

Two teams entered Chlorine Menefee Stadium on Friday night with their seasons on the line. With nearly identical records, statistical averages, and even school colors, one would assume that it would be a heavyweight, blow-for-blow matchup; Coach Wynn and the Pioneers had other plans.

With an overwhelming 31-9 win for Simon Kenton over Oldham County, the Pioneers keep their season alive and will live to fight another week, heading to Trinity on Friday. It was a story of the ground game to start Friday night's matchup, with Oldham County receiving the opening kickoff and quickly establishing a run-heavy game plan. After a stop on defense, the Pioneer offense quickly took over, taking a 7-0 lead on a Landon Brown touchdown. Oldham County was quick to respond, but a bad snap on the extra-point attempt gave Simon Kenton the ball back with a 7-6 lead, to which another lengthy drive led to a Jason Rabe rushing touchdown. Rabe, a sophomore who has led the team in tackles at Linebacker in addition to seeing several snaps at Fullback, is proving to be a bright spot on a young offense. In the final moments of the first half, a trick play consisting of a double pass from Grant Webb to Grayson Harris that found Forest Hughes all alone led to another score. Heading into the half, the Pioneers led 24-6, and truly never looked back.

The second half was all about the defense for Simon Kenton, as an interception from Grayson Harris served as a gut punch to an already desperate Oldham County offense. After his interception, Harris made an over-the-shoulder grab that put him over the 1000-yard mark on the season, and got him to over 3000 in his career as a Pioneer. When asked about his stupendous achievement, Harris was quick to turn the attention away from himself and onto the future of the program instead.

"It means a lot. But more importantly, it means a lot more to win a playoff game for the first time in four years and set the (bar) for a new generation of Simon Kenton Pioneers."

As the final seconds ticked down and a Jordan Pendleton rushing touchdown helped put an exclamation point on the Pioneers' 31-9 victory, the focus quickly shifted to this week's improbable task- to take down a giant. Simon Kenton will take on Trinity this Friday with their eyes set on what would be a historic upset. Mentioning this Friday's matchup, Grayson Harris didn't mince words.

"It's a David and Goliath story. [...] If everyone executes and does their jobs, we could have a chance at a big upset."

Despite the expectations that some may carry for this week's game, one thing remains certain: there is no quit in these Pioneers. With a little parity, a magical run could still be on the table for Simon Kenton.