

GLADEVILLE — Wilson Central scored on four of its first six drives and saw the other two end at the Commandos' 15 in a first-half blitz that enabled the Wildcats to score a 39-12 victory over visiting Hendersonville Friday at Wildcat Field.

Wilson Central (3-0, 2-0 in District 9AAA) also benefited from four Commando (1-2, 1-1) turnovers and a Wildcat defense that held the visitors to 44 yards of offense in their first six series.

"It's something we've stressed all the years we've been here and this year we're actually capitalizing on those turnovers," Wilson Central coach Brad Dedman said. "If somebody's going to turn it over we've got to find a way to put points on the board some way or another."

Three of the four scoring drives combined for just seven plays, including a 71-yard pass from Jordan Roundtree to Chris Lee on the Wildcats' first offensive play.

"That play was big," Dedman said. "We saw some things that we thought we could take advantage of. They bit on that first play right there and we actually made the throw and the catch and ran it in the end zone. It was definitely something that gave us the momentum all the way throughout the football game."

The Wildcats went on to score on their fourth play of their second series — a 48-yard field goal from Brad Cavanaugh after a Tyler McBurney interception. Wilson Central put together a 10-play 80-yard drive on its third series as Roundtree found Alex Price for a 20-yard score.

After back-to-back drives ended at the Hendersonville 15 — with a Hendersonville punt snap through the end zone in between — Price scored for the second time, this one from the 7. Bryce DeGuira connected on a 40-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in the half to get Hendersonville on the board.

A 10-play drive for Wilson Central burned nearly five minutes off of the third-quarter clock and

ended with a punt at midfield. The next seven minutes were pretty hectic, however.

The Wildcats' Preston Reed blocked a punt on the Commandos' first series at the Hendersonville 23. Two plays later, however, Bailey Rogers intercepted Roundtree in the back of the end zone. But the Commandos gave it right back on the first play as Andre Corder stepped in front of a Gerardo Alvarez pass and returned it for a score.

The teams traded punts the next two series — HHS' Addison Hart bombing one to the 10 where four plays later the Wildcats had a quick-kick punt blocked out of the end zone for a safety as the third quarter neared a close.

Wilson Central struck quick one more time as Roundtree found Lee for 46 yards on the first play of a drive and pushed the lead to 39-5 2:44 into the fourth quarter.

And in an ironic twist, the Commandos converted a late Wildcat fumble at their own 14 when Sam Pate scored the team's lone touchdown a few plays later from the 9.

Wilson Central plays host to Shelbyville this week.

"We still haven't played our best football game," Dedman said. "We've still got to fix our mistakes. But we played really well as a team and that's something we really concentrate on doing."