

CRANE RESIGNS AS HEAD COACH

LEBANON -- Taking advantage of four Hendersonville turnovers Lebanon scored an improbable 13-7 victory over the Commandos Friday at Tribble Field / Watkins Stadium.

The win snapped an 11-game Blue Devil losing streak dating back to the 2011 season in Troy Crane's final game as LHS coach. According to Lebanon Athletic Director Darian Brown, Crane informed the team of his decision to resign during a pregame locker room meeting. Crane's two-year tenure as LHS head coach ended with a record of 3-17.

"I'm just so proud of these kids, especially these 18 seniors," Crane said after the game. "We felt like if we could keep 'em hemmed up in a phone booth we'd have a chance. Our guys just flew around and make tackles tonight.

"We told our players this was a playoff game for us. If we could win, we'd keep Hendersonville at home for sure."

Lebanon set the tone early forcing a fumble of Hendersonville's first offensive play as Eddie McDaniels stripped Cameron Turner and Demetrius Frazier recovered.

The Blue Devils the marched the ball 46 yards in 12 plays as Julien Crutchfield barreled in from the 10 for the score. With Christian Haffner's PAT, Lebanon led for the first time all season with 6:25 left in the first.

Hendersonville tied the score after intermission as QB Jeremias Elston scored on a one-yard plunge, ending a 59-yard, 14 play drive, and Bryce Deguira booted the PAT with 2:15 left in the third.

Senior tailback Ethan Copas scored the game winner for LHS, taking the direct snap and going off right tackle 64 yards for a score. The PAT was blocked by Chad Dye, but the Blue Devils had a 13-7 lead with :10 to go in the third.

Hendersonville lost the ball twice on fumbles and twice on interceptions by freshman DB Jaren Stewart.

The Commandos racked up 218 yards rushing, as compared to 68 for Lebanon, finishing with 248 yards in total offense -- and 14 first downs.

Lebanon had just 91 yards in total offense and four first downs, two in the second half on roughing the punter penalties.

Hendersonville ended the season 4-6 overall, Lebanon 1-9.