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Trenton defeats Bronson 74-8 in varsity football game



Bronson's Caleb Chemin takes the handoff and looks for running space down field.

Story and Photos

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BRONSON -- The Trenton High School Tigers Varsity Football Team defeated the Bronson High School Eagles 74-8 Friday (Sept. 29), but for the young Eagles team, it wasn't the only adversity they have faced this season.

The Eagles lost their new head coach at the start of the season due to a medical emergency, but Timmy King, a Bronson alumnus, stepped forward and agreed to take over coaching duties for the 2017 season.

He said the team has never lost heart. He said the Eagles have faced challenges from every direction, but they just keep battling.



“I tell them not to quit. That's what we do best at Bronson. We take that old school car, we fix it and do the best we can,” King said.

Trenton runner Tyrique Baber (#1) sprints 35 yards for a first quarter touchdown with Bronson's George Konstantis (55) in pursuit.

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Trenton quarterback Jayce Gentry (#11) runs for a first half touchdown with running back Randy Fuller (10) making sure the path to the end zone is clear.



Bronson fullback Christian Kahn runs left for a big gain.

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Bronson running back Glen Cooper sprints for yardage in traffic.

King said his team showed they hadn't quit when they scored a touchdown and a two point conversion in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter when the score 67-0.

Bronson, 0-4, will face Wildwood at home Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Trenton High School, which hadn't played a game in 22 days, gave its second string roster playing time in the second half.

Coach Lyle Wilkerson said he was most concerned about his senior-dominated team showing maturity against Bronson, but he said his Tigers played well and stayed sharp for their game on Friday night.

"I knew we were better than Bronson. I was worried about maturity...our kids coming ready to play knowing we were better than somebody. It's easy to let your guard down and not come ready to play," Wilkerson said. "We did it. We had 13 seniors. I thought they were mature enough. I was a little worried about them but they came to play. I was proud of them."

Many of the Trenton touchdowns were scored on runs or 30 to 40 yards, but the biggest play of the game came on defense late in the second half when Tyrique Baber intercepted a pass and ran 53 yards for a score.

Despite the difference in the score, the teams showed good sportsmanship at the end of the hard-fought game, with players shaking hands and congratulating each other for their efforts on the field.