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Nitro rips Lincoln Co. for first win

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Prep football roundup

Alex Taylor ran 19 times for 263 yards and a touchdown Friday night as Nitro earned its first victory of the season, 46-22 over Lincoln County.

Tailback Michael Hall added 76 yards and two TDs on 11 carries for visiting the visiting Wildcats (1-5), and quarterback Bodie Johnson ran five times for 25 yards and a pair of scores.

"Our kids got tired of losing," said assistant coach John Painter. "They really started focusing this week. We really had a good week of practice. We used a couple different plays out of the spread formation we normally run, and they worked.

"We told our kids that when they got off the bus tonight, if they wanted the game worse than Lincoln County did, we could win. When they stepped off the bus, they had their minds focused and executed really well. We put the plan into place and moved forward. They did it. They proved that we don't give up at Nitro."

Painter and the other Wildcats assistants took over extra duties when head coach Bob Gobel suffered a leg injury in a practice drill last month. Gobel is sidelined indefinitely.

Johnson also completed 7-of-17 passes for 90 yards, including a 36-yard TD strike to Ethan Clark (six catches, 75 yards). Johnson's TD runs covered 5 and 18 yards, Hall's came on plays of 11 and 25 yards, and Taylor scored on a 45-yarder.

Lincoln County (2-4) suffered five turnovers, including four interceptions. Picking off passes for Nitro were Taylor, Zach Cloxton, Matt Harmon and J.T. Flint. Dalton Hall recovered a fumble.

Kevin Sloan booted field goals of 23 and 25 yards for Nitro.