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## T-Birds blank Falcons

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SCANDINAVIA — While both the Amherst and Iola-Scandinavia football teams suffered through the struggles of a season-opener, Tyler Boyle's experience at the quarterback position proved to be the ace in the hole for the Thunderbirds.

Boyle, a senior quarterback, threw three touchdowns and rushed for 69 yards on eight carries as I-S defeated the Falcons 21-0 in a nonconference game on a rainy Friday night.

"We had some struggles tonight. It was so wet I could hardly get a snap," Boyle said. "But we had some good matchups, and I was able to hook up with my receivers."

After Randy Ambacker blocked a Mitch Borgen punt out of the end zone to give I-S a 2-0 lead after one quarter of play, Boyle broke open the game in the second.

He rushed for 47 yards on four carries, including three first downs, and connected on scoring passes of 11 and 16 yards to Kody Morgan and Austen Lane, respectively, to put the Thunderbirds up 14-0 at halftime.

While I-S was hardly crisp themselves, losing three of five fumbles and committing 12 penalties for 94 yards, I-S coach Scott Erickson credited his team with sticking to their game plan.

Erickson singled out the offensive line — senior Seth Voie and sophomore Dustin Cochart at tackle, senior Joe Tetzlaff and sophomore Erik Voie at guard and junior center Joe Marx — for keeping Boyle safe for most of the evening.

"With only one returning starter (S. Voie), you're going to wonder what you will get early in the season," I-S coach Scott Erickson said. "These guys stepped up and gave us what we needed to be successful."

Amherst, which more than doubled their offensive output of 45 total yards from last year's 36-0 loss to I-S to 98 on Friday, twice drove inside the Thunderbird's 10-yard line in the second half only to come up empty on both occasions.

"We beat ourselves tonight. A play here and a play there and we are right in the ball game," Amherst coach Brian Toelle said. "But we are a better team than we were last season at this time, and we'll take this back to practice and get better from it."

THUNDERBIRDS 21, FALCONS 0

Amherst 0 0 0 0 — 0

Iola-Scandinavia 2 12 7 0 — 21

First Quarter

IS-Safety, punt blocked through end zone.

## Second Quarter

IS-Kody Morgan 11 pass from Tyler Boyle (kick failed).

IS-Austen Lane 16 pass from Boyle (kick failed).

## Third Quarter

IS-Colton Zimmerman 22 pass from Boyle (Andrew Maus kick).

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## Team statistics

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First downs 7 12

Rushes-yards 22-25 41-185

Passing yards 73 112

Total yards 98 297

Comp.-Att.-INT 8-23-3 6-13-0

Punting 4-69 3-90

Fumbles-lost 1-0 5-3

Penalties-yards 9-60 12-94

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Rushing

Amherst: James Blanke 3-6, Erik Nykl 10-35, Calvin Krusick 2-(minus 5), Kyle Floistad 1-0, Bryan Konkol 3-3, Nate Martin 3-(minus 14). Iola-Scandinavia: Colton Zimmerman 10-16, Tyler Boyle 8-69, Dustin McAloon 6-39, Andrew Maus 12-40, Joe Tetzlaff 2-3, Luke Hoyord 2-14, Tyler Hines 1-4.

### Passing

Amherst: Krusick 2-9-2-40, Martin 6-14-1-33. Iola-Scandinavia: Boyle 6-13-0-112.

### Receiving

Amherst: Josh Shulfer 1-11, Nate Trzebiatowski 1-29, Nick Kolbus 2-13, Konkol 2-7, Floistad 2-13. Iola-Scandinavia: Zimmerman 3-66, Kody Morgan 2-30, Austen Lane 1-16.