

## Musketeers battle, but come up short at Brownstown

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The Eastern High School football team made an effort Friday at Brownstown Central, but came up short to the Braves, 51-26.

In fact, the Musketeers more than held there own until Brownstown used a no-huddle offense that had the EHS defense at a loss.

“We had a great start to the game,” said Musketeer Head Coach John Dablow. “We were able to keep up for a while. There no-huddle hurt us and wore us down a bit.”

Eastern was the first team to break into the scoring column early in the first quarter when they scored on a 60-yard run by Jash Higdon.

The PAT (point after touchdown) failed, but they were in control 6-0.

The two teams traded possessions until the Musketeers executed a fake punt. Instead of Brownstown getting the ball, Ryan Tandy sprinted 34 yards for a first down.

Dablow's gamble paid off when Tandy got another carry and scored, this time from eight yards out. The Musketeers again missed the PAT, but led 12-7.

That would be Eastern's final highlight as the Braves reeled off 30 consecutive points on their way to the victory.

Eastern did manage two other scores, one on a run by Trey Albertson and another on a run by Tandy.

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Despite the loss, Dablow was optimistic about what he saw from his team.

“There were a lot of positives that came out of this game,” he said. “Our kicking game is improving, we never gave up even in the fourth quarter facing a large deficit.”

The loss drops Eastern to 4-4 on the season with a road trip to Eastern Green.

A win would secure the Musketeers a winning record in the regular season.

Dablow said with a young program like Eastern's that would be an exciting step.

“It will be really special,” he said. “These guys are excited but it is back to work on Monday. It is great to be a part of something like this.”

After Friday's game against Eastern Green, the Musketeers face another road game in the first week of sectionals when they travel to Lawrenceburg in the opening round of Class 2 A Sectional 31.

Information for this story was submitted by Ryan Watson.