

West Washington's defense gave up a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage to start the season at Eastern. Since then, the Senator D has stiffened up and hasn't allowed anyone else a score. That includes a 46-0 win over Crawford County last week and an 18-0 win last Friday over Mitchell.

The win over the Bluejackets was without two regular starters, Tyler Dunn and Tyler Holliday and another Sean Keller, who is out the first four games of the season for disciplinary reasons.

"That's missing three pretty solid players," said Head Coach Phillip Bowsman. "I am pretty proud of the kids who stepped up and filled in for them."

One of those players is Brendon Grimes who scored a touchdown on a 40-yard screen pass from Cody Maudlin and then scored again on a 35-yard post route catch.

The Senators other score was a five-yard run by Dakota Young.

The 18 points could have been more. Bowsman said his team turned the ball over twice in the redzone and missed all three PATs (point after touchdown).

On the defensive side of the ball, West Washington is allowing opponents to score less than a point a quarter.

The defense was the strength of the last year's team that won its sectional and Bowsman expected them to be good this year, but he is a little surprised by how good.

"We had a lot of players coming back in our secondary and upfront on the line, but we had some holes in our linebacking corps," Bowsman said. "The kids we've had in there have done great. Dakota Young has done a great job and Landon McPheeters is a freshman, but he certainly hasn't played like one."

To keep the scoreless streak going, things may be tougher this week when the Senators celebrate home coming by hosting Springs Valley.

The Blackhawks are 1-2, but have scored quite a few points this season.

Bowsman said offensively Valley will try to establish the run to open up their play action pass to beat them over the top.

When the Senators have the ball, Bowsman isn't sure what Valley will do to try to stop them.

"We've seen a lot of different looks from them defensively over the past few years," he said. "I don't know if we will see something we haven't seen yet or if they will go with a defense we've seen recently."

Besides homecoming, West Washington will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of the 1993 team that were state runners-up.

Kick-off will take place at 7 p.m.

