

# Bombardiers blow past overmatched Weymouth

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ATTLEBORO — Winning the coin toss and electing to defer to the second half of play, the Attleboro High School football team chose to defend the “north” goal at Tozier-Cassidy Field, with the wind at its back for the first quarter of competition against Weymouth High.

That was the first of many correct decision-making plays Friday which resulted in the Bombardiers putting up points on the scoreboard on each of their first four offensive series, driving 17, 44, 48 and 12 yards for touchdowns en route to a 34-7 victory over the Wildcats.

Sophomore running back Joe Llanos continued his elusive track up the field, accumulating 100 yards rushing on 13 carries, two of which were for touchdowns, while senior QB Cam Furtado produced 99 multi-purpose yards and a TD as the Bombardiers moved to 5-5 overall on the season.

“We wanted the wind; it worked out the way that we wanted,” Mike Strachan, the AHS coach, said of winning the flip. “We used our timeouts too to pin them, to have them kick against the wind.”

The Bombardiers scored a trio of first-quarter TDs and took a 27-0 advantage into the locker room at intermission.

Then all the Bombardiers did was continue to demonstrate their run-pass skills and exquisite time-management skills. AHS took the second-half kickoff and owned possession of the ball for 8:58, with an 80-yard, 13-play scoring drive resulting in Justin Cote scoring from 17 yards out behind the blocking of fullback Nathan Barboza.

“The wind, 17-20 mph at game time, was a factor in the first quarter, and then that drive in the third quarter that consumed nearly nine minutes, those were all big parts of the game,” Strachan said.

Llanos carried the ball five straight times on AHS’s short first series — after a Weymouth punt into the wind netted just 12 yards — with Furtado scoring on a bootleg right for the go-ahead TD.

On the very first play of AHS’s second series, junior Alex Rodriguez burst outside right for a 44-yard six-point gallop.

Two plays into the Bombardiers’ third series, AHS was in the end zone again, Llanos scoring from 12 yards out — after Furtado and Elvin Sam combined their athletic traits on a 40-yard pass play.

A 74-yard punt return by Sam to the Weymouth 12-yard line set up the fourth AHS TD, that just three plays into the fourth offensive set, with Llanos following a block on the edge by Barboza to score from four yards out.

The Wildcats were able to complete just two passes, as defensive end Jason Weir blocked two passes, while defensive end Nick Evans was effective at forcing the flow inside — such that 19 of Weymouth’s 28 rushes were for gains of three yards or fewer, eight for zero or negative yards.

"It's been an interesting year for us, I'm proud of our team," Strachan said in praise of his Bombardiers, who have adjusted to injuries and illnesses and countless roster and depth-chart moves.

"This senior class, I'm so happy for — they keep working, they keep working hard," Strachan continued. And keep practicing too, preparing for the Thanksgiving Day game No. 23 at Community Field against North Attleboro.