

Schools around the state have been taking fall break, but for the West Washington Senators, Friday's opening round sectional game was the celebration of a Holliday.

Junior Tyler Holliday contributed in several areas as he and his Senator teammates beat visiting Indianapolis Lutheran, 42-14.

Holliday's most important job was to shut down the Saints' JC Faubion.

Faubion entered the game as one of the state's leading receivers, but until a late touchdown had just a limited number of catches and never was really a factor in the game.

When Holliday wasn't playing lock-down defense, he was helping the West Washington offense pick up crucial first downs.

Head Coach Phillip Bowsman praised the play of his junior.

"He told us all week what he was going to do to try to slow down Faubion and I give him credit, he did that," Bowsman said.

Holliday's defense was aided by the Senators front five, who kept pressure on quarterback Bryce Brockett throughout the game.

Brockett never had time to plant his feet and throw the ball.

On offense, West Washington quarterback Cody Maudlin didn't need time as he handed the ball to a stable of talented backs.

Trailing 6-0 late in the second quarter, the Senators took the lead when another junior Sean Keller busted a run through the middle of a line for a 27-yard touchdown.

Brenden Grimes kicked the point after touchdown (PAT), which put his team up 7-6 with 3:14 remaining in the first half.

Indianapolis Lutheran looked to get the score back, but Brockett dropped back to throw a pass and was intercepted by Jake Howell.

The Senator offense took advantage.

After Keller ran for three yards on a fourth and short, West Washington scored again when Maudlin threw a seven-yard pass to Chad Thompson.

Grimes again kicked the PAT and WW led 14-7.

Holliday opened the second half by scoring from 45 yards out on the Senators third play in the second half.

The Grimes PAT put the Senators on top 21-7 and they never looked back.

West Washington added touchdowns by Matt Brackney, Thompson and Tyler Dunn.

On one of those scores Holliday ran in a two-point conversion.

Everyone who played Friday contributed.

The win gives the Senators another home game.

They will play South Decatur Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of that game will play either Springs Valley or Milan the following week for the sectional championship.

