

2012 South Lamar Write Up

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The Hubbertville Lion defense made a stand at their own 12-yard line during the opening possession of the game on Friday night and pretty much set the pace for the region 5 match-up while visiting the South Lamar Stallions. South Lamar won the coin toss and elected to receive, taking the opening kick and driving down field to reach the Lion 12-yard line. Facing fourth down and 7-yards, Calan Robertson met Blake Mitchell for the stop near the line of scrimmage turning the ball over on downs to the Lions at the 11-yard line. The opening possession got off to a rocky start as the first two plays of the game brought penalty flags with the Stallions being penalized for a false start on first down and the Lions penalized for jumping off-sides on the replay of downs. Penalties continued on the opening drive but leadership by quarterback Cannan Fleming settled the offensive front and along with rushing carries by Marquis Mitchell the Stallions pushed the ball down field. Vess Benton forced Fleming out of bounds setting up a new set of downs at the Lion 42-yard line. Dylan Wilson and Dustin Weathers exchanged carries to move the ball deeper into Lion territory to the 29-yard line with T.J. Pratt making the stop on both carries. Judson Mitchell got the call to carry on first down and rushed around the right side of the line of scrimmage where he was met by Blayke Hill but not before gaining the needed yardage for another first down at the Lion 18-yard line. Aaron Dillard stepped up and brought M. Mitchell to the ground after a 3-yard rushing carry and made the stop on B. Mitchell again on second down after a two-yard gain. Facing third down and five, the ball was fumbled on the exchange but recovered by the Stallions setting up the defensive stop by Robertson. The Lion offensive front wasted little time finding the other end of the field. Aaron Dillard took the hand off from Vess Benton on first down and rumbled his way for a 13-yard rushing attack. Corey Stewart advanced over left tackle where he was met by James Fields and William Lawson after a 4-yard gain. V. Benton called on Aaron Dillard to advance the ball and he did just that taking the hand off and racing around the right side line to the Stallion 8-yard line before being chased down for the save by Talbert Pate. Stewart finishing the scoring drive off taking the ball to the end zone over the left side of the line of scrimmage without being touched. The PAT kick by Aaron Dillard, with David Aldridge holding sailed outside the uprights but with 4:45 remaining in the first quarter the visiting Lions were on the scoreboard.

B. Mitchell fumbled the ball on the ensuing kick near the 5-yard line but recovered the ball and advanced to the 14-yard line where Jordan White made the tackle. First down brought Fields with the carry but he was met immediately by Devin Marcum for a two yard loss. Fleming on a keeper was forced out of bounds by V. Benton to set up third down and five. Dakota Dozier burst into the backfield to sack Fleming for a three yard loss to set up fourth down. Following a time out by the Stallion coaching staff, Fleming lined up to punt the ball away with David Aldridge back to receive for the Lions.

Aldridge advanced the ball from the Stallion 39-yard line to the 34-yard line where he was brought down by Joshua Cobb. With excellent field position V. Benton and the Lion offense wasted little time reaching the end zone. Rushing attacks by Aaron Dillard, Landon Miller and Stewart moved the ball deep into the Stallion red zone. Facing first and goal at the 8-yard line, Aaron Dillard rushed up the middle behind excellent blocking to reach the end zone. The PAT

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kick by Dillard was perfect and the score stood 13 - 0 with .16 seconds to play in the opening quarter.

M. Mitchell fielded Dillard's ensuing kick but fumbled the ball on the reception setting the Stallions up at the 15-yard line. B. Mitchell was met in the backfield by Aaron Dillard and Robertson for a 2-yard loss as the first quarter came to a close. Fleming on a quarterback keeper was met by Devin Marcum after a 5-yard gain. Hershel Smith was met in the backfield by Anthony Dillard and Marcum setting up fourth down with Fleming lining up and punting the ball away to Aldridge who called for a fair-catch at the Stallion 48-yard line.

Following off-setting penalty calls for un-sportsman like conduct the Lions were setting comfortably at the Stallion 44-yard line. Anthony Dillard got the call to carry on first down and rushed around the right side of the line of scrimmage but off-setting penalties moved the ball back to the 36-yard line with the Lions facing first down and 2-yards. Fleming burst into the backfield and sacked V. Benton for a seven yard loss to bring up second down. David Aldridge lined up under center for the Lion offense and called on Stewart to advance the ball but Stewart was met in the backfield by Fleming to bring up third down and 10. Aldridge remained at quarterback and attempted a pass connection with V. Benton but the ball fell incomplete to set up fourth down. Blayke Hill lined up in the backfield and punted the ball away with the ball rolling to a dead stop at the 13-yard line.

