

Lions from B1

coach Vern Stewart said. “I didn’t expect it to be a wide open game. I figured they’d hunker down and make it a defensive struggle.”

Cottage Grove succumbed to the Falcons’ backline pressure, lacking focus in the early going and giving Elmira a slight advantage in the first forty minutes.

“We need to make sure we play our game, don’t let them establish things ... and regardless of what you tell your players, it’s up to them to play the way they should be playing,” Stewart said.

“It wasn’t our best game ... but it’s like I told the guys: even ugly wins we’ll take.”

Some passionate redirection from Stewart just before halftime - and an equalizer goal by freshman Aldo Rea - woke his team up in time to turn things around.

“Our talk at the half was basically just, ‘we’re reacting instead of creating,’” Stewart said. “One of the things that happens when you play a team that doesn’t have quite as much talent as you do, you tend to play down to their level ... but you’ve got to be the one creating things instead of reacting to what

they’re doing.”

The creation began for real in the second half as the Lions came out roaring and didn’t look back.

Rea, who has been a goal-scoring machine for his team all season long, tacked on another score in the first five minutes of the second half and the Lions’ defense did some hunkering down of their own, holding Elmira scoreless in the second half and severely limiting their offensive opportunities.

Rea would finish a third time later in the half, completing his hat trick and putting the game out of reach of a Falcons comeback.

This was also the first game against Elmira since junior forward Shambay Gabriel Trapp suffered a horrific broken leg in the teams’ previous matchup. Trapp will miss the rest of the soccer season, as well as the basketball season, but has recently been able to return to school.

The Lions now need just one more win to guarantee themselves a playoff spot as one of the top-two finishers in the Sky-Em league. They will next play at number-one ranked Marist (10-0-1, 6-0) on Thurs., Oct. 24 for their final game of the regular season.

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the team extra possessions from the kickoff. We had one [fumbled kickoff], then we threw three interceptions and we had a fumble



NICK SNYDER/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Oakridge junior quarterback Derrick Cano squeaks across the goal line for one of the Warriors’ six touchdown rushes.

near the goalline. So those are killers.”

Regardless of turnovers, when Elkton didn’t have the ball, they were unequipped and unable to stop a punishing Warriors’ run game.

Despite the Elks running a goal line defense nearly the entire game, 210-pound quarterback Derrick Cano and 205-pound running back Jabaar Edwards could not be contained.

“Trying to stop those two backs, man, they just bludgeoned us,” Lockhart said. “In the late second quarter, early third, our defense

was a little more stout ... but it seemed like we were just getting hit over and over and over. Our guys just wore down. At that point, the game was already out of hand.”

Elkton scored once more before halftime, cutting the Warriors’ lead to 42-14, but they failed to make up ground in the second half.

All three of Elkton’s touchdown passes came from different arms, with one from nominal starting quarterback Cooper Peters - also the culprit for the three interceptions - one from injured starter Jayce Clevenger, who came in during the second

quarter in an attempt to boost his team’s morale, and one from Micah Cox on a halfback pass to Bruce Bowen.

Peters finished the game with 184 passing yards and Bowen hauled in 114 receiving yards for the Elks.

“I was proud of the guys. I wasn’t as upset as I was the last couple weeks because they still gave one hundred percent effort out there even though we made mental mistakes. It wasn’t a ‘hey, we didn’t show up’ kind of game,” Lockhart said.

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Fifth Place (tie)	-17
Todd Dennis	
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Fifth Place (tie)	-17
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Dave Tooker	
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