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Scotties Fall in Opener to Greyhounds

The Highland Community College football team fell in rainy conditions at home on Saturday night to the Fort Scott Greyhounds by the final of 20-7.

The Scotties, 0-1 overall and 0-1 in conference play, took a first quarter lead when Contereze Pierce (Jonesboro, GA) intercepted his first of two Greyhound passes and took it back 97 yards for the touchdown. Sophomore Gary Flack (Leavenworth) nailed the point after attempt to give Highland 7-0 advantage.

The Scottie offense sputtered all night and could only gain seven total first downs, including one by penalty. Sophomore tailback Brian Handley (Monticello, AR) led the charge with 41 yards gained on nine carries. Highland only managed to gain 35 total yards on the ground for the game. In the air, freshman quarterback Shunquez Stephens (Flowery Branch, GA) completed one pass to freshman wide-out Keith Marks (Lee's Summit, MO) for 20 yards.

The Scottie defense showed their worth all night, causing three and recovering two fumbles, intercepting three Greyhound passes, creating three quarterback sacks, and not allowing the Greyhounds to reach the end zone. The Greyhound offense contributed two field goals to the scoring total; the defense provided the edge with two returned fumbles. The Scottie defense was led by sophomore linebackers Terell Jordan (Atchison) and Tevin Hanley (Riverdale, GA). Jordan had 18 total tackles including 11 solo stops. Hanley had 16 stops, eight of which were solo and one interception. Sophomore safety Brandon King (Alabaster, AL) had 11 total tackles, including seven solos and two for loss to go along with a blocked field goal. Freshman corner Payton Doramus (Haysville) also had 11 total stops.

Highland next travels to Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College in Miami, Okla., on Saturday, September 1, for a 1:00 p.m. kick-off.

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