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Roos come close in opener, fall 22-19

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It was a tale of two halves for the Weatherford Kangaroos football team Friday night as a relatively efficient first half turned into a scoreless second half for the Roos that Haltom took advantage of to erase a 19-7 deficit and win, 22-19.

Haltom senior quarterback Aaron Shockey threw a 15-yard strike to Will Adams with under a little more than a minute to play in the first half to get the Buffalos on the scoreboard. The score came shortly after a 44-yard touchdown run by Weatherford.

Running back J.J. Gibbs added two rushing touchdowns of 14 and 15 yards and Shockey successfully ran in a two-point conversion to give the Buffalos all the points they needed for the win. Gibbs finished the night with 17 rushes for 135 yards.

In his first outing as Weatherford quarterback, Trooper Reynolds scored all of the Kangaroos points on three rushing touchdowns, one for 44 yards which gave Weatherford a 19-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

But after taking a 19-7 lead into halftime, the Kangaroos allowed the Buffalos to score a little more than two minutes in the third when, on a fourth-down punt attempt, Reynolds inadvertently bounced the ball off the back of Stanton Scally.

It didn't take long for Haltom to take advantage of the short field and score from 14 yards out on the second play after taking possession.

Reynolds finished the night with 97 yards rushing, three touchdowns and one interception.

"He's a fun kid to be around; so selfless and a team dude," head coach Reid Waller said. "It's no wonder why the kids and coaches love him."

Waller said, overall, he was happy with the way his team performed.

"I feel really positive both offensively and defensively," he said. "We made too many mistakes in the second half but overall we did good; I saw a lot of good things."

This week, Weatherford's (0-1) task won't get any easier as the Roos face last year's 4A champion Aledo at Bearcat Stadium Friday.

But even though Aledo's only loss in their 2009 campaign was against Weatherford, Waller said that's history.

"They'll tell you too that last year is history," he said. "This is this year's team and we're going to worry about what the Kangaroos do and not what Aledo does."

In practices this week, Waller said the team will work on minimizing some of the mistakes, like bad snaps and penalties.

"We had some techniques causing problems," he said. "We know exactly what went wrong and what caused them and we'll fix them."

He also said the boys will work on their conditioning as he felt his team may have been a bit fatigued in the second half of the Haltom game.

Booster Club wants big opening-night showing

The Kangaroos football booster club is hoping for a big crowd when Weatherford hosts its first home game of the season against Burleson Sept. 10.

In celebration of the 100th season of Kangaroo football, ex-football lettermen from all eras will lead the Kangaroos onto the field. Former lettermen are asked to meet at the stadium at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the game are available at the WISD Business Office, 1100 Longhorn Drive in Weatherford, Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or on Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students tickets are \$3 (pre-sale) or \$7 (at the gate); adults general admission tickets are \$5 (pre-sale) or \$7 (at the gate); and reserve tickets are \$7 (pre-sale) and \$8 (at the gate).

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