



Falcons struggle to stop ground game

The Amherst Falcons were dealt their second loss of the season last Friday by Wild Rose, 35-12, in a game with lots of big-play action on offense.

The Falcons defense had to deal with three serious ground threats from Wildcat backs Brandon Nelson and Patrick Williams, and quarterback Travis Morrow. All three players ended with 100-plus rushing yards and at least one score, and all five Wild Rose scores were the result of the Wildcat rushing attack.

On a positive note, the Falcons defense came up with one interception and two fumble recoveries. This pleased Coach Brian Toelle as the defense had been practicing stripping the football in practice.

There were also a few bright spots in the Falcons offense, though it was

too little too late. Sophomore quarterback Nate Martin rebounded nicely from his 0 TD-3 INT performance against Iola-Scandinavia, completing 14 of 24 pass attempts for 209 yards, two touchdowns, and zero interceptions. However, most of the offensive production came in the fourth quarter when the Falcons were down by multiple scores. Martin connected with senior receiver Arik Kudronowicz for two long touchdown passes of 57 and 46 yards.

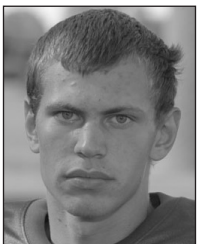
Coach Toelle was happy to see the passing game come alive. "Nate had a good game, and Arik is a very good athlete," Toelle said. "This was a breakout game for him." With Martin and Kudronowicz emerging as recognizable threats early in the season, fans can expect more big plays from the duo in the future.



Senior wide receiver Arik Kudronowicz caught both Amherst touchdowns on Friday.

This Saturday, Amherst hits the road to open up its CWC-Large schedule with the Pacelli Cardinals (2-0).

MEET THE FALCON



Nate Trzebiatowski
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Every football team needs a motivator, someone who will slap his teammates hard on the shoulder pads after making a big play and pump them up prior to kickoff. Every football team needs a leader, someone who will take responsibility when things go wrong and help their teammates out to make sure those mistakes are avoided. Every football team also needs someone who loves the game they play, taking in every play as if it were their last.

Nate Trzebiatowski represents all three qualities. Coach Brian Toelle uses positive

words to sum up what Nate brings to the team ... words like 'desire,' 'intelligence,' and 'dedication.'

"Nate is a very important leader on our team," said Toelle. "He's been out all four years, is a team captain, and a solid player."

A true example of Nate's will was exhibited Friday against the Wild Rose Wildcats. Nate sprinted towards a play that broke downfield, caught up to the runner, and made a touchdown-saving tackle.

Every coach wants a guy like Nate on the team.