

Lexington holds off late Trenton drive, beats Bulldogs 21-14

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The Lexington Minutemen and Trenton Bulldogs did battle on a rain-soaked C.F. Russell Stadium on Friday night, with the visitors claiming a 21-14 victory, the first in the coaching career of Andy Lierman, a 1999 graduate of Lexington High School.

The teams were closely matched throughout the contest, with the Minutemen getting on the scoreboard with 11:18 remaining in the second quarter on a 4 yard touchdown run by Austin Hass. The extra point by Keenan Weber made the score 7-0.

The Bulldogs had a response less than two minutes later, as senior wideout Seth Acton took a Jacob Spillman screen pass and sprinted down the south sideline for a 54 yard score. Acton's extra point tied the game at 7.

Lexington took a halftime advantage of seven points, after a one yard quarterback sneak by Jevon Williams, and the Weber extra point, made the score 14-7.

Trenton tied the game in the third quarter, with Spillman going in from four yards out with 3:51 to go in the period. Acton's extra point tied the game.

Lexington's winning score came from the legs of Hass, with a four-yard run by 4:50 remaining. Weber made his third extra point of the night to give the Minutemen a 21-14 advantage.

Trenton had one final drive to try and tie the game, but had to use two time outs within the final 45 seconds, and with the drive stalled at the 10 yard line, the Minutemen clinched the win with an interception at the goal line on a pass intended for Colby Larson.

The loss drops Trenton's record to 1-1, going into a home game this Friday night (September 7th) against the 0-2 Putnam County Midgets.

In the loss to Lexington, Spillman was 6 of 11 through the air for 100 yards with a touchdown and the late fourth quarter interception. On the ground, Spillman rushed for 76 yards, Austin Taul 43, and Dillon Triplet 33 yards. Austin Hass of Lexington, who scored two touchdowns, was the decisive factor for the Minutemen's offense, getting the ball 28 times for 118 yards. Austin Taul had an interception for the Trenton defense in the first half, although the Bulldog offense went three and out despite getting the ball on the Lexington side of midfield. Of note in the game was a lack of penalties, with Trenton going through the contest without having a flag fly against them.