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## **Even ailing, Chargers overwhelm Amherst**

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AMHERST —Dustin Thorson may have not been feeling well, but you wouldn't know it watching him play Friday night at Amherst.

After missing half of the first quarter, Thorson entered the game and rushed for 179 yards on just 12 carries with two touchdowns as Wittenberg-Birnamwood rolled to a 42-10 victory.

The win guarantees the Chargers, who improve to 5-3 and 4-2 in the CWC Large Division, a playoff berth.

"I don't know what it was. I got off the bus and just didn't feel well," Thorson said. "Once I got in the game, it didn't bother me."

The Chargers also got strong play from senior fullback Matt Filtz and junior running back Wyatt Tech. Filtz rushed for 131 yards on 12 carries with three touchdowns, while Tech finished with 77 yards on 15 carries primarily in replacement of Thorson in the first and fourth quarters.

"We had a solid game," W-B coach Chuck Wavru-nek said. "We need to take that momentum and use it to carry us next week."

The Falcons did get on the scoreboard in the fourth, playing against the W-B reserves. Nate Martin finished off a strong drive by connecting on a 10-yard strike to Quinton Baker for the touchdown. Luke Allen added a 43-yard field goal with 19.9 seconds left.

"It's been a tough year, but these kids just keep fighting," Amherst coach Brian Toelle said. "We had an opportunity to put some points on the board, and these kids put it in their minds to do that."

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First Quarter

WB—Matt Filtz 14 run (Devin Szutkowski run).

Second Quarter

WB—Dustin Thorson 5 run (Szutkowski kick).

WB—Thorson 25 run (run failed).

WB—Filtz 28 run (Filtz pass from Szutkowski).

WB—Matt Reissman 27 pass from Szutkowski (Szutkowski kick).

Third Quarter

WB—Filtz 51 run (kick failed).

Fourth Quarter

A—Quinton Baker 10 pass from Nate Martin (Luke Allen kick).

A—Allen 43 field goal.

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Team statistics

WB A

First downs 17 6

Rushes-yards 49-400 24-62

Passing yards 36 15

Total yards 436 77

Comp.-Att.-INT 2-5-1 2-15-1

Punting 0-0 5-39

Fumbles-lost 1-1 0-0

Penalties-yards 8-60 4-20

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

(Att., yards)

WB—Wyatt Tech 15-77, Matt Filtz 12-131, Dustin Thorson 19-179, Devin Szutkowski 1-15, Kyle Hoffman 1-1, Josh Andritsch 1-(minus 3). A—James Blanke 9-31, Bryan Konkol 9-34, Nate Martin 6-(minus 3).

Passing

(Comp.-Att.-INT-Yards)

WB—Szutkowski 2-5-1-36. A—Martin 5-15-1-15.

Receiving

(Rec., Yards)

WB—Matt Reissman 1-27, Filtz 1-9. A—Quinton Baker 2-15.

Team records: Wittenberg-Birnamwood 4-2 in the CWC Large, 5-3; Amherst 1-5 in the CWC Large, 1-7.