

FC wins a thriller at New Albany

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In recent years there has been a trend in the New Albany-Floyd Central football rivalry – close games.

Last Friday's contest was no different as the Highlanders improved to 7-2 with a thrilling 35-34 win over the host Bulldogs.

Floyd Central got the scoring started and seemed to be in total control as they scored two first quarter touchdowns, the first coming off a 31-yard run by Nick Uhl. Ryan Lenz booted the PAT (point after touchdown).

Floyd then scored on a 10-yard run by Gaige Klingsmith. Lenz again converted the PAT and the Highlander were up 14-0.

New Albany finally got on the board with a 32-yard field, goal.

Leading 14-3, FC pulled further ahead when they scored on a six-yard run by Gary Posey. Another PAT kick by Lenz made the score 21-3.

That score seemed to send a wake-up call to New Albany.

The Bulldogs managed two touchdowns before halftime. The first came on a 31-yard run and a converted PAT.

The next was off a 65-yard run. This time the PAT failed, but what looked like a blowout in the making was a five-game 21-16 at halftime.

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The two teams traded scores in the third quarter with New Albany scoring on a one-yard run and the Highlanders finding the end zone when Posey caught a 10-yard pass from Brandon Stout.

FC tried to run the ball for two points, but couldn't convert. They led 27-24, heading into the final quarter.

New Albany took the lead in the fourth quarter and looked like they might pull out the win.

They cored on a 31-yard run and then added a 36-yard field goal to lead 34-27.

FC had one last gasp in them, scoring on a four-yard run by Klingsmith. Trailing by one, FC opted for the lead when they ran the ball for two points instead of a game-tying PAT.

Klingsmith took the ball on that play, as well and FC escaped with the one-point win.

The Highlanders finished the night with nearly 500 yards of total offense, 277 of which came on the ground.

Klingsmith led the way with 160 yards on 35 carries, for an average of 4.6 yards a carry. He also scored twice.

Uhl also had 110 yard on seven carries for an average of 15.7 yards per carry and one touchdown.

Floyd Central will have a week off before beginning sectional play on Nov. 1. They will host Jennings County that night. The game is a rematch of a game played on Oct. 11 that FC won 54-30.

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Jacob Trudeau led the way on defense, he had 12 tackles and four assists and was named the top defensive lineman in the game for FC.

The top defensive back against the Bulldogs was Nick Wagner.

Brennan Schramke was the top special teams player for FC and Jerry Miller was selected as the top offensive lineman.

Colton Kimm was the top offensive back in the game.

Aaron Smith won the award for Big Hit.