

# Visiting Titans ride big first half by Triway

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TRIWAY— Two of the six schools in the state with Titans as their mascot — Ottawa-Glandorf and Triway — were locked in a gridiron battle on Saturday night at Triway's Titans Stadium.

It was the traveling Titans that came up victorious, though, as they defeated Triway 28-14 in the Div. IV Region 14 quarter-final.



**O-G 28**  
**Triway 14**

A big first half — both offensively and defensively — was the key to O-G's success, as it put 13 points on the board and shut out Triway (8-3).  
"Our guys were outstanding on both sides of the ball tonight," Ottawa-Glandorf coach Ken Schriener said. "But we still have to get more points up on the board, especially against a team as dangerous in the air as Triway."

Ottawa-Glandorf's (9-2) initial score came off kicker Mike Bendele's 26-yard field goal with 4:47 remaining in the first quarter.

Then in the second quarter, running back Craig Rieman slammed over Triway's defensive line and into the end zone with 7:56 to go. Bendele put another one through the uprights with 18 seconds left in the half.

"We need touchdowns, but our kicker was able to come in and deliver when we needed him, to," Schriener said. "I think

we also did enough throwing to keep them off balance."

Triway coach Tony Lee agreed, but was more impressed with the way Ottawa-Glandorf's defense responded to the local's offensive attack.

"They showed us a lot of defensive schemes," Lee said. "They did a cover four, man coverage, they just ran a little of everything, and we couldn't

run our short pass game early and that is our bread-and-butter. But we also were not very sharp offensively in the first half. We had some not-so-great passes and some drops and just couldn't get anything going."

O-G was most concerned about stopping Triway's passing attack, and Schriener was pleased with his team's effort.

"We knew their quarterback threw timing routes well, so we had more guys in to cover those. Our guys are very physical and they hit well tonight."

So well that they held Triway to 12 rushes for zero yards.

The Purple and White managed to get a little offense going with 4:18 remaining in the third quarter.

Triway gained possession at its own 31 yard-line with 7:28 left to go and strung together eight plays to put them on O-G's 26.

Quarterback Derek Carmichael (25-for-51, 308 yards) dropped back into the pocket



Ottawa-Glandorf defenders Dylan Ellerbrock (left) and Caleb Siefker put the pressure on Triway's Derek Carmichael during their Div. IV, Region 14 quarterfinal game Saturday.

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and found Zach Houmar downfield to connect on a 25-yard touchdown pass.

The Blue Titans returned the favor, though, as Logan Kaufman ran the ball 7 yards into the end zone with 37 seconds in the third quarter.

THS still had opportunities to close the gap, even with time ticking away.

"We had a little momentum swing after that first touchdown, and we had a chance to make it happen again, but then we threw a pick," Lee

said.

That pick came at the beginning of the fourth quarter, with Triway planted at O-G's 22-yard line ready to make it a two-possession ball game. It was THS' third interception of the night.

Misfortunes in the air were not the only problem for Triway, which lost two fumbles as well.

"Look at what we gave them," Lee said. "We gave them short field position an awful lot. You just can't do

that in playoffs."

Late in the fourth quarter, Triway's offense seemed to be clicking more, and with 3:07 remaining in regulation, Carmichael found Sawyer Polen in the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown.

Even though Triway is one-and-done, it doesn't take away from the outstanding season it has had, Lee said.

"Unfortunately, our season came to an end, but we got beat by a good team," Lee said. "A lot of people underes-

timated us at the beginning of the season. How far we have come is a credit to our seniors. They all set the bar high, and proved the naysayers wrong. I've issued a challenge to the younger guys to go even farther next year, and hopefully they will live up to that challenge."

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# Wynford, Brause wheel their way past Dalton

## Bulldogs can't shut down Royals' attack

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BUCYRUS — Although Dalton missed a great opportunity to cut Wynford's 14-0 lead in half on an interception near the goal line just before halftime, the Bulldogs did just that and grabbed the momentum when Gavin Hackett threw a 59-yard touchdown pass to Chase Moyer on the Bulldogs' first possession of the second half.

The momentum shift lasted all of 19 seconds.

Wynford's Chris Brown took the ensuing kickoff 61 yards to the Dalton 25, Zack Neidermier ran around left end for a touchdown on the next play, and the Royals had re-established themselves on the way to a 41-21 victory in a

Div. VI, Region 21 first-round game in Bucyrus.

"Those were two real big plays," said Dalton coach Bob Ramsay, talking about the missed chance right before the half on when Zach Chatlain stepped in front of a Dalton receiver for an interception and Brown's big return. "Real big."

"We're going into score and don't, then we score and they return the kick and great position and score."

The way Wynford (11-0) ran the ball, the key sequences may not have mattered. Led by quarterback Tyler Brause, the Royals rolled up 430 yards of rushing on 46 carries.

The 6-foot-4, 225-pound Brause only threw for 21 yards, because he didn't have

to go to the air. Instead, he ran for 122 of his game-high 155 yards (25 carries) in the first half, including a six-yard run that opened the scoring in the first quarter, and spent the second half handing off to a variety of Wynford weapons.

Brown, a wideout, had 126 yards on four runs, including a 16-yard score in the second quarter, while Neidermier ran for 92 yards on nine rushes. Brause had TD runs of one and three yards in the third quarter and Logan Temple added a six-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

"We have a lot of weapons offensively and our line does

a great job creating opportunities," said Brause, who along with 6-7, 290-pound teammate Teven Eatmon is committed to sign with Kentucky to play college football. "We didn't get much of a chance to show our passing game, but we can throw."

"They got a little conscious of me, and that opens the other guys up," he added. "And once our running game got going, we just stuck to it."

"Our philosophy is that what they give us, that's what we do," Wynford head coach Travis Moyer said. "They gave us the run, so that's what we did — it's an old saying, but if it's not broke, why fix it?"

"If you look at the boxscore, we were heavy with the run," he added, "but we were balanced while we were doing

it."

Dalton (9-2) never stopped attacking, scoring the most points Wynford has allowed all season. The Bulldogs trailed 28-7, but running back Greg Blevins, who rushed for 82 yards to match Hackett, shot through a pile and went 34 yards for a third-quarter touchdown. Hackett, who was 9-of-16 passing for 146 yards, tacked on an eight-yard TD to cap the Bulldogs' scoring.

"We passed the ball well," Ramsay said, "but that's not what we want to do. We were a step away a lot of times, but they were a lot quicker outside than we thought. We thought we'd match up, but obviously we didn't."

"They didn't do anything we didn't think they would, but they were better at it than we gave them credit for," Ramsay added. "They mixed things up real well, and that's part of

the reason they're so successful. They have other guys who step up and make big plays."

The 29-year head coach sidestepped questions on rumors of his retirement, instead focusing on his team's accomplishments, which included an outright Wayne County Athletic League championship.

Saturday, though, they couldn't stop the Royals' running attack.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of," Ramsay said. "That team is 10-0 for a reason — you see what they do, and I think it'll take a good team to beat them. We weren't good enough to do that tonight."

Wynford advances to play Hopewell-Loudon, a 28-24 winner over McDonald.

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Dalton's Greg Blevins runs through a couple of fallen Bucyrus Wynford players Saturday night in a first-round Div. VI playoff game on the Royals' home field. Wynford outscored the Bulldogs 41-21.

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