tackles and two sacks. Gus Stout had 12 tackles, Reece Ohrtman had 11 tackles and one sack. Ian VanderMay had 6 tackles, Garrett Hermann had 5, Jon MacFeat and Dawson Reckling each had 4 tackles, Cyril Eisenbraun had 3, Lincoln Koehn and Maxx Blair each had 2, and Tyrel Mansfield had 1.

The Kougars finished the regular season with a 5-3 overall record, and a 4-2 conference record. With the win the Kougars earned a spot in the 9A playoffs and will host the 5-3 Castlewood Warriors Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. This year the playoff format changed to the top 16-teams. The Kougars are the #8 seed and Castlewood is the #9 seed.

Thank you all for your support during the regular season and we look forward to the Kougar faithful cheering us on during the 2021 playoffs!

Go Kougars!!!