

Webster powers Lutcher against Easton

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Lutcher's Gavin Webster accounted for 384 yards of total offense and five scores to lead the unbeaten Bulldogs to a 69-30 Class 4A bi-district playoff victory Friday night against Warren Easton.

Webster set the tone for Lutcher -- last year's Class 3A champion -- on the Bulldogs' first offensive play as he took a quarterback draw 52 yards for a touchdown. That was just the beginning.

In the first half, the teams combined for 612 yards and 59 points. The fireworks continued in the second half after the Eagles closed the Lutcher lead to 35-24 at the half.

The third-seeded Bulldogs (11-0) responded, taking control of the game on the second half kickoff when Jarvis Landry returned the kick to the Eagles' 15-yard-line. Webster did the rest with a 15-yard touchdown run, his fourth score. Less than 30 seconds later, the Bulldogs recovered a fumble and Daniel Taylor took an inside handoff 52 yards for the score.

The offensive outburst gave the Bulldogs a 48-24 lead just one minute into the second half. The scores were critical according to Lutcher Coach Tim Detillier, who stressed to his team the importance of maximizing each possession against the Eagles' potent offense.

While both offenses were prolific, penalties plagued both teams. Easton was flagged for 13 infractions for 135 yards, and infractions cost Lutcher 96 yards. Easton Coach Tony Hull said before the game that penalties could be a difference-maker in the game, and he seemed to be correct as the calls limited any comeback efforts.

The Bulldog defense stiffened in the second half as Todd Washington picked off an Easton pass midway through the third quarter. Taylor caught a 35-yard touchdown pass to give Lutcher a 62-30 lead. Webster tacked on the final points with an 81-yard run.

Taylor finished with 186 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns, along with 80 yards receiving. For the Eagles (4-7), Maurice Rothschild threw for 197 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for two scores and 55 yards.

In the first quarter, Webster ran for scores of 52 and 20 yards and threw for 50 yards. The Bulldogs amassed 202 yards of offense, 152 coming on the ground to take a 21-6 lead.

In contrast, the Eagles amassed nearly 100 yards of offense, but scored once. Easton turned the ball over on downs on its first offensive series, and scored on a 69-yard touchdown reception by Jaron Miller. The touchdown pulled the Eagles to within a point at 7-6, but Easton's offense couldn't score quickly enough to keep pace with Lutcher.

In the second quarter, the Eagles had success. Rothschild ran for a 1-yard score and found Tyler Terrance for a 33-yard touchdown pass. Easton added a 26-yard touchdown reception by Miller, his second of the game.

Webster accounted for the Bulldogs only second-quarter points with a 23-yard scoring run.