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COTTRELL'S CANES GET FIRST WIN

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In front of a huge crowd Friday night at "The Eye", the Bryant Hurricanes defeated the Escambia Gators 27-14. The Gators much heralded running back Trent Richardson was held to 84 yards rushing on 16 carries. The Canes got 63 yards rushing and two touchdowns from Jesse Goodwin , and 121 yards on the ground from Lim Windham. Ricky LaForce threw for 84 yards. The Hurricane defense was led by Larry Lumpkin who had seven tackles. Lolo Rogers added six tackles, and Jacob Harbison recorded an interception. The Hurricanes were aided by two huge, albeit strange plays during the game. The first came on what could have been a disaster after Lim Windham fumbled the football. However, Jesse Goodwin picked up the fumble and rumbled 40 yards to set up a Hurricane touchdown. In the fourth quarter, after a bad snap on the punt, punter Brandon Creal alertly found Larry Lumpkin on a seven yard pass. This eventually led to Stephen Boler's first career touchdown. The win improves the Canes record to 1-4 overall. Bryant travels to Semmes next week, returning to region play against the Mary G. Montgomery Vikings.

RANDOM THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS:

- The most complete game the Canes have played all year. Passing, running, blocking, and tackling, it all seemed to click.
- 5 Star RB Trent Richardson for Escambia was corralled all night by the Hurricanes. Take away a 25 yard run on the last play of the half(with Bryant backed up deep in pass coverage) , he only

has 60 yards.

-Last note about Richardson and Escambia: I read on the Pensacola News Journal website where Escambia Head Coach Jimmy Nichols said he pulled Richardson in the fourth quarter as to not risk injury to his star. In my opinion it seems that he was risking injury to his star two weeks ago against Milton High when his back was in pursuit of 400 yards rushing, while being up big in the game. Perhaps his back had not taken a beaten like he took Friday night this year.

- Congratulations to Stephen Boler and Jacob Harbison. Boler on his first career TD, and Harbison on his first career interception.

- Congratulations to all the coaches this week. Congratulations to Coach Cottrell for his first win.

- You know I can't help but wonder that the familiarity that Coach Schneider and Coach Wise have with the Pensacola area high schools helped us immensely Friday night.

- I ask all Hurricane fans to make the trip up to Semmes next Friday night and fill up the visitor stands and show our support for this football team.

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