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Full back senior Lane Raulston holds an opposing player down on Friday, Nov. 13 during the away game against Reagan. The team advanced to round two of playoffs.  
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Knowing one of the teams in Friday's Bi-District matchup was not going to move on, Coach Larry Hill decided to take a risk and go for a fourth down conversion on the opening drive.

The team went on to score its first touchdown of a 17-7 win over regional powerhouse Reagan on that opening drive in Comalander Stadium on Nov. 13.

"Sustaining that drive and going up on them early forced them to play from behind, and that was something they hadn't really done," Hill said.

The drive took more than six minutes off the clock and was capped off by a 1-yard run by junior quarterback Josh Adkins.

Led by junior quarterback and Baylor commit Kellen Mond, the Reagan offense took the field. Just like 2014, the Reagan offense had to start the game from behind; but unlike last year, the Rattlers were unprepared for the relentless attack executed by the team's defense all night.

After the defense stopped Reagan on a fourth down conversion attempt of its own, the offense marched down the field again. This drive wasn't nearly as time consuming, but successfully kept the ball out of the Baylor Commit's hands and added to the lead. It was completed by a 59-yard reception by senior Receiver Derek Housler from Adkins for a touchdown.

A 27-yard field goal by junior Cody Vicknair gave the team a 17-0 lead just seconds before halftime.

The defense picked up right where it left off, opening the second half with another stop. The large lead helped the team by forcing Reagan to throw the ball more. The defensive line put pressure on Mond throughout the second half, including some sacks and multiple throwaways.

The offense didn't score in the second half, but put together a few long, time consuming drives.

Reagan finally scored with just over two minutes left in the game. After a failed onside attempt the offense took over with good field position. A few first downs, they kept Reagan out of reach.

The team stormed across the field after a the final snap. The team ended its two year drought of a playoff win with what most considered an upset.

"There wasn't going to be an upset," Hill said. "I told our guys all week the better team would win the game."

The team will take on District 27 runner-up, Stevens, who beat East Central in the first round. The game is at Comalander at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20.

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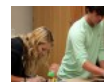


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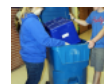
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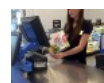
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