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CLARKSVILLE -- Cumberland's freshman quarterback Reed Gurchiek spent Thursday night in a Montgomery County hospital after dislocating his left hip in the Bulldogs' 38-6 season-opening loss to Austin Peay.

The former all-stater from Mt. Juliet High went down after running a quarterback counter on a second and goal at the North end zone of Governor's Stadium.

Prior to the injury, Gurchiek ran 14 times for 33 yards and completed 6-of-22 passes for 43 yards and was sacked once.

"There were a lot of late whistles out there, a lot of things going on and I think that's what happened. He kind of got twisted in a pile around the five yard line," said CU head coach Dewayne Alexander.

"Reed had a couple of close plays right there at the start of the game -- passes that went off the fingertips of his receivers. He had put together a good drive, settled down a little there after halftime."

Alexander said Gurchiek was released from the hospital Friday morning and would be undergoing further tests in Lebanon today and over the weekend.

"I talked to Reed and to his dad," Alexander said, "they were told it was a clean dislocation. The hip went right back in. Now the concern is the tissue around the joint.">

Cumberland struggled against the big and speedy APSU defensive front, averaging just 2.8 yards per rushing attempt.

"This is the third time we've played a 1-AA team since I've been here and the biggest difference has been the size and speed of the fronts on both sides of the ball. Our guys put up a very good fight, but there comes a point where they just wear on you."

Austin Peay had two backs, Terrence Hold and Wesley Kitts, break the 100-yard rushing barrier. Holt ran 14 times for 127 yards and scored once while Kitts came off the bench in the second half, running 11 times for 109 yards -- including a 68 yard TD burst up the gut in the late stages of the fourth quarter.

All told, APSU run for 306 yards, averaging 7.3 per rush.

Lemeco Miller led Cumberland with 56 yards on 12 carries.

Redshirt freshman Jared White was 2-for-3 on field goal attempts, connecting from 29 and 24 yards.

Chris Simpson intercepted an AP pass and returned it 30 yards. Cody McCallister also had a pick for CU. Ben Miller led the CU defense with eight tackles. Melvin Armstrong and Stephon Ransom were in on six stops each.

BULLDOG BITES -- Senior outside LB Todd Holman went out of the game later in the third period with an apparent dislocation of his left shoulder.

Nearly 100 CU fans gathered for a catered pregame tailgate party in the Governor's Stadium parking lot.

FREE ADMISSION -- Everyone will be admitted FREE to CU's Sept. 11 home-opener vs. Campbellsville. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Lindsey Donnell Stadium. Local restaurants will be setting up tents on the practice field with free food. Also, volunteers and participants from Sherry's Run will be recognized.

Gurchiek injured in CU's 38-6 loss at APSU

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