

Trenton Bulldogs Defense Impresses at Bethany Jamboree

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The Trenton Bulldogs had what can be considered a "solid" night of football on Friday night at South Harrison High School in Bethany.



In a four-team scrimmage that involved offenses getting 12 plays, starting from their opponents' 40 yard line, Trenton took on the Grand River Conference's South Harrison Bulldogs and Maysville Wolverines, in addition to Christ Preparatory School from Olathe, Kansas.

An early highlight for Trenton came with the defensive efforts against a strong South Harrison offense led by senior quarterback Dylan Heitz. Trenton held South Harrison out of the end zone, stopping the "Purple Bulldogs" on a 4th-down run from the two yard line on the 12th offensive snap of the series. However, the Trenton offense was held out of the end zone, with South Harrison stuffing THS on the 2 1/2 yard line on the last of 12 plays. Each team started from the opponent's 40 yard line.

Against Christ Prep, Trenton's defense gave up a touchdown on a 23-yard run off of the option. The Trenton offense reached the end zone twice, but the first score, on a 10 yard catch by Bailey Owen, was called back because of penalty. A fade pattern of 15 yards from Dalton Ellis to Chris Kurtz got the Bulldogs on the board. Defensively, the Bulldogs have able to create a turnover, with Travis Leeper recovering a Patriot fumble.

Against Maysville, quarterback play was split between Chris Kurtz and Kail McCarter. Trenton's offense lost the ball on a fumble recovered by the Wolverines, however running Chansé Houghton was able to score on a 25-yard run. The Bulldog defense got an interception from safety Jonathan Lamp.

Trenton Head Coach Wes Croy gave his thoughts about the Bulldog Friday night efforts:

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By all indications, it will be junior Dalton Ellis under center when the Bulldogs take their first snap of the season on Friday night against Carrollton:

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One of the early season bright spots for the Bulldogs has been the play of the defense, a group noticeable in Bethany for its overall speed, and ability to get multiple tacklers to the football. Much of the credit with the defensive improvement has to go to second-year defensive coordinator Erik Coffey:

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Trenton has a 2013 schedule that (on paper) gets more difficult as October draws closer. This week's opponent, Carrollton, struggled through the 2012 season in the Missouri River Valley Conference, but Coach Croy has fervently warned his players about NOT overlooking a Trojan team

that returns most of its starters. In week two, Trenton travels to Lexington to battle the Minutemen. In week #3, Trenton goes to Unionville to play a rebuilding Midgets team taken over his off-season by former Princeton Head Coach David Cavanah.