Once again penalty flags were involved on the field with the Lions being penalized for a personal foul moving the ball to the 23-yard line. Fields with a keeper was met by Marcum after a 3-yard gain. H. Smith got the call to advance the ball but Miller and Aldridge made the stop just short of the 32-yard line. Fleming once again advanced the ball but was met by a host of defenders for the stop and forcing officials to bring the chains on to the field for an official measurement. Facing fourth down and inches the Stallions called time-out. Fleming got the call to carry the ball again and pushed his way up the middle just across the 35-yard line for the first down. Sticking with the rushing attack Fleming was sacked on third down to set up fourth down and 9-yards at the 37-yard line. The South Lamar coaching staff used their last time out of the half and following the time out sent the punting team to the field. Fleming punted the ball down field with the ball rolling out of bounds at the Lion 45-yard line.

Calling on Aaron Dillard to advance the ball the Lions took two plays to cross mid-field and were lined up at the Stallion 45-yard line when Anthony Dillard took the hand-off and continued moving the ball down field for a four yard gain before Fleming could make the stop. Stewart took the ball to the end zone on second down rolling out around the left side of the line of scrimmage and scrambling his way untouched to the end zone for a 41-yard rushing touchdown. The PAT kick by Aaron Dillard was perfect and with 2:14 remaining in the first half of play the Lions were leading comfortably at 20 - 0.

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Misery continued for the home-standing Stallions as Dylan Wilson fumbled Dillard's ensuing kick on the advance with T.J. Pratt on the spot to scoop up the loose ball racing untouched to the end zone for the quick score. Following the PAT kick by Dillard the Lions were increasing their lead twelve seconds ticking off the clock. The Stallions were penalized for roughing the holder on the PAT attempt with the yardage marked off on the ensuing kick.

Dylan Wilson fumbled the ensuing kick but managed to recover with Dax Benton making the quick stop for the Lions just short of the 10-yard line. Stewart made the stop on Smith on first down after a two yard gain. Dozier brought Fleming to the ground after a three yard gain setting the Stallions up near the 14-yard line with the half expiring and the visiting Lions in the lead.

Opening the second half of play, Aldridge fielded the kick at the 26-yard line and advanced to the Stallion 35-yard line where Wilson made the saving tackle. The Stallions quickly turned the momentum around on the first play of scrimmage as Fleming intercepted a V. Benton pass intended for Aldridge deep down field advancing back to the 23-yard line where Robertson made the tackle for Hubbertville. Sticking with rushing attacks by Smith and Fleming the Stallions quickly moved the ball to their own 45-yard line but on first down Dakota Dozier pounced on the loose ball making the fumble recovery for the Lions.

First down brought more misery for the Stallions as V. Benton went to the air connecting with Aaron Dillard who raced untouched to the end zone for his second score on the evening. The PAT kick by Dillard was right down the middle of the uprights and with 9:27 remaining in the third quarter the Lions upped the score 34 - 0.

The kicking reception woes continued for South Lamar as Wilson fumbled the ball on the ensuing kick but managing to recover the ball before Anthony Dillard and Nathan Young made the quick tackle for the Lions at the 18-yard line. Fleming connected with Wilson thru the air on first down and Justin Franklin made the saving stop at the Lion 47-yard line. Reverting back to the rushing attack, Smith was brought down by Dozier after a one yard gain. Smith was called upon again to take the hand-off and followed blockers around the right side of the line of scrimmage for a first down at the Lion 37-yard line before Dozier once again made the tackle with assistance from Franklin. Fleming on a keeper rushed around the left side line for a fourteen yard gain with Austin Palmer and Pratt making the stop. Following a time-out by the Lions, Fleming connected with Wilson on the right side lines but the Stallions were penalized for holding to move the ball back to the 35-yard line setting up first down and 25-yards at the 35-yard line. Fleming attempted another pass connection with Smith but Aaron Dillard stepped in front of the ball making the interception and racing back to the Stallion 37-yard line before being brought down by Fleming.

