

Fifth-ranked Prosser hands Othello its first CWAC loss

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OTHELLO — With Prosser struggling to generate much of anything offensively for most of the first half, it took a pair of big plays bookending halftime to spark the Mustangs.

Noah Flores' big kickoff return in the final minute of the first half set up a tying touchdown and then Kolby Swift's long touchdown run early in the third quarter keyed the fifth-ranked Mustangs' 27-14 victory over Othello in a crucial CWAC football game Friday night.

With the win, Prosser tied Othello for second in the league at 7-1, a game behind Ellensburg heading into the final week of the regular season. Thursday, the Mustangs close at fourth-place Selah (6-2), while Othello travels to fourth-ranked Ellensburg (8-0).

Friday, Othello looked like it would have the halftime lead after Kyler Villarreal caught a 68-yard touchdown pass from DJ Guzman with 42 seconds left.

But Flores returned the ensuing kickoff to the Othello 13, setting up Chase Courtney's 13-yard TD reception from Tanner Bolt.

Then Swift ripped off a 51-yard scoring burst with 81/2 minutes left in the third to put Prosser ahead for good.

Prosser sealed the victory when Bolt and Tyler Durbin hooked up on a 7-yard scoring pass in the final period.

Swift finished with 82 rushing yards, with Flores and Kord Tuttle adding 52 and 50, respectively. Tuttle had a 13-yard TD run for the Mustangs' first score.

Bolt's two TD passes offset an otherwise tough night in which he finished 9 of 21 for just 92 yards.

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Othello 7 7 0 0 — 14

Oth — Reece Jones 2 run (Jose Chairez kick)

Pro — Kord Tuttle 13 run (Ricardo Herrera kick)

Oth — Kyler Villarreal 68 pass from DJ Guzman (Chairez kick)

Pro — Chase Courtney 13 pass from Tanner Bolt (Herrera kick)

Pro — Kolby Swift 51 run (Herrera kick)

Pro — Tyler Durbin 7 pass from Bolt (run failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Prosser, Swift 10-82; Noah Flores 11-52; Tuttle 8-50; Josiah Stutzman 8-31; Michael Kernan 1-2; Bolt 2-(minus 9). Othello, Jones 17-63; Villarreal 4-55; Trevor Hilmes 8-32; Guzman 9-28; team 1-(minus 2).

PASSING — Prosser, Bolt 9-21-0-92. Othello, Guzman 5-10-0-100; Villarreal 3-5-0-6.

RECEIVING — Prosser, Kernan 5-55; Courtney 2-24; Durbin 1-7; Skylar Gray 1-6. Othello, Villarreal 1-68; Hilmes 3-34; Jones 2-6; Angel Rivera 1-5; team 1-(minus 5).