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THE LAST PICK

Lions win homecoming with OT interception

"Our mindset going into this game was just winning the game period."
- Walker Torrain

Two minutes left of regulation time and down 7 points, the Lions had to score to shift the momentum to beat Denison.

"There was a bit of pressure, especially leading up to overtime," junior wide receiver Rickey Fantroy said. "With everyone in the town at the game we knew we just gotta go out there and perform."

After three losses in a row, the Lions needed a touchdown to force overtime to have a chance at a homecoming win.

"We as a team weren't clicking like we were at the start of the season," Rickey said. "We were all a little frustrate,d but we knew

we had to buckle down."

Fourth and 8 on their own 32, senior quarterback Brian Sutter threw to receiver Rickey Fantroy who was running a post route. The 68-yard touchdown pass and extra point tied the game.

"As long as I live," Brian said. "I will remember looking back on the field after the game and remember how perfect that moment was."

The Lions lost the OT coin toss and had to defend first against Denison.

"It was fourth and 19, and we were in like cover three and I saw two dudes, one in front and one behind and the quarterback

scrambled and threw it, and I just caught it," Byron Robinson said. "When I was on the other team's sidelines, they just kept talking trash to me and I said 'just wait, just wait 'til you throw the ball my way' and they just happened to do it on the last play."

After the interception, the whole team ran toward the endzone forcing an excessive celebration penalty.

"When that ball was flying through the air, everyone in the stadium was freaking out, wondering who was going to end up with the ball," Rickey said. "When Byron went up and caught that ball, it just set us on fire, and we were ready to go. We knew

that right then, at that moment when the interception happened, that we would win."

Byron's interception in the endzone shut down their chance to score.

"Whenever the ball was thrown everyone stopped," junior tight end Cameron Calhoun said. "When he caught that ball everyone did a full sprint to the endzone."

Senior running back Antonio Oliver sealed the game when he ran the ball in for a touchdown making the final 35-28.

"That was the fastest 40 I've ever run," Cameron said. "After we scored to win the game we had to kick the field goal and we got a penalty for excessive celebration, but no one cared because we already won."

by Colin Mitchell and Nathan Roberts

FULL STEAM

After a hand off, junior Walker Torrain finds a hole and runs the ball for a first down. The Lions had confidence after a win against J.J. Pearce but lost it after their first turn over. "The first time we turned over the ball we got down on ourselves," Walker said. "We could have easily beat them, but like I said we got down and we didn't know how to handle it."



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PUSH IT OVER

In the final minutes of the game, junior Walker Torrain dives across the plane for a touchdown. With over 13 minutes more possession time, the Lions fell short to rival McKinney North 16-28. "The team played better than I thought we would," Walker said. "It was probably our best game in the whole season as a team."

RUSH TO CONCLUSIONS

While taking an inside route, senior running back Antonio Oliver attempts to beat his defenders. The Lions lost to Newman Smith 7-17 despite Antonio's 161 rushing yards. "The game was supposed to be a piece of cake," Antonio said. "We knew what we had to do and we knew that we had to execute."



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ON THE SIDELINES

HOME STRETCH

After a change in possession, senior offensive lineman Aidan Mulligan talks with his teammates on the bench. The Lions had 70 total plays and 21 first downs against Denison. "The homecoming game was a blast," Aiden said. "The atmosphere of that night was thrilling because the game was so close. I'm proud we won for all the 'homecomers'."

RUNNING MATE

When the defense is on the field, senior running back Antonio Oliver tries to help junior running back Walker Torrain deal with a tough loss against Frisco Liberty. Despite having more possession time the Lions lost 0-28. "This moment was a wake-up call for me," Walker said. "I got down and luckily Antonio was there to pick me up."

Antonio #17 Oliver

946 rushing yards
156 total carries
6.1 yards per carry

Running Back



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IN THE RUNNING

After a three and out for Newman Smith, senior punt returner Myron Robinson returns the ball for 20 plus yards. The Lions had 13 more first downs than their opponents. However, they fell short to the Trojans. "We were going to the game thinking we were gonna win," Byron said. "We didn't play as well as we should have."

FIRST FOR EVERYTHING

After a reception, junior wide receiver Rickey Fantroy runs the ball down field while shaking a defender. Rickey caught the ball on his first ever varsity play. "It was my very first play, I had an out route and I took it up field for about 20 yards," Rickey said. "It being my first varsity game I think I performed mediocre."