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Football fans in Wallace witnessed the highest scoring game in eight man history for Nebraska football Friday night. Unfortunately for Wildcat fans, it was in a losing effort as the Potter-Dix Coyotes defeated the Wildcats 90-68.

The 158 total points eclipsed the previous record of 154 points scored by Minatare and Sioux County in 2004. In that game Minatare defeated Sioux County 102-52.

Friday night there was never any doubt that this might be an offensive shootout, as the Wildcats scored three touchdowns and the Coyotes scored two touchdowns in the first 4:12 of the game.

At the end of the first quarter both teams combined for 62 points, as Potter-Dix led 34-28.

After falling behind 8-0 to start the game the Wildcats tied the score on its first play from scrimmage as Sean May found Shawn Christensen behind the Coyote secondary for a 65 yard touchdown.

Christensen then gave the Wildcats a 14-8 lead when he intercepted a Jordan Ottosen pass and returned 14 yards for his second touchdown just 2:32 into the game.

After Potter-Dix tied the score at 14-14 on a 25 yard J. Ottosen pass to Ty Ottosen, the Wildcats scored touchdowns on two of their next three possessions. The touchdowns were a one yard run by May and a 30 yard pass from May to Christensen.

However, each time the Wildcats scored the Coyotes would answer and with 38 seconds to play in the first quarter the score was tied at 28-28.

Potter-Dix then ceased momentum in the game by recovering an onside kick and scoring on a 40 yard touchdown pass from J. Ottosen to T. Ottosen with six seconds remaining in the first quarter to take a 34-28 lead.

The momentum carried over to the second quarter as the Coyotes outscored the Wildcats 22-0 to take a 56-28 lead at half time.

The Wildcats got things started in a hurry once again in the second half as May scored on a 50 yard run on the second play of the second half as Wallace cut the lead to 56-36.

However, the Coyotes answered again on a 12 yard touchdown run by J. Ottosen to extend the Coyote lead to 62-36. Potter-Dix extended its lead to 68-36 with 1:00 to play in the third quarter on a J. Ottosen pass to Jay Welch that covered 43 yards.

Despite trailing by 32 late in the third quarter, the Wildcats never quit and actually made things interesting. Once again the Wildcats struck quickly as Christensen scored on a 58 yard run on first down to cut the lead to 68-42 with 47 seconds to play in the third quarter.

Then the Wildcats recovered a successful onside kick and scored six plays later on a six yard touchdown run by Christensen to make the score 68-48 with 10:13 to play in the game.

After another successful onside kick, the Wildcats got within two touchdowns when May scored

on an 8 yard run to make the score 68-54 with 9:31 to play in the game.

However, that was as close as the Wildcats would get, as Potter-Dix scored on all three of its remaining possessions.

May scored on runs of 33 and 19 yards for the final two Wildcat touchdowns.

For the game the Wildcats racked up 494 yards of total offense. May rushed for 275 yards and five touchdowns. Christensen added 108 yards and two touchdowns rushing, 95 yards and two touchdowns receiving and one interception return for a touchdown.

Next action

The Wildcats will travel to Oshkosh to take on the Garden County Eagles in their final game on the season. Friday night kickoff is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. CDT.