

If you came to Mt. Orab looking for a defensive matchup similar to week one, you'd have been greatly mistaken. The Pioneers had a breakout game Friday night, exploding for 43 points against an aggressive Western Brown defense. Simon Kenton had two players with multiple touchdowns: Seniors Jordan Pendleton (2) and Grayson Harris (3). The defense had itself a night as well with 3 interceptions. One from Junior Drake Powell, and another 2 coming from Senior Grayson Harris. Speaking with Harris postgame about his eye-popping performance, it is clear that he, along with the rest of the team, has next Friday night circled on their schedules.

"Coach Wynn really brought it to us at halftime and made sure we were locked in for the second half, and I'm just glad we got the dub. Now we just have to make sure we're locked in next week for [Covington Catholic]."

After the first half ended with a late Western Brown score and the Broncos set to receive the kickoff after halftime, things looked bleak for the Pioneers; Grant Webb had other plans. In a much-improved performance in comparison to last week, the Sophomore looked composed nearly all night long, with multiple tough passes and keepers that extended several drives. The Pioneer offense would go on to score 17 unanswered points and cruise the rest of the way to a 43-24 victory.

Friday night's win did not come without a look ahead to an uncertain future, however. The defensive side of the ball took a huge hit in the second quarter, when Senior Brayden Schoborg exited the game with an arm injury and did not return. Although the defense was able to carry on without him, losing the Senior linebacker beyond Friday night could potentially derail the momentum that Simon Kenton has gained amidst their 2-0 start. Despite that, it is plain to see that the Pioneers are letting the good times roll. Coach Wynn's first campaign in Independence has been exciting to watch- but his biggest test lies ahead in next week's matchup against Covington Catholic. Will the Pioneer defense be able to stop the aggressive dual-threat Cov Cath offense? Can Grayson Harris deliver another highlight reel performance to make his case for Mr. Kentucky football? Many unanswered questions remain despite the Pioneers' 2-0 start, but many answers will be found in next week's matchup.