

Hoffman's clutch TD pass carries Corsicana past Kaufman

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Blake Hoffman after defeating Kaufman (Photo: Matthew Brice, 247Sports)

Corsicana quarterback Blake Hoffman ran for 161 yards and 3 touchdowns to lead all rushers in the Tigers matchup with the Kaufman Lions. However, it was his 45 yard touchdown pass to Zelvin Cline with 8 seconds left that gave the Tigers a 43-36 win over the previously unbeaten Lions. "The gameplan was to run right at them, and that's what we did all night!", said Hoffman.

It was a track meet from the start as Kaufman quarterback **Trey Collier** led the Lions offense down the field on the opening drive to take a 7-0 lead. A 45 minute lightning delay temporarily stalled all action but it wasn't enough to slowdown either team. Hoffman answered Collier with a 32 yard scoring run to tie things up at 7. Collier and Hoffman would go back and forth until the final horn, with Collier doing it with his arm and Hoffman with his feet. Collier would hook up with Cecil Gasper and Charleston Miller for scores while Hoffman added another score on the ground to make it 22-15 at halftime. Da'jioun Nathan got the Tigers going in the second half with a 66 yard score to start the 3rd quarter. To finish out the 3rd quarter, the Tigers' Cannon Moore and Hoffman would trade scores with twins Jay and Cecil Gasper to make it 36 all. Both teams moved the ball

at will in the 4th quarter but both would also have stalled drives deep inside the redzone to keep things quiet. When things got really quiet, that's when Hoffman hooked up with Cline for the game winner. It was Cline's first career varsity touchdown.

This was a game that lived up to the hype and it couldn't have been more evenly played. Hoffman and the Tigers finished with 446 yards of total offense, with 363 of those yards coming on the ground. Collier and the Lions were right behind them with 438 yards of offense. The Lions were more balanced with 215 through the air and 223 on the ground. The Tigers would end the night with 21 first downs and the Lions would end the night with 23.

The Tigers are now 3-1 and most importantly, 2-0 in district. They'll host coach Randy Jackson and the North Forney Falcons next Friday while the 2-1 Lions (1-1 in district) look to keep pace as they travel to Greenville.

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