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Behind 155 yards on the ground from senior running back Dillon Triplet, and over 300 rushing yards as a team, the Trenton Bulldogs opened the 2012 football season with a 18-14 road win against the Carrollton Trojans, heard Friday night on Hot Country Z 101.7 and www.kgozfm.com.

Senior quarterback Jacob Spillman had an up-and-down night throwing the football, going 3 of 9 for 60 yards, with an interception thrown in the first quarter helping to lead to a Carrollton touchdown with Reggie Mathis scoring on a 22 yard run, which ended a 75 yard touchdown drive after the pick.

Trenton, down 7-0 in the second quarter, got a stagnant offense jump-started with some special teams assistance. Tom Johnson provided the call of Austin Taul's punt return score:

[Click here to listen to Austin Taul's 70 yard punt return TD](#)

After a conversion miss left the Bulldogs down 7-6, Trenton would control play for the rest of the second quarter, taking the lead on a short touchdown run by Taul:

[Click here to listen to Austin Taul's 6 yard touchdown run](#)

Carrollton picked up a big play in the third quarter, facing 4th and long from the 31 yard line, when a connection from Mark Hundley to Brandon Escenbach on a slant pattern resulted in six points, with the extra point making it 14-12 Trojans after three quarters.

That score looked like it would hold up as the winning score until Jacob Spillman and Seth Acton created "magic" with just under three minutes to play:

[Click here to listen to Seth Acton's game winning TD catch](#)

Carrollton had one more chance to take the victory, but was stopped on downs by Trenton's defense short of mid-field, and the Bulldogs ran out the clock from there.

Carrollton running back Keaton Sullivan had 13 carries for 51 yards. Trenton, at 1-0, will host Lexington on Friday night at 7 o'clock (on Hot Country Z 101.7 and www.kgozfm.com), while Carrollton takes an 0-1 record to Westran to play the Hornets this Friday night.

Here are the rest of the Friday night football scores across the area:

Milan 34, Princeton 15 (Heard on KTTN FM 92.3)

Albany 33, Putnam County 16

Brookfield 34, Mark Twain 12

Pembroke Hill 27, Cameron 24

Marshall 26, Chillicothe 25

Gallatin 27, North Platte 20

Hamilton 31, South Harrison 7

Lathrop 41, King City 0

Marceline 35, Knox County 0

Maryville 40, Lawson 0

Hogan Prep 57, Maysville 12

Westran 60, North Shelby 6

Plattsburg 62, Northeast Law (KC) 26

Van Horn 28, Polo 14

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Savannah 13, Grain Valley 6
Schuyler County 27, Paris 0
Smithville 24, Pleasant Hill 3
East Buchanan 36, Crest Ridge 12
Ozark 69, Benton 13 (SATURDAY)
Lafayette 52, Mexico 8
Mid-Buchanan 48, Orrick 6
LeBlond 46, St. Mary's 8
West Platte 38, Lincoln Prep 26
Macon 24, Palmyra 22
Higginsville 48, Concordia 6
Blue Springs 56, St. Joseph Central 13
Blue Springs South 47, Truman 20
Clark County 36, Monroe City 7
Kearney 43, North Kansas City 21
Kirksville 35, Southern Boone 22
Knob Noster 39, Versailles 22
SW Livingston 54, NW Hughesville 26