

Wooster scores late in win over Mans. Senior

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WOOSTER — For the entire game Friday night, Wooster had visiting Mansfield Senior playing catch-up.

But every time the Tygers did catch the Generals, it didn't last long.

Scoring 10 points in the final 2:44, Wooster (4-4, 2-3) slipped by Mansfield Senior 30-20 at Follis Field.

Alex Kacere booted a 35-yard field goal with 2:44 to play to snap a 20-20 tie, but Senior (3-5, 1-4) returned the ensuing kickoff to the WHS 33, giving itself a short field with plenty of time left.

After a couple of short runs, Tiger quarterback Terrance Deener went back in the pocket to make a throw, but lost his grip on the ball.

Wooster defensive back Zach Ellsworth saw the loose pigskin, grabbed it, and raced 76 yards in the opposite direction for the first varsity touchdown of his career and the game-clinching score.

"I was looking up the middle because that's where they were driving the whole game," Ellsworth said of the play. "When I looked back, I saw their quarterback falling over and the ball on the ground."

Ellsworth's instincts took some of the pressure off everyone on the Wooster sideline.

"That fumble recovery was when we started to breathe a little easier," Wooster coach Mike McCreary said. "It was a good defensive play, especially after they had a good kickoff return. For Zach to pick up the ball and score was a plus."

Especially with just 49 seconds left in the game.

"To get a touchdown and have it be kind of like a clincher, especially at the end of a close game, feels really good," Ellsworth said.

The Generals' offense must have been feeling pretty good for most of the night. Wooster scored in every quarter, and in

different fashions.

For their first touchdown of the game, the Generals threaded together a 9-play drive, ending with quarterback Bryan Gallo-Malta (19 carries, 49 yards) fighting his way into the end zone from the one.

"When we get that close to the end zone, we have faith in our line to give us a good push and get us in," Gallo-Malta said.

Wooster led 13-7 at the half on Devonta Anderson's six-yard run, but Mansfield knotted the score on Deener's 41-yard TD run in the third quarter.

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Generals 30
Tygers 20



Wooster's Zach Ellsworth wraps us this Mansfield Senior ball carrier during the Generals' 30-20 win over the Tygers Friday night at Follis Field.

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Wooster High receiver Stewart Turner looks downfield after getting a block from teammate Devonta Anderson Friday night at Follis Field, where the Generals topped the Mansfield Senior Tygers 30-20.