

COMMANDERS MOVE TO 3-0

LEBANON -- Friendship Christian moved to 3-0 on the year with a big 42-6 win Friday night against the Gordonsville at Pirtle Field. The Commanders, who unveiled a new black-on-black uniform, relied on a stingy defensive effort and a solid offensive showing to control the G-Men from Smith County.

Friendship Christian exploded for 21 points in the second quarter and cruised to a 28-6 halftime lead.

FCS quarterback Lee Maasen accounted for three TDs and 347 yards in total offense, connecting on 9-of-11 passes for 222 yards. He also rushed 13 times for 125 yards and two touchdowns.

The Commander defense made life hard for the Tigers, sacking the quarterback eight times and holding their visitors to less than 200 yards in total offense.

Senior tailback John Markham scored a pair of touchdowns for FCS, rushing for 84 yards on eight carries. Sophomores Dalton Patterson and Dekolas Reeves both contributed offensively as Patterson led all receivers with four catches for 124 yards and a touchdown and Reeves turned out 56 yards on four carries. Reeves made his presence known early busting out for a large gain on the Commanders first offensive play of the night.

"We need this kind of effort from our younger guys. We have a lot of guys on the sideline healing and we have called on some kids to set up," FCS Coach John McNeal said.

Gordonsville couldn't muster up much offense after their initial drive and a second quarter score just before halftime.

“They came out and hit us for some big runs in that first drive. Our guys settled down after that and did their job defensively,” McNeal added.

Mitch Miller, Matt Swindoll, Charlie Tumbleston and Matt Goodner anchored the Commander defense holding talented Tiger tailback Cody Woodmore to just 31 yards rushing.

McNeal's team will be on the road Sept. 11 as they travel to Celina to take on Clay County High School.

MJ CHRISTIAN slid to 0-3 on the season Friday evening with a 15-13 loss at St. Andrew's - Sewanee. The Saints will play their home-opener Sept. 11 as they host Rossville Christian at Suey Field.

WATERTOWN High was idle Friday night, but returns to action Sept. 11 as they Tigers host much-improved Red Boiling Springs (2-0).