

SPORTS

Hornets making history!

The Muenster Hornets were alive and swarming Friday night in their Quarterfinal match-up with the Tenaha Tigers, as the Hornets scored a record-setting victory. This is the first Hornet football team to make it to the Semi-final, Final 4 Playoff Round. The win pushed Muenster to a 13-1 record for the season.

"From the offensive side, they were bigger than us up front. We ran them down and began building momentum halfway through the 2nd quarter," noted Coach Brady Carney.

Team stat comparison gave Muenster a total of 345 yards compared to Tenaha's at 307. The Hornets got in 58 plays averaging 5.9 yards per play, while the Tigers had 66 plays for a 4.7 yard average. The Hornets found success on the ground, pounding into the Tiger defense for 248 yards.

"From a defensive standpoint, we did a few things early that we had to adjust. After that, we played an excellent game," Carney added. "Our biggest positive was our ability to team tackle. Our defensive backs did an excellent job against their passing game."

Carney also noted that Muenster's offensive line did a great job against Tenaha's big defensive line to control the line of scrimmage. The coach credited the kickoff team for their excellent job covering the ball and Trace Klement and Blayne Jones on their punting.

The Tigers took the opening kick, but the drive ended when Chase Deeken intercepted a pass. The Hornets' first drive started with Blayne Jones buried for a 15 yard loss. Muenster punted on 4th and 15.

After Muenster's defense forced Tenaha to punt, the Hornets got a great return from Chase Deeken who hauled the leather 31 yards. A penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct placed the ball at midfield.

Muenster gained only 6 yards and punted. From their 2 yard line, Tenaha started a 14 play drive. With less than 2 minutes remaining in the 1st stanza, the Tigers were on the board with a 33 yard field goal.

Clay Stevens returned Tenaha's kick 29 yards to the Hornet 42. Muenster had a chance to score when a Jones to Parker McGrew pass play got the Hornets down to the Tiger 20 yard line, but the Tenaha defense held, forcing an attempted field goal. Three plays later, Muenster's offense was back on the field after Jones picked off a Tiger pass.

It was four downs and out for the Hornets. After the Tigers failed to hit a 1st down on a series of plays, they were forced to punt from their own 14 yard line.

Runs by Dalton Bartel and Jones, and a Jones to Carson Trubenbach pass took Muenster to the 2 yard line where Trace Klement snuck in to get the Hornets on the board. Bryce Herr got the point after for a 7-3 score with 5:50 on the clock.

A 55 yard run allowed the Tigers to take advantage of the field position, wasting little time ringing up the scoreboard again for a 10-7 score with 4:58 remaining in the 2nd quarter.

Deeken was on the receiving end of the kick and scampered back 42 yards to the Tiger 43. The Hornets followed, putting together a six-play, 43 yard drive, highlighted by a Jones to Herr 42 yard pass play. The drive ended with Bartel crossing the goal line from 2 yards out. The 2 point conversion pass was no good for a Muenster 13-10 lead with 3:11 remaining in the 1st half.

The Tigers got in one good play before punting. The Hornets could do nothing with the ball and punted after three downs as time

ticked away.

Both offenses were silent in the 3rd quarter. Muenster punted their first possession after they couldn't move against the Tiger defense.

The teams exchanged punts before the Tigers put together a long drive, but came away with no points after bogging down in Hornet territory.

Under the 2 minute mark, Jones found McGrew with a 20 yard pass. Bartel moved the sticks with a 20 yard run the next play. A 29 yard run by Klement got Muenster inside the Tiger 20. The first score of the 2nd half came 24 seconds into the 4th period when Bartel plowed into paydirt from 4 yards out. Herr added the PAT for a 20-10 score.

Muenster's defense was not finished clipping the Tigers' claws. The next play, Jones intercepted a Tenaha pass and returned it for 6 points. Herr added another point to give Muenster a 27-10 lead with only 32 seconds off the clock.

