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Williston beats Chiefland 56-14



The Indians cheer squad poses for photos prior to kickoff.

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WILLISTON -- The Williston Red Devils defeated the Chiefland Indians 56-14 Friday night (Nov. 3) in the final regular season game for both varsity football teams.

Red Devils Head Varsity Football Coach Justin Wentworth was proud of how his team performed, especially the freshmen. Even the eighth graders who played gave the coach reasons to be proud. At the end of the game, Williston's playoff hopes were still uncertain, but Coach Wentworth assured "Whether we are fourth or first, we'll get after it."

This was Adam Gore's first season as head coach for the Indians. Earlier in the year, he stated his goal to go to the "playoffs or bust." Although the Indians will not be in the playoffs, Coach Gore told his players after the game how proud he was of the team and its performance this season.

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Indians captains Brian Norris (4), BC Fehmerling (8), and Lance Horne (50) meet with the Red Devils captains for the coin toss.

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The Indians stretch and relax prior to the start of the game.

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A4 The Red Devils take the field after their band's performance of the national anthem.

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T-2 Williston running back Gerard Williams (21) darts right as he attempts to avoid a Chiefland tackler.

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WHS senior running back Gerard Williams rushed for more than 200 yards as his part to take the victory. This was as well as contributing to eight Red Devils' touchdowns.

WHS sophomore Jeremiah James and junior Quinyon Mitchell also had an impressive night. Williston's defense demonstrated its level of commitment during the game as well, allowing few first downs to be earned by the Indians. The Indians' eight fumbles (seven of which were recovered by the Red Devils) certainly helped the Devils get ahead, especially when two fumbles were scooped up by linebacker Octavious Lee

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(with one being returned for a touchdown).



The Red Devils band performs popular songs such as Viva La Vida by Coldplay and Clarity by Zedd during halftime.

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WHS senior kicker Gavin Wallace stands with coaches during the second half. He scored 8 extra points out of the 8 he attempted, and had multiple outstanding kickoffs.

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Chiefland running back Wyatt Hammond (22) sweeps right behind a block by Fry Ramer (16).

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Chiefland running back Brian Norris rumbles around right end for big yardage.

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Alison Pataky observes the football game.

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The game wasn't all downhill for the visiting team from Chiefland, though. Indians' offense scored in the first quarter to tie the Red Devils at seven. Despite giving up 56 points, Chiefland's defense was occasionally a thorn in the side of Williston, especially in

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the first and third quarters.

It was senior night for Williston, so senior members of the band, cheer squad and football team were brought out, along with their families.

The seniors recognized from the band were Cody Anderson, Garrett Albury, Sav Crosser, Yami Enriquez, Hannah Goodspeed, Skyilar Horten, Maggie Knott, Anna Janes Petteway, Matthew Rega, and Katie Taylor, Samantha Leigh Veldink, Makayla Watson and Becca Zahradka.

Seniors in the cheer squad this season were Felicity Johns, Alyssa Landon, Kyra Penny, Anna Petteway, Carlie Vining, Taylor Whitehurst and Yanna Williams.

Seniors on the football team this season were Albert Fuller (12), Greyson Moore (72), Cameron Oliver (4), Kelby Osteen (75), Levi Pickel (62), Ben Ramos (30), Josh Schmidt (51), Brent Sheppard (55) and Gerard Williams (21).

Next Friday (Nov. 10), the Williston Red Devils will face the Pahokee Blue Devils in Pahokee for the regional semifinal round of Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 1A playoffs.

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