

Frommer a force for unbeaten Warriors

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WRENTHAM — Even the rain and wind of Tropical Storm Jose couldn't slow the King Philip Regional High School football team's potent rushing attack Friday night.

The Warriors rushed for 340 yards, 253 of them created by the inexhaustible legs of senior Shane Frommer on 31 carries, as they stayed undefeated at 3-0 by racing past Attleboro, 42-14, at Macktaz Field. Dominating as that sounds, the Warriors and Bombardiers were locked in a close contest until a few AHS miscues late in the second quarter gave the Warriors the chance to build momentum.

"One of the key factors in the game was the turnover down here," KP coach Brian Lee said, pointing to the general vicinity of the 10-yard-line, where Frommer recovered a fumble on the first play of an Attleboro possession and scored two plays later from there to take a 21-6 lead with 1:17 left in the half.

Prior to that quick change of possession, KP took advantage of a wind-impeded punt to take over at the AHS 40. After Brendan Lydon's 29-yard pass to Jack Piller, fullback Nick Kerr scored from a yard out and Cole Baker added the kick to make it 14-6 with 1:43 to go.

The Warriors were stopped at the AHS 14 on an 11-play drive to open the game, and Attleboro responded by taking a 6-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter, a 2-yard keeper by Cam Furtado, set up by the senior quarterback's 54-yard toss to Josh Therrian.

But Frommer got those points back two plays later on a 35-yard run, Baker's kick making it 7-6. As it turned out, the Warriors would never trail again.

"We drove down, no points, and they came down and went ahead," Lee said. "But right before the half, for us to get those points really quick was big. And getting the ball again in the second half really helped."

Seizing the momentum with the late first-half scores, Frommer kept it going with a 33-yard kickoff return to start the second half on Attleboro's 46. His 51-yard carry to the AHS 4 set up Lydon's keep from the 1 for a 27-6 lead with 8:42 left in the quarter.

Attleboro (0-3) struck back two possessions later. Justin Cote's 41-yard punt return was followed by carries of 24 and 15 yards by sophomore Joseph Llanos, the latter for the score. Furtado's toss to Mike Strachan for the conversion made it 27-14 with 2:35 left.

The Bombardiers stopped KP cold on its next possession, but after AHS lost the ball on downs at the KP 41, Frommer struck again — a 59-yard jaunt down the right sideline with one second left in the quarter. Andrew Dittrich caught the conversion pass to make it 35-14.

Lydon threw a 5-yard scoring pass to Tom Madden, set up by a 59-yard jaunt by sophomore Ryan Halliday, to round out the scoring with 6:49 left to play.

Llanos was Attleboro's bright spot, carrying 13 times for 81 yards. Furtado had 108 passing yards at halftime, but strong play by the KP secondary resulted in seven second-half incompletions. KP resumes play Thursday in the battle of unbeatens at home against Mansfield, while Attleboro visits Taunton on Friday.