

CU pounds Bluefield on Senior Day

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LEBANON -- Reed Gurchiek and Broc Loveless each threw two touchdown passes, Michael Hagewood picked off two passes and Lemeco Miller scored twice, setting the single-season touchdowns mark, in Cumberland's 49-0 victory over Bluefield College Saturday on Senior Day at Nokes-Lasater Field.

The Bulldogs (7-3, 3-2 Mid-South West) routed the first-year program, holding the Rams to just 113 yards of total offense and posting two interceptions, the second one in the CU end zone in the third quarter.

Quarterbacks Gurchiek and Loveless combined to complete 20-of-23 passes for 293 yards and four TDs.

Miller scored on runs of 13 and one-yard in the first and third quarters, respectively, breaking the single-season touchdowns scored record previously set by Andrew Yarbrough in 1998. He rushed for 62 yards on 16 attempts in the contest, only the third time this season he has failed to reach the century mark.

CU's most impressive drive of the game came in the second period when the Bulldogs took nearly 10 minutes off the clock with an 18-play, 91-yard drive capped by an eight-yard TD pass to Daniel Dayton, giving the home team a 21-0 lead. Hagewood's first INT on Bluefield's next drive set up a 34-yard scoring pass to BJ Stewart just before the half.

Gurchiek rushed for a score and tossed the touchdowns to Dayton and Stewart before sitting out the second half. The redshirt sophomore has now thrown just one interception over the last eight games, a span that includes 147 passing attempts.

Bluefield (0-10, 0-5) reached the CU side of the field only three times in the game, the first after a muffed punt by Dayton. The Rams drove 49 yards on eight plays in the third period before

Hagewood's second interception, this one in the end zone, and reached the CU43 on the next drive.

Three Bluefield quarterbacks combined to go 13-of-28 passing for 80 yards. Clifton Bishop led the Rams on the ground with 29 yards on 11 carries.

The Bulldogs took their opening drive of the game 60 yards on seven plays, capped by a 13-yard scoring run from Miller. Gurchiek's eight-yard TD rush finished a 71-yard drive and gave the Bulldogs a 14-0 edge at the end of the first quarter.

Cumberland took over on its own nine yard line on the next possession and got a false start penalty before the first play, moving the ball back to the four. The Bulldogs then drove 18 plays and took one second shy of 10 minutes off the clock, with Dayton catching an eight-yard TD pass from Gurchiek for a 21-0 edge with 3:41 left before the half.

Hagewood picked off his first pass of the game on the ensuing Bluefield possession, setting up a 34-yard touchdown pass to Stewart just before the half.

CU took the opening drive of the third quarter 61 yards on 11 plays before Miller plunged in from a yard out, giving the Bulldogs a 35-0 lead. Broc Loveless hit Ryan Slack for a 10-yard TD pass on the first play of the fourth quarter and then found a wide-open Ken Dixon for a 51-yard catch-and-run midway through the period.

Cumberland finishes the regular season next Saturday at Lindsey Wilson at 1:30 p.m.