

DeRollo, Rosati shine for Frankfort-Schuyler

Multiple Frankfort-Schuyler defenders try to tackle Dolgeville quarterback Zach Smith, center, during a game Friday in Frankfort. Frankfort-Schuyler won 24-14. [ALEX COOPER / OBSERVER-DISPATCH]



Maroon Knights drop Dolgeville in season opener

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FRANKFORT — Frankfort-Schuyler has been on the wrong end of a pair of lopsided contests against Dolgeville the previous two seasons.

Head coach Jeff LaGase's Maroon Knights overcame those

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demons in the season opener, defeating the defending Section III Class D champion Dolgeville Blue Devils 24-14 in a Class D East contest Friday night at Lt. Ferraro Memorial Stadium.

Coach Dan Zilkowski's Blue Devils defeated Frankfort 46-22 last season and 62-23 in 2016.

Frankfort's sophomore quarterback Jeffrey DeSarro completed 10 of 16 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns. Junior running back Tyler Rosati caught four passes for 89 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 37 yards, one touchdown and rushed for a two-point

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conversion.

John Banas made a field goal, a PAT and had a sack for the Maroon Knights (1-0 Class D East, 1-0 overall).

Dolgeville (0-1 Class B East, 0-1 overall) suffered its first loss to a Mohawk Valley team since Oct. 8, 2016 when West Canada Valley dropped the Blue Devils 27-12.

On Friday, Jordan Ortlieb led

Dolgeville with 13 carries for 81 yards, and his only catch went for a touchdown. Zach Smith and Zach Carpenter shared time at quarterback and often played running back and receiver, but couldn't make many big plays against Frankfort's stingy defense.

After neither team managed to score in the first quarter, Frankfort found the endzone twice in the second.

Both scores came courtesy of a pair of DeSarro touchdown passes. The sophomore connected with Michael DeRollo for the first score, rolling to his left

as the junior receiver separated from his defender to help the hosts jump out to an 8-0 lead.

At the end of the half, DeSarro threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Rosati, who caught the pass around the 50 yard line before outrunning the Dolgeville defense to take a 14-0 advantage into halftime.

Dolgeville made it a one possession game in the third when Smith dove over a pile of linemen to put the Blue Devils within 14-6.

That's as close as they got to Frankfort.

In the fourth, Banas booted

a 35-yard field goal to extend Frankfort's lead to 17-6. Rosati stretched the lead even further with an eight-yard touchdown run, giving the hosts a 24-6 advantage.

Jordan Ortlieb caught a 10-yard touchdown reception from Smith with 2:03 remaining. The Blue Devils recovered the ensuing onside kick before turning the ball over on downs with under 10 seconds remaining.

Frankfort-Schuyler visits Waterville at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7.

Dolgeville's next game is at 7 p.m., Friday Sept. 14 at

Waterville.

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Everett Kelly rushed for 155 yards and four touchdowns on 12 carries and Alphonso Holmes ran for 114 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries to lead Mount Markham to victory in a Class C opener in West Winfield.

Hunter Coffin and Brandon Johnson also had touchdown runs for the Mustangs, who led 42-0 at the half.

Holmes and Jeromie Wheatley had interceptions.