

Silver Creek ends 70 year win-less drought in high school football

The Eastern High School football team did something very few football programs do by winning their first varsity game.

It takes most schools a lot longer. For the newest member of the Mid Southern Conference, Silver Creek, it took 13 games, and ironically it came against the Musketeers, 37-18.

“The feeling is unbelievable,” said Silver Creek Head Coach Mike Donahue. “These guys have busted their buns off for a year and a half and they deserve this victory. That is what it is about. It is all about the kids. Now they know how it feels to win.”

Senior back Lane Taylor agreed with his coach. He said he had a feeling this could be the week by the way he and his teammates prepared

“This was the best week of preparation we have had all season,” Taylor said. “Today (Saturday afternoon) we made big plays and we made things happen.”

When asked how it feels to pick up the school’s first varsity football win since 1942, Taylor struggled to find words..

“It is really indescribable,” he said. “The coaches gave us a tremendous game plan and it feels incredible to get this first win.”

For three quarters the game was a war.

Silver Creek took a 9-0 lead after a touchdown pass from Brooks Howell to Drew Sherrow. Sherrow kicked the PAT (point after touchdown).

A few moments later, the lead grew to nine when the Dragons got a safety after the ball sailed over the Eastern punter’s head and out of the back of the end-zone.

The lead grew to 16-0 for the Dragons when Taylor scored on a nine-yard run and a Sherrow PAT.

Eastern finally got on the board when Kaleb Nicholson broke a 90-yard kick-off return for a touchdown.

The Musketeers failed to convert the PAT, but were back in the game trailing by 10, 16-6.

Eastern scored again when Jordan Eberle got to pay-dirt with a four-yard run.

That would be as close as they would get.

The Dragons took control of the game, 23-12. late Friday night with a when senior runningback Romney Allen scored on a five-yard run.

Just after Drew Sherrow kicked the Point After Touchdown, the teams were sent to safety because of weather and the game was eventually postponed until Saturday afternoon.

After the delay, Silver Creek picked up where they left off.

SC sophomore linebacker Jason Jent played the pick-six. He stepped in front of a pass by the Musketeers’ Austin Roberts and returned it for a touchdown. Sherrow tacked on the PAT, giving the Dragons a 37-12 Dragons lead.

Silver Creek scored again when junior quarterback Brooks Howell hooked up with junior Zach Reynolds for a touchdown. Sherrow again added the PAT for a 44-12.

Eastern managed one more score when Nicholson broke a run. The Musketeers failed to

convert the PAT.

Donahue was pleased with all aspects of his team's game.

"Defense played awesome," he said. "Our offense did a great job scoring 37 points. This is our first victory in 70 years. Last night during the first half our defense only gave up about 50 yards. And even at the 7:34 mark of the fourth quarter (when the game resumed on Saturday afternoon) our defense only gave up about 100 yards."

With the loss Eastern falls to 0-4 with a tough game scheduled at Corydon Central Friday.

Silver Creek won't get to celebrate the victory for long as they prepare to face undefeated Charlestown.

The Pirates enter the game coming off a 72-8 win over North Harrison.