

## WW continues to impress at 4-0

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After blowing out the first three opponents they faced to open the 2010 season, West Washington looked to have one of the tougher contests on their hands Friday against visiting Perry Central.

Entering the game, the Senators hadn't beaten Commodores since 2000. That's where the streak ended.

The Senators used another strong passing performance by Kendal Rosenbaum, who threw for more than 400 yards, and a stingy defense to shutdown the Commodores.

West Washington Head Coach Phillip Bowsman said he knew his team had the potential to be pretty good this year and he is glad to see the hard work in the off-season paying off.

"We knew we had the potential to be good, but you never know how that will translate on the field," he said. "We have all but on of our skill players from last year's team and most of our defensive backs."

Until Friday it was hard to gauge whether or not the Senators were real.

They opened with an easy win over North Harrison and it was tough to tell if the Senators were as strong as the 41-21 win would indicate or if the Cougars were down.

Then West Washington blew out a Salem team that had been depleted by grades and injuries and followed that with a thumping of Eastern.

The Perry game was never close either.

Rosenbaum had his team up 21-0 at intermission and that lead increased to 28-0 before the Commodores finally got on the board.

West Washington drove the ball deep one other time, but couldn't punch it in.

Entering this week they are ranked seventh in state's Class A poll.

"I don't make predictions about wins and losses, but I never thought 4-0 was out of the realm of possibility, but I knew we were going to have to have a lot of good things take place if that was going to happen," Bowsman said.

This year's senior class is the first group that Bowsman inherited when he took over as head coach and the kids are playing their fourth year in his system.

That experience is starting to pay off, especially with the timing of Rosenbaum and his receivers.

"Kendal is playing with a lot of confidence," Bowsman said. "He leads by example, has a great ability to read the things the defenses are giving us and is just an all around smart football player."

Even though the offense gets all the headlines, it's the Senators' defense that has been equally impressive.

Bowsman said Easton Tuttle is the anchor on that side of the ball for his team.

"Easton was OK last year, but we knew that moving forward he had the potential to contribute this year," Bowsman said. "He has done that in a big way."

Some other kids who don't get a lot of headlines, but who are making an impact are Chris Spencer, Cade Powers, Chad Rainbolt and Robert Chandler.

Even though West Washington has started strong, things won't get any easier this week as

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they travel down State Road 56 to battle Paoli.

The Senators has lost three games in a row to the Rams and the winner of this game will likely have a leg up in the Patoka Lake Athletic Conference standings.

Early in the week Bowsman didn't talk about game planning against Paoli, but said he thinks his team will be focused.

"They are a great group about taking things one game at a time," he said. "We got the county championship and now we want a conference title. The winner of Friday's game won't have it sewn up , but will control their own destiny."

Friday's game will get underway at 7 p.m.