

Bombardiers strafe Tigers

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ATTLEBORO — In whatever manner, the Bombardiers of Attleboro High touched the football, it turned into a golden six points.

The Bombardiers had a trio of rushing touchdowns, a pair of passing touchdowns, had a dazzling Elvin Sam punt return turn into six points, with Attleboro turning two of its three first half takeaways into touchdowns.

The Bombardiers scored 22 points with three touchdowns over the final three minutes of the first half, totaling 30 second quarter points en route to a 44-0 rout of Oliver Ames Friday at Tozier-Cassidy Field.

"We have to build off of this," related AHS coach Mike Strachan, whose Bombardiers will take a 2-3 record back onto its home turf Friday to meet Mansfield. "This was a good win for us to get some momentum going."

The Bombardiers started three of their five offensive series during the first half on OA soil, at the 33, 47 and 27 yard lines — each time scoring points, while having such other advantageous field position as their own 42 and 46 yard lines.

How much did Attleboro dominate? The Bombardiers had the ball for 20 plays in the first quarter, OA merely six, netting just 16 yards. The Tigers crossed midfield twice during the first half, but ventured no farther than the AHS 40-yard line.

"We had a great week of practice, we got healthy all of a sudden — it was a tough few weeks," added Strachan of injuries and illnesses, which resulted in somewhat of a patchwork lineup. "These kids have responded, they work hard — that's all that you can ask for."

The Bombardiers bulldozed down the field behind Joe Llanos (16 yards) and Alex Rodriguez (31 yards) on their first series to set up QB Cam Furtado's scrambling 11-yard TD run.

Three plays later, AHS had possession of the ball again as Desmond Woodson latched onto an OA fumble after a completed Tiger pass.

And three plays into OA's second series of the game, Josh Therrien plucked off a Tiger pass, setting up the second AHS TD, a 23-yard gallop by Justin Cote on a third down and two-yard play.

The Bombardiers lit up the Tozier-Cassidy Field scoreboard in rapid fire succession. Furtado guided AHS on a 54-yard, four-play drive, completing a nifty 41-yard airball scoring strike to Cote on the run in the end zone.

On the ensuing kickoff, Rodriguez recovered an OA fumble, presenting the Bombardiers with the ball at the OA 27. Furtado scrambled for a 16-yard gain, then Llanos finished off the two-play scoring drive with an 11-yard run.

The Bombardiers weren't done as Sam electrified the crowd, fielding an OA punt deep in AHS territory, bolting up field, then charging into overdrive from midfield on for a 73-yard score. And junior Dante Williams (48 second half yards) factored into AHS driving 46 yards on 11 plays for its final TD, scoring from four yards out with 97 seconds left.

"We have senior leadership and a lot of these younger kids have played the last four weeks are starting to put it together," said Strachan. "Everybody played and everybody was contributing. These kids are very coachable and fun to be around. We're excited about where we are right now."