

The West Washington Senators would have liked to have stricter gun laws in place last Friday as they continually shot themselves in the foot in a 21-6 loss to Christian Academy of Louisville.

“We didn’t play well and they are a pretty good football team,” said Head Coach Phillip Bowsman. “I don’t know if they are better than Paoli or Perry Central, but they are pretty close.”

A blocked fieldgoal ended the Senators first offensive drive, but they responded by forcing CAL into a three-and-out.

On the next series West Washington again had little trouble moving the ball deep into Christian Academy territory, but fumbled.

“Stuff like that killed us,” Bowsman said.

When the two teams met in Louisville in 2011, the game was a shoot-out with the Senators winning 35-27.

Bowsman said this year’s clash had the potential.

“We had three turnovers and they had two,” he said. “Last year we only turned the ball over one time each, so that had a little to do with the lower score.

“I also think both team’s defenses had something to do with the low score. It was a 7-6 game at the half.”

West Washington’s lone score came on one of those CAL turnovers.

The Senators intercepted the ball in the endzone and returned it to the 2-yard-line and then drove 98 yards and scored on a 20-yard pass from Cody Maudlin to Matt Brackney.

“We didn’t play awful, but we didn’t make the plays that we needed to make to beat a good football team,” Bowsman said.

West Washington 1-1, will try to get back to winning this week when they open the Patoka Lake Athletic Conference slate against Springs Valley.

The Blackhawks are 2-0 with lopsided wins over Silver Creek and Mitchell.

“This game was win-win for us,” Bowsman said. “It either wakes us up or we get a win against a really good team and keep it going. Either way we come out of this game ready. My hope is that the kids will respond and be ready for conference play.

“The next three weeks in conference play will be tough.”

Friday’s game is slated to begin at 7 p.m.