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Bears suffer first loss to the Rains Wildcats

Bailey has 1,081 passing yards through the end of pre-district play

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The Varsity Bears traveled to Emory Friday, September 26, to take on Rains at the Wildcat Stadium. Brownsboro went into this last non-district game 4-0 and Rains 0-3. The Bears fell to the Wildcats with less than a minute left to play and the game ended with 41-47, Rains.

Rains controlled the ball for most of the first quarter. However, the Brownsboro Bears were able to stop the

Wildcats from scoring any points in the quarter.

With approximately four minutes left in the first quarter, Rains hoped to put three points on the board, but missed the field goal and Brownsboro got the ball.

On first and ten Brownsboro was given 15-yards, due to a pass interference against the Wildcats, granting them another first down. On second and five Cameron Warren received a flag for holding. After the Bears were moved back 5-

yards, Bailey connected with Seth Martin and he ran it into the endzone with 3:43 left on the clock. Ryan Smith's kick was good and the Bears took an early lead 7-0.

Into the second quarter, Rains was only able to gain 7-yards on their first possession. Defensive Lineman Jared Bray put the pressure on the Wildcats offense, forcing them to punt.

On the Bears next possession, with 5:36 left to play in the second quarter, Tight End Keith Johnson scored

the Bears second touchdown making the score 13-0. The kick was no good and the score remained.

Rains threw an incomplete pass bringing it to second and ten. Wildcats quarterback then threw an interception right into the hands of Jon Jon Thompson and he took it into the endzone with 5:16 on the clock. Smith's kick was good and the score 20-0, Bears.

The Wildcats came back on their next play and scored a 69-yard touchdown with 5:59 left in the second quar-



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Bears fans filled the stadium for the Bears-Rains game.



Top: Defensive Linemen Daniel Suggs and Jared Bray try to break through Rains' offense to get a sack. Bottom: Runningback Cameron Warren sweeps the ball from Quarterback Zach Bailey.



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ter. Again, their extra-point attempt was no good, leaving the score at 20-6.

Quarterback Ryan Owens opened up the Bears next possession. On third down the Bears fumbled and Rains recovered.

On third and ten the Wildcats scored a 31-yard touchdown, this time with a good kick, and the score climbed to 20-13, Bears.

Bear Keith Johnson retaliated, with only 1:46 left in the second quarter, by scoring the Bears fourth touchdown. Smith got the extra point and the score 27-13.

Rains then scored again on their next play, but the kick was no good. The score escalated and the first half ended 27-19.

Opening up the second half was the Bears, but not for long. Rains caught an interception in the Bears endzone.

With 7:48 left in third quarter, Sir'Shea Bowman took it to the endzone and Smith's kick was good making the score 34-19, Bears.

Bailey scored the Bears fifth touchdown on third and goal with 4:07 left on the clock. Smith's kick was good raising the score 41-19.

Wildcats answered with another touchdown, this time trying for the two-point conversion, but the

Bears defense held them and the fourth quarter started with 41-31, Bears.

With only two minutes into the fourth quarter, Rains scored a touchdown and their two-point conversion was good.

After six plays, Bailey threw to Tristain Warren, but the ball was fumbled. Rains recovered and ran it in for a 52-yard touchdown. With everyone in the stands on their feet and 6:23 left to play, the Bears and Wildcats were tied (41-41).

On their last chance, Bailey threw a pass, intended for Tristain Warren, and it was intercepted. The Wildcats ran it back for a 75-yard touchdown, concluding the close game of 41-47, Rains.

The Bears finished the game with a total of 290 yards rushing, 320 receiving and 97 on kick off returns.

Junior Quarterback Zach Bailey has, so far, completed 71 of 109 passes for 1081 yards and 414 rushing. He has thrown 11 touchdowns and rushed for 8.

For the 2008 season, Tristain Warren has a total of 31 yards rushing, 244 receiving and an outstanding 234 on kickoff returns. Bears opponents have definitely learned not to kick the ball into the hands of Tristain.

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Freshman Bears get first win

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The freshman Bears hosted the Rains Wildcats, Thursday, September 25, at the Bears stadium.

The first touchdown was made by Keuntis Thompson on a 65-yard run. Thompson also ran the ball in for the two-point conversion, making the score 8-0.

On the kickoff, DZ Moss recovered a fumble and the Bears recovered. Thompson scored on the same play and his two-point conversion was good.

The first quarter ended with 16-0 on the score board.

In the second quarter, the defense held and the Bears scored a third touchdown. This time it was a screen from Cody Strickland to Mikey Ramirez that went for 55-yards. Nick Jones caught a pass from Strickland, in the endzone, for the two-point conver-

sion. The second quarter ended 24-0.

The Wildcats came back into the third quarter ready to score. Rains got their first touchdown of the game with 3:42 left on the clock. Bear Nick Jones wasn't finished either. On first and ten Jones ran for a 64-yard touchdown with 3:21 left in the third quarter. The Bears missed their two-point conversion. The score, 30-6. Rains scored a second touchdown and the third quarter ended 30-12.

"We played better this week and the biggest difference was the enthusiasm of our guys," said Coach Hutchins. "They were energetic and played with emotion. We also had a great week of practice."

This week the freshman Bears will have an open date, but will host the Westwood Panthers of Palestine, on October 9, in the first district game of the season.



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Freshman Bear Keuntis Thompson catches a pass from Quarterback Cody Strickland for the first down during Bears/Rains game.