Tenaha punted, Muenster fumbled, Tenaha punted as minutes ticked away. Muenster then put together a quick drive. A 36 yard run by Jones increased the Hornet lead to 33-10 with 4:52 remaining in the game.

The Tigers scored on their next drive, but Muenster's defense squelched Tenaha's attempted 2-point conversion for a 33-16 score.

An on-side kick was covered by Tenaha, but Muenster's defense wouldn't let the Tigers do anything - in the air or on the ground.

Muenster's offense worked over 2 minutes off the clock before allowing Tenaha to run one last play.

M	0	13	0	20	33
T	3	7	0	6	16

Team Stats

M	T
13	1st downs 15
47/248	Rushes/yds 35/180
4/11/0	Comp/att/int 11/31/3
97	Passing yds 127
1/1	Fumbles/lost 0/0
6/65	Penalties/yds 8/45
7/36.7	Punts/avg 7/32.9

Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Dalton Bartel,

17/128; Blayne Jones, 20/76; Trace Klement, 5/34; Parker McGrew, 5/10. RECEIVERS: Parker McGrew, 2/48; Bryce Herr, 1/42; Carson Trubenbach, 1/7. TACKLES: Dalton Bartel, Dalton Hess, Carson Trubenbach, Brennan Binder, Zane Kemp, Sammy Saucer, Chase Deeken, Trace Klement, Parker McGrew, Travis Vogel, and Logan Pagel. TURNOVERS: Interceptions - Trace Klement, Blayne Jones, Chase Deeken.

Next Action

There will be lots of red and white on the field of green this Friday night as the Muenster Hornets meet up with the Bremond Tigers for the Semi-final State Championship Round of the 2A Div. 2 Playoffs.

"Bremond is a lot like Tenaha. They have lots of speed and are big up front - offensively and defensively," Coach Carney stated. "To be successful, we have to contain their quarterback and offensively we have to continue to run the football well."

The undefeated Region 4 Tigers (14-0) have playoff victories over Kenedy (61-6), Woodsboro (59-20), Falls City (41-14), and Bruni (54-13). District 13 wins were over Bartlet (50-0), Milano (41-7), Burton (47-6), Snook (47-14), Somerville (41-7), and Granger (55-7). Pre-district games included Mart (34-24), Hubbard (53-8), Thorndale (55-0), and Hearne (66-14).

Game time is 7 p.m. at Lumpkins Stadium in Waxahachie.

Rounding out the Final Four with Muenster and Bremond are Seagraves and Albany.

Directions to the Game
Lumpkins Stadium, 1000 N. Hwy. 77, Waxahachie 75165.

From Fort Worth, take Hwy. 287 South towards Corsicana. Exit Hwy. 77. Turn right at signal light onto Hwy. 77 South. Turn left onto Indian Drive. Parking will be on your left and right.

Hornets win 5 of 6 round ball games

The Muenster Hornet basketball team participated last week in five games in the Jacksboro tournament. After four commanding victories, the Hornets came up short in the championship final, taking 2nd place.

"It was a disappointing loss, considering that we had just beat Electra by 23 two days before," noted Coach Lynn Cook. John Weger and Blake Hoepfner were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

In day one, Muenster took wins over Windthorst and Electra.

The first game was a 63-38 win over the Windthorst Trojans. Three Hornets scored in the double digits. Logan Cook led with 21, Blake Hoepfner 19, and John Weger 11. Mathew Porter added 5, Cal York 3, and 2 each by Billy Felderhoff and Michael Moseley.

Game two was a 63-40 win over the Electra Tigers. Hoepfner, York, Weger, and Cook all hit the double scores with 18, 17, 14, and 11 points respectively. Porter added 3.

Day two started at 8:30 a.m. against the Hornets' host - Jacksboro. Muenster began the day with a 62-19 win. Weger and Hoepfner led the point making with 16 and 14 points. Porter, York, and Cook each added 8, with Moseley and Felderhoff scoring 4 apiece.

