

Elkton excites as they win big, again



Elkton's running back Ausin Luzier looks for running room against Days Creek.

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their only score of the game. Determined to answer before the end of the half, the Elks ran a screen play to Moore who scored from sixty yards out for his third touchdown of the half.

"Last night we were doing play polish... and I must have made them run the screen play ten times last night because I was so stinking mad they couldn't get it right. And then they ran it right so it was worth it," said Shaw whose team was up big at the half.

In their last two games the Elks have outscored their opponents 116-6 in the first half.

"We just put the machine back on and just did what we do and that feels good. That feels good when we can do our stuff and execute well and be successful," said Shaw.

With their backups in throughout the second half, Elkton scored just twice with touchdowns from Trystn Woody and Micah Cox. It was each of their first high school touchdowns of their career.

With the victory, Elkton has moved to 2-1 in league play and currently sits in the fourth, and final, playoff spot in their district. Next week the Elks play host to Powers (2-4) on senior night.

Powers has had an up and down season - last week winning 60-0 but losing the week before 52-0 - but have been a perennial powerhouse in the 1A division.

the game did not start smoothly for Elkton. On the first series of the game, Jesse Abraham dropped back and threw an interception in what would be the only turnover, and miscue, that the Elks made all game. The defense avenged the error instantly when Trentyn Halstead grabbed an interception and ran it back for a touchdown.

"I thought it would be a closer game but apparently Days Creek didn't come to play today. I was a little bit nervous but once we got that first touchdown I was amped," said Elkton running back Spencer Moore.

A Days Creek fumble then

led to a Moore 25 yard touchdown run; a Days Creek turnover on downs led a Halstead rushing touchdown; and another Days Creek fumble led to Abraham scooping the ball up and scoring a defensive touchdown. This put the Elks up 32-0 at the end of a busy first quarter.

Elkton continued to score with another Moore rushing touchdown and a Bradley Doudna receiving touchdown in the corner of the end zone to put the Elks up 46-0.

The Wolves showed a flash of life in the final two minutes of the half when they had a reception for 60 yards that led to

Elks run through Days Creek in win

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In the week leading up to the game, Elkton (4-1) head football coach Bill Shaw stressed that Days Creek (3-3) was going to be a tough game. It turned out to be anything but that as the Elks ran away a 66-6 victory.

"That wasn't the way I expected this to go," Shaw said at halftime when the Elks were up 54-6.

While they went up early,

Sisters show storied strength

Cottage Grove volleyball makes it close, but get swept by the Outlaws

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To talk about Sky-Em volleyball league, it is essential to talk about the Sisters Outlaws.

The last time the Outlaws lost in regular season match to a Sky-Em opponent was when Cottage Grove beat them 3-2 on October 27, 2009. Last Tuesday in Cottage Grove, Sisters extended their league streak to a 76 as they defeated the Lions in straight sets (25-20, 25-19, 25-23). But it was not without a fight from Cottage Grove.

With the stands full of not only the usual parents and sporadic students, it was also filled with bright neon jerseys of youth volleyball players who play in the South Valley Athletics. Announced as the "future of Cottage Grove volleyball" the third through sixth graders brought in cheers for the home team and impromptu dance parties between each set as Bruno Mars and Miley Cyrus poured through the gym speakers.

In the start of the first set, both teams came out flat. As each team struggled to get their offense going, it was Sisters who was able to capitalize on Cottage Grove mistakes. Still stuck in a warmup mode, the Outlaws went up 12-2 and forced an

early Lions timeout. The Outlaws continued to struggle to get going as Cottage Grove's Reilly Kelly held serve and got the Lions back into striking distance down 15-10. Kelly ended the match with nine digs, seven kills and three blocks. Sisters then settled with trading points and closed out the set 25-20.

In the second game, things got close. After giving up the first three points, Cottage Grove battled back and cut the lead one at 7-8. Sisters quickly went on a 9-4 run and put the game away 25-19.

In the third game, the Lions came out firing and took their first lead of the entire match at 7-6 thanks in part to the precision serving of Cassidy Herbert that was hindering the Outlaws' ability to get into their offense.

The game was back and forth with no team getting a lead of greater than four points throughout the set. Setter Lauren Witty, who had 20 assists in the match, was finding teammates and the Lions were locked in a close battle. Ultimately, Sisters was simply too much for Cottage Grove and they closed out the set 25-23 to take the match in straight sets.

Cottage Grove head coach Kendra Anderson declined to comment after the loss.

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