

Brownstown shuts Salem down

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The Brownstown Central Braves' Clay Brown threw for three touchdowns and 117 yards to beat the host Salem Lions, 35-7, in the sectional semi-finals.

With the win, the Braves move on to play undefeated Charlestown Friday.

Heading into the game, both teams had a strategy.

Salem Head Coach Mo Moriarity said his team couldn't let BC get off to a fast, which is exactly what Coach Reed May knew his team had to do.

May's plan worked.

Once the Braves were given the ball, Brown threw a pass to Hayden Stuckwisch, which resulted in a 55-yard touchdown.

On the Brave's next possessions they let their running back, Mitchell Scarlett, run all over Salem and midway through the second quarter he punched in a two-yard touchdown that put them up 14-0.

Before halftime Scarlett got his team down the field and Brown threw his second touchdown, this time to Dylan Patman, who caught it and put the team up 21-0.

After that, Scarlett put the game out of reach with his second touchdown (he also finished with more than 230 yards) .

Brownstown's defense never gave the Salem offense a chance to get going. They finally scored when Klayton Dougherty connected with Steve Kinslow on a touchdown, but it was too little, too late.

May said that he was happy with his D and how they took advantage of the cold and only allowed one touchdown.

He also said if you would've told him after the loss to Charlestown that they would be this far in the tournament he wouldn't of believed it.

The Braves are now 10-1 and will have a complete season if they can win again Friday against Charlestown, so May will have a chance at revenge.

As for Salem they end the season 4-7 under second-year head coach Moriarity.