

Golden Bears maul Grove City 42-0

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Led by fullback Tommy Farwick, the Upper Arlington High School football team ran over host Grove City 42-0 last Friday in an OCC-Buckeye Division contest and moved one step closer to securing a berth in the Division I playoffs.

Farwick rushed for 187 yards and four touchdowns on 23 carries and the Golden Bears amassed 355 yards rushing and 439 total yards. They improved to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the OCC-Buckeye and Grove City fell to 2-7 and 1-3.

"(Farwick) is outstanding," Grove City coach Scott McIntire said. "He runs low to the ground, he always falls (forward), he keeps his legs churning and he's got good speed.

"All of their backs, even their second-team backs, did a nice job and kept churning. We didn't do a good job finishing tackles, but I'll have to give the Arlington kids a lot of credit. They run really hard."

Farwick scored the Bears' first four touchdowns on runs of 5, 23, 2 and 13 yards. The first three came in the first half as UA took a 21-0 lead into halftime.

"Tommy is a special player," Bears coach Mike Golden said. "He's a very, very tough football player."

Farwick appeared to be on his way to a fifth consecutive touchdown when he fumbled at the Grove City 1-yard line. The ball rolled into the end zone, where receiver Kyle Angelos recovered it for a touchdown to give UA a 35-0 lead in the third quarter.

Backup running back Isaac Wildermuth capped the scoring with a 65-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. He finished with 92 yards on eight carries.

"They've got good size, but quickness might be a problem for them," Golden said of the Dawgs' defense. "We just wanted to attack them with the run and see if we could bust one every now and then."

UA limited Grove City to 156 total yards, including 35 in the first half. Dawgs quarterback Elijah Smurthwaite completed nine of 19 passes for 92 yards and was intercepted twice.

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Star: UA's Tommy Farwick, who rushed for 187 yards and four touchdowns on 23 carries.

Key play: Farwick's 13-yard touchdown run on the Bears' second play in the second half gave UA a 28-0 lead.

Key stats: The Bears rushed for 355 yards, including 201 in the first half.

"These guys have moved the ball on everybody," Golden said. "They really have a good offense, so we did not want them to be on the field that much offensively."

Strong safety Anthony Finissi had the first interception and cornerback Noah Krimm had the second.

"Right now we're not playing very good football, that's the bottom line," McIntire said. "When you have a season like this and things go against you and you play a tough schedule, not only does it take its toll on you physically but it takes its toll on you mentally."

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UA--Farwick 5 run (Sylvester kick)

UA--Farwick 23 run (Sylvester kick)

UA--Farwick 2 run (Sylvester kick)

UA--Farwick 13 run (Sylvester kick)

UA--Angelos recovered fumble in end zone (Sylvester kick)

UA--Wildermuth 65 run (Sylvester kick)