

McLEMORE RETURNS TWO INTS FOR TD'S

LEBANON -- Allanté McLemore returned two interceptions for touchdowns and Cody McCallister picked up a fumble and raced 56 yards for a score, as Cumberland posted a 33-21 victory over Campbellsville Univ. Saturday at Lindsey Donnell Stadium.

For his efforts, McLemore was voted Mid-South Conference Defense Player of the Week.

Cumberland (1-1) turned six turnovers into 25 points en route to the victory, including four interceptions. McLemore had 36 and 32-yard interception returns for touchdowns, the first late in the second quarter and then early in the third period to give the Bulldogs a 26-0 advantage.

Campbellsville (2-1) scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, including one on the final play of the game. Three Tiger quarterbacks tossed four interceptions, three in the second half, and the Bulldog defense limited Campbellsville to 155 yards of total offense in the first three quarters.

The Bulldogs managed only 205 yards of total offense, but put together two good scoring drives, one that Ervin Young capped with a six-yard scamper in the first quarter and the other late in the third period. Tim McCord broke several tackles and scored from 13 yards to end that drive after Campbellsville had thrown a 52-yard TD pass to get on the board.

Thomas Goodloe led the Bulldogs on the ground with 45 yards on 13 carries, while quarterback Christian Burnett managed the game well, going 6-for-14 for 71 yards but most importantly, no interceptions.

The biggest play of the game for CU may have been on a broken play in which Burnett hit Young for a 37-yard completion. Two plays later McCord scored to put the Bulldogs ahead, 33-7.

Just as in last year's matchup, Cumberland used the big play, not necessarily by the offense, to get on the scoreboard in the first half.

On the opening drive of the game, Campbellsville's Will Warf tossed a pass outside to Justin Thomas, who dropped the ball. Unbeknownst to most everyone on the field, the play was ruled a catch and a fumble and McCallister picked up the ball and raced 56 yards for a touchdown. Jared White kicked the PAT for a 7-0 Bulldog lead.

Warf fumbled on the first play of Campbellsville's next drive and BJ Stewart recovered for CU. Five plays later Young cut back on the left side and ran into the end zone from six yards out for

Cumberland's first offensive touchdown of the year. The PAT was wide right, giving the Bulldogs a 13-0 advantage.

Neither team did much offensively for the rest of the half, with both defenses making fourth down stops. Another Campbellsville mistake led to the final points of the half for the Bulldogs.

Late in the second quarter Tiger quarterback Robert Hill fired behind receiver Stan Warren-Huffman and right into the hands of McLemore, who beat everyone down the sideline and just inside the front cone for a 36-yard interception return. Again the PAT was wide right for a 19-0 Cumberland lead at the half.

In the third quarter McLemore took an overthrown ball and had a much easier time reaching the end zone from 32 yards out for a 26-0 Bulldog advantage.

Warren-Huffman scored on a 52-yard catch and run less than a minute later, but McCord's touchdown virtually put the game out of reach.

Campbellsville put together a 14-play, 77-yard drive that ended in a 13-yard TD pass from Hill to Harold Small with 10:45 to play, and Nathan Cooper hit Small from eight yards out on the final play of the game.

Cumberland plays Kentucky Christian next Saturday in Huntington, W.Va. at 12:30 p.m. CT before returning home to start a three-game homestand against West Virginia Tech.