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## Chiefland defeats Bronson 47-0



**Chiefland runner Kirk Williams scores the opening touchdown for the Indians.**

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**CHIEFLAND** -- Chiefland High School defeated Bronson High School 47-0 Friday night in a hard-fought battle that Chiefland dominated with its superior size and speed.

**Bronson runner Braden Dean lowers his shoulder pads as he crashes into the teeth of the Chiefland defense. His grandfather, George Dean, is an assistant coach at Bronson and is respected in the coaching ranks.**



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**Chiefland quarterback Ty Cobb waits for blocking to develop as he rounds the corner for a big gain.**



**Bronson runner Levi Warmack finds running space around the right end for a first down. Quarterback Louis Montero (4) is behind him.**

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**Chiefland receiver Payton Parnell catches a 40-yard pass and heads for the end zone. He was caught from behind and brought down.**



**Bronson's Jalem Rutledge (2) and Braden Dean (5) chase down a high snap that eventually rolled into the end zone for a Chiefland score.**

The playoff-bound Indians, 7-1, take on St. Francis Catholic High School on Friday (Oct. 26) at home.

Bronson, 1-8 (counting the win against Merritt Island Christian), hosts Bell at home.

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Chiefland Head Varsity Football Coach Adam Gore said the Bronson game gave him a chance to use a lot of young players who wanted a chance to perform under the lights in a varsity game.

“It was an opportunity to play a lot of kids, so that worked out well. A lot of guys got carries. A lot of guys got to play. We probably got 48 kids that are healthy and pretty much everyone got playing time,” Coach Gore said.

Chiefland took a 40-0 lead into halftime and sent its reserves on the field for most of the second half. The clock ran continuously under the mercy rule.

The only time Gore used his starting defense in the final two quarters was when Bronson was threatening to score late in the game. Gore said he didn’t want to run up the score on the Bronson kids, the school and their coach. He respects what Bronson Head Varsity Football Coach Seth Stebbins is trying to do with the program.

“But we didn’t want them to score either. We take pride in our players and in what they do and we wanted to give them an opportunity to preserve a shutout if they got an opportunity and that’s why we did that,” Gore said.

Stebbins credited his team with playing hard.

“We’re extremely young but we’re not about excuses,” Coach Stebbins said. “We played about as hard as we could play. Chiefland’s a good football team. We played hard. They were just better than we were tonight. The kids are just so young, and we have few numbers. As of tonight, we were eight starters down from what we had two weeks ago; so, that’s hard.”

Stebbins said he is rebuilding the program from scratch. He said his players need to spend more time in the weight room and more time in the summer “just getting better.”

“It’ll happen. It’ll happen. I’m not worried about it,” Stebbins said.

Bronson gave up 14 points in the first five minutes of the game after fumbling away the ball.

The first fumble occurred at 11:35 in the first quarter.

Chiefland’s Kirk Williams scored on a 6-yard run a minute later.

Bronson fumbled at its own 17 on its next possession.

Williams ran for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. The extra point was good. Chiefland led 14-0 with 9:05 left in the first quarter.

Chiefland scored again with four minutes left in the quarter when Jalem Rutledge ran for a 28-yard touchdown. A bad snap on the kick left the score 20-0.

The Indians extended their lead when Jarrett Jerrells ran 60 yards for a touchdown with 50 seconds left in the first quarter. Bronson stopped the two-point conversion, leaving the score 26-0.

Bronson fumbled on the opening play of its next offensive series and Chiefland recovered in the end zone for a touchdown, giving the Indians a 33-0 lead with 10:53 left in the second quarter.

The Eagles were unable to move the ball on their next offensive series. After the punt, Indian quarterback Ty Corbin ran for a 5-yard touchdown. The extra point gave Chiefland a 40-0 lead with 5:03 left in the half.

The Indian reserve players scored the final touchdown with 6:27 left on the clock when Mike Cockill forced his way into the end zone. The extra point was good.