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Breaking News: Roos beat Aledo in stormy stadium premier September 11, 2009 08:08 pm

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Winning is believing for Roos in overtime victory

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Coming from behind was the order of the night as the Weatherford Kangaroos hosted the Aledo Bearcats in the newly renovated Roos Stadium Friday in a non-district Parker County match.

Aledo scored with just two minutes left in regulation play to send the game into overtime. The Roos blocked a point-after kick following a Devin Davis touchdown, then successfully scored a touchdown themselves, with Josh Blanton's PAT kick sailing true to give Weatherford the win, 28-27.

The game took an auspicious turn just before 8 p.m., when officials suspended play due to area storms and the presence of lightning. At kickoff, a light, tolerable rain fell, but the weather worsened through the first quarter.

Aledo scored its first touchdown just before the halt of play, at 3:35 left in the initial period.

Taking possession at their own 24, the Roos began the first of many lengthy, time-consuming drives, though the campaign downfield would stall at Aledo's 37-yard line and Weatherford would yield the ball on downs.

Significant in the drive was the Roos committed a fumble on the play, yet recovered it themselves.

The miscue represented the Roos only fumble of the night. Plagued with turnovers in previous contest, Weatherford would win the turnover battle with Aledo, forcing two takeaways to none.

Still down 6-0, Weatherford's next possession produced its first lead, with fullback Jeran Gentry providing most of the legwork downfield. Quarterback Michael Rucker capped the 13-play drive with a 1-yard plunge. Blanton, perfect on the night with four pint-after kicks, put the Roos up 7-6.

Another WHS score came after the Roos recovered an Aledo fumble at the Bearcats' 15-yard line.

Behind 14-6, the Bearcats went 38 yards in 6 plays to score. Matthew Bishop's pass to Todd Christian added the 2-point conversion to knot the game at 14.

Rucker scored again on a 9-yard run with nearly nine minutes left.

After Weatherford's defense held, forcing Aledo to give up the ball on its next possession, the Aledo defense did the same, getting fortunate field position when errant snap forced WHS punter Colton Pike to fall on the ball.

Seven plays later, Aledo's Davis scored the first of his two touchdowns on the night.

Weatherford couldn't answer the score with just over two minutes left in regulation, and resigned to let the clock expire to force the overtime.

Aledo took the ball first, covering the 25 yards in five plays.

The pivotal play in the game came on the extra point, when Weatherford defensive back Jow Ward knifed in from the left side to block Aledo's point-after try.

The Roos answered the touchdown in just five plays and Blanton's chipshot put the game away for Weatherford.


Both teams sit on 2-1 records.


Weatherford hosts Coppell next Friday at 7:30 p.m. Aledo, along with all other District 6-4A teams, are idle next week, before beginning district play on Sept. 25.


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Kick for joy — With rain pouring down, Weatherford senior Josh Blanton (21) boots an extra point attempt through the uprights to seal a 28-27 win in overtime against Aledo Friday. The game, suspended for one and a half hours due to area lightning strikes, was tied three times during the night, ending with Blanton's kick after Michael Rucker ran the ball in for his third touchdown. Also pictured is Dakota Abernathy (right) taking care of the hold and Aledo's Devin Davis, rushing in to block the PAT try.

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Scoring summary

First quarter:

A - Forrest Cook 14 pass from Trey Ozee (kick failed) 3:45

Second quarter:

W - Mitchael Rucker 1 run (Josh Blanton kick) 1:59

Third quarter:

W - Jaren Gentry 15 run (Blanton kick) 6:58

A - Johnathan Gray 4 run (Todd Christian pass from Matthew Bishop) 0:12

Fourth quarter:

W - Rucker 9 run (Blanton kick) 8:54

A - Devin Davis 1 run (Andrew Kocurek kick) 2:02

First Overtime

A - Davis 1 run (kick blocked)

W - Rucker 1 run (Blanton kick)

Team Statistics

Weatherford Aledo

First Downs 17 18

Rushes-yards 58-279 39-173

Passing yards 0 75

Comp-Att-Int 0-1-0 8-16-1

Punts-avg. 2-23.5 1-28

Fumbles-lost 1-0 3-1

Penalties-yards 2-15 3-45

Individual Stat Leaders

Rushing: WHS - Jaren Gentry 25-124; Mitchael Rucker 22-76; Trooper Reynolds 5-71; Colton Kamper 3-17.

AHS - Johnathan Gray 33-152; Trey Ozee 2-10; Todd Christian 1-12.

Passing (comp-att-TD): AHS - Matthew Bishop 6-8-1; Trey Ozee 2-8-0.

Receiving: AHS - Forrest Cook 5-57;



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