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Roos turn over early lead, fall to Buffs, 22-19

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Weatherford quarterback Trooper Reynolds (11) heads upfield in the first quarter against Haltom, Friday. Reynolds scored all three Roos TDs and rushed for 98 yards, helping build a 19-0 lead, before Haltom scored three unanswered touchdowns to drop the Roos, 22-19. HEIDI STOUT/DEMOCRAT PHOTO

FORT WORTH —

Weatherford fans who traveled to Birdville Stadium Friday night were treated to an opening half of Roos' offense at its best, as quarterback Trooper Reynolds engineered a triad of scoring drives, unanswered by the Haltom Buffalos until Weatherford had built a 19-0 lead.

But when the worm turned, it turned harshly for the boys in blue, as Haltom took advantage of Roos' turnovers and field position, storming back with three touchdowns and blanking the Roos in the second half to win the non-district contest, 22-19.

"I felt like this was a hard-fought game from beginning to end," said Weatherford head coach Reid Waller. "Our effort and attitude were all there. I told the boys that the only thing I was disappointed about was the scoreboard."

Reynolds scored all three TDs for Weatherford, and all in the first half, with runs of 2.2 and an impressive 44-yard scamper for the third.

Haltom's throwing quarterback Aaron Shockey found receiver Will Adams in the end zone just before the half, and the Roos took a 19-7 lead into the locker room.

Three WHS turnovers in the second half gave the Buffalos good field position, and their running game came alive, with running back JJ Gibbs scoring the final two touchdowns for Haltom, with the last one putting them up for good.

Weatherford made a late drive trying to retake the lead. An untimely holding call slowed the momentum and a fumble ended the threat. Haltom ran out the clock on the ensuing possession.

"We felt good about the way we were moving the ball to start the game," Waller said. "We just have to do what we talked about all last year, and play all four quarters.

"It's a long season, and we're not done yet. The boys are just a little madder now than they were last week."

Haltom 22, Weatherford 19

WHS	6	13	0	0	—	19
HHS	0	7	15	0	—	22

Team statistics

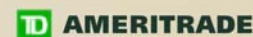
WHS		HHS	
First Downs	18	15	
Rushes-yds	41-264	32-223	
Passing yds	38	133	
Passing			
Att-Comp-int	4-8-1	9-23-1	
Punts-avg.	3-23.3	2-40.5	
Fumbles-lost	6-2	2-1	
Penalties-yds	11-110	9-55	

Individual leaders

Rushing: WHS - Trooper Reynolds 13-98, Jake Bartels 8-69, Tyler Henderson 2 -40, Zack Butler 9-30, Austin Livingston 4-29; HHS - JJ Gibbs 17-134, Kameron Young 9-44, Aaron Shockey 8-37.

Passing: WHS - Reynolds 4-8-1-38; HHS - Shockey 8-24-1-133.

Receiving: WHS - Bartels 2-36; HHS - Josh Shockey 5-78, Cody Johnson 2-25, Will Adams 2-15.



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