Anthony Dillard got the call to carry on first down and advanced around the right side line before being shoved out of bounds by William Lawson. Second down brought Jordan White up the

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middle but he was met immediately by Joshua Cobb for the stop. Facing third down at the 34-yard line, Anthony Dillard got the call to carry again bursting his way down the right side line bouncing off would be tacklers before being brought down by David Long, Cobb, Fleming and a host of others. Following the play the Stallions were penalized for a personal foul and the ball was moved to the 15-yard line setting up first down. White took the hand off on first down and gained six yards. Pratt lined up in the backfield and rushed up the middle for the first down at the 4-yard line with Cheeks and a host of angry defenders on the stop. Facing first and goal, Anthony Dillard was called upon to cross the goal line and with the snap of the ball he fought his way into the end zone behind blockers for the score. The PAT kick by Taylor Oden sailed perfectly thru the goal post and with 3:09 remaining in the third quarter of play the Lions were resting comfortably with the lead.

The ensuing kick was fielded at the 9-yard line by Wilson with Nathan Young making the tackle at the 26-yard line. First down brought a penalty against the Lions for too many men on the field. On the replay of downs, Fleming advanced around the right side of the line of scrimmage with Miller making the tackle for no gain. The ball was fumbled on the exchange on second down but recovered by the Stallions setting up third down and three at the 33-yard line. Smith got the call to advance the ball but Hill brought him to the ground in the backfield for a two yard loss. Fourth down brought Fleming lining up in the backfield to punt the ball away with Dax Benton back to receive for the Lions. The ball rolled dead at the Lion 34-yard line.

Dax Benton relieved his older brother as quarterback for the Lions and on first down gained two yards as the third quarter came to a close. Dustin Weathers recovered the loose ball on second down and the Stallions took over at the Lion 27-yard line.

First down brought Smith with the carry up the middle where D. Benton and White made the saving tackle at the 16-yard line. Fleming called on Smith once again with White and D. Benton making the stop again after a five yard gain. Facing second down at the 10-yard line the Stallions had reached their deepest point of the Lion territory on the night and with the snap of the ball the opportunity almost was erased as the ball was fumbled on the exchange. Following the scuffle the Stallions managed to recover the loose ball setting up third down at the 9-yard line. Fleming attempted a quarterback sneak but was met immediately by a host of defenders setting up fourth down at the 8-yard line. Fleming called his own number again and advanced up the middle for the first down at the 7-yard line where Kris Parson made the tackle. Wilson took the hand-off on first down with Kris Parson on the spot for the stop once again after a 1-yard gain. Facing second and goal, Matthew Patrick took the hand-off and advanced over the right side of the line of scrimmage into the end zone. Fleming's kick on the PAT was perfect and with 8:26 remaining in the game the Stallions were on the scoreboard to save the shut-out.

Cheeks ensuing kick was fielded by D. Benton at the 7-yard line and advanced to the 24-yard line where Weathers made the stop. Anthony Dillard and White advanced the ball to the 31-yard line to bring up fourth down. Hill lined up in the backfield to punt the ball away with Wilson back

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to receive for the Stallions. The Stallions were penalized for too many men on the field giving the Lions a first down at the 36-yard line. D. Benton called upon White to move the ball down field and after two rushing attacks the ball was fumbled away on the exchange with the Stallions recovering at the Lion 43-yard line.

Wilson was brought down in the backfield by Dozier on first down for a four yard loss. Second down brought Wilson with the rushing attack once again and Dozier and Parson met him in the backfield for the stop. Fields attempted a keeper on third down but once again the stop with made in the backfield by Dozier and Parson and following the play the Stallions were penalized for a personal foul moving the ball back to the Stallion 46-yard line to bring up fourth down and 25-yards. Weathers lined up at quarterback and attempted to connect deep down field with Fleming but D. Benton intercepted the ball returning it to the Stallions 38-yard line before Wilson could make the stop.

Rushing attacks by Anthony Dillard, Young and A. Palmer moved the ball to the 27-yard line and time expired on the play clock to end the game. Hubbertville will host the undefeated number five ranked Pickens County Tornadoes on Friday night. Game time is 7:p.m.

Comments from Coach Lamar Harris:

"We thought if we showed up for the game tonight playing capable of our strengths and followed our game plan that we could put the game away early. We started out strong but did make some mental mistakes with penalties early in the game. We kept a strong control overall and focused on the team goal which allowed a lot of our younger players who don't often get an opportunity to hit the field the chance to get out there and be a part of the win. That's important too our overall team concept as those younger kids battle out our practices throughout the week and they deserve that opportunity to line up and play in a game. Tonight we stuck with the game plan and got the win "