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Weatherford upsets Bearcats in OT, 28-27



James Albritton/The Community News: A rain-soaked Bearcat offensive line approaches the ball in Friday night's upset loss at Weatherford. The Kangaroos bested the Bearcats 28-27 in overtime in the inaugural game at the newly remodeled Roo Stadium.

By Tony Eierdam

In a rain-soaked game delayed an hour and 45 minutes, it was an extra point that made the difference in the Weatherford Kangaroos' 28-27 overtime win over the Aledo Bearcats.

Junior Josh Blanton's extra-point split the uprights and gave the Kangaroos a one-point win in the overtime session.

The loss drops the Bearcats to 2-1. Aledo will have next week off before beginning District 6-4A play on Friday, Sept. 25, at Bearcat Stadium on Homecoming Night against Brewer.

The Bearcats forced overtime when senior Devin Davis crashed over the goal line from a yard out to complete a seven-play, 39-yard drive that cut Weatherford's lead to 21-20 with 2:02 left in regulation.

Senior kicker Andrew Kocurek booted the extra point to tie the game at 21-21.

Weatherford (2-1) gained a first down on its ensuing series, but time ran

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out and the game - which started 15 minutes late and had another delay in the second quarter of an hour and a half - went into overtime.

Weatherford won the coin toss and elected to begin on defense. Starting from the WHS 25, the Bearcats moved to the hosts' 1-yard line after carries from sophomore Johnathan Gray of 5, 6, 3 and 10 yards.

On the next play, Davis dove over a pile of players near the goal line but lost the football. However, Aledo senior tight end Forrest Cook came up with the loose ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

Weatherford blocked the extra point as the Bearcats led 27-21.

Weatherford, which gained 281 yards on the ground, stuck with its ground attack and used four running plays to move the ball to the Aledo 1.

Kangaroos junior quarterback Mitchael Rucker snuck in from a yard out to tie the game, 27-27.

The play of the contest followed when Blanton was true on the extra point to give Weatherford the point it needed to secure the win.

The Bearcats took a 6-0 lead on a 14-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Matthew Bishop to Cook in the back of the end zone with 3:45 left in the opening period. The PAT attempt was blocked.

Weatherford tied the game on a one-yard QB sneak by Rucker, and went ahead 7-6 when Blanton booted the extra point.

Weatherford extended its lead with 7:01 left in the third period on a 15-yard touchdown run by junior running back Jaren Gentry. Blanton's kick increased the Weatherford advantage to 14-6.

The Bearcats tied the contest late in the third quarter. Gray took a hand off and appeared to be running off right tackle, but he quickly bounced outside and sprinted down the right sideline and into the end zone to complete a four-yard run with 12 seconds left in the third.

The Bearcats followed with a two-point conversion when Bishop found sophomore receiver Todd Christian wide open in the back of the end zone to tie the game, 14-14.

Weatherford took a 21-14 lead early in the fourth quarter on an eight-yard TD run down the left sideline by Rucker followed by Blanton's PAT boot.

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