The second round Friday saw Muenster defeat Millspaw 61-29. Hoepfner was the game's high scorer with 24 points. Weger added 15, Cook 8, York 6, Moseley 5, and Porter 3.

The championship game was played Saturday afternoon in a rematch against the Electra Tigers. Muenster defeated the Tigers in a day one tournament match 63-40, but could not do a repeat, losing 59-50 for the tournament runner-up.

John Weger was the top scorer for the Hornets with 19 points. Cal York added 14, Blake Hoepfner 10, Logan Cook 4, and Mathew Porter 3.

M	17	13	10	10	50
E	6	23	12	18	59

The Hornets had their first home game of the year, with an outstanding 4th quarter to secure a victory against #23 in 3A Whitewright. "It was a close game throughout, neither team able to get up by more than a bucket or two," noted Coach Cook. "In the 4th, solid defense by Muenster led to some fast break opportunities that the Hornets converted."

Hoepfner led the Hornets on the scoreboard with 22 points. York added 17, Weger 14, Cook 9, and Felderhoff 3.

M	16	13	9	27	65
W	16	15	9	14	54



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Hornets Dean Walterscheid (50) and Carson Cheaney (70) clear the way for Dalton Bartel (44) for a good gain against Tenaha's defense.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP



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2016 Muenster Senior class Hornets, from left, front - Sammy Saucer (55), Travis Vogel (51), Chase Deeken (10); back - Dalton Williams (62), Dalton Hess (52), Dalton Bartel (44), Coach Brady Carney, Trace Klement (3), Kyle Klement (33), and Zane Kemp (66).



Laura Pagel photo

Tournament Champions - Muenster Lady Hornets - from left, front - Alaina Kubis, Mady Burnett, Claire Schneider, Natalie Dangelmayr; back - Coach Griffin Fields, Allie Walterscheid, Morgan Eldridge, Bailey Klement, Katie Pagel.

Lady Hornets bring home Championship trophy

The Muenster Lady Hornets added a second loss to their early record Tuesday night, 7-2.

Action began on Nov. 17 with a 61-20 victory over Springtown. Game two was a win over Dodd City, 70-37. The last November game was a 61-30 win with Ranger.

Dec. 1 saw the Lady Hornets come up 1 point short of a victory, falling to Howe 60-59. Mady Burnett led the scoring with 24 points. Mor-

gan Eldridge added 13 and Bailey Klement 10. Katie Pagel put in 6 points for Muenster, with Claire Schneider 4 and Allie Walterscheid 2.

On Dec. 3-5, the Lady Hornets participated in the Glen Rose Tournament. Muenster won all four games, earning the tournament championship.

Action began with a 32-27 win over Peaster. Klement and Burnett led the scoring with 11 and 10 points. Pagel and Eldridge each added 4, and Alaina Kubis 3.

Round two was a 51-39 win over China Springs. Burnett scored 14 and Eldridge 11 as high point makers. Klement and Walterscheid added 9 apiece, Natalie Dangelmayr 4, Schneider 2, and a free throw point from both Pagel and Kubis.

Saturday's opening game was against Stephenville. Muenster won the low scoring game 33-27. The Lady

Hornets were 19 of 21 from the free throw line. For Muenster, Klement scored 9, Burnett and Eldridge 8 each, and 2 apiece by Pagel, Schneider, Walterscheid, and Dangelmayr.

The tournament's championship final had Muenster against Hamilton. The Lady Hornets pulled out a 41-34 championship victory. All eight Muenster girls put points on the board. Burnett led with 15, Pagel added 7, Klement 6, Schneider 4, Dangelmayr 3, and 2 each by Walterscheid, Eldridge, and Kubis.

Tuesday night, the Lady Hornets had their first home game of the season, hosting Whitewright. The cold shooting match ended in a 32-31 loss for Muenster. Walterscheid, Burnett, and Klement each scored 8 points, with Schneider adding 3, and 2 apiece by Pagel and Eldridge.

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