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## Bolts score a win

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MEDFORD - In a season where nothing has come easy for the Millville High School football team, Friday was no different.

However, the result was.

The Thunderbolts held off a late surge by Lenape High School, halting a nine-game losing streak and collecting their first win of the season, 29-21, on the road over the Indians.

"It's a great feeling and it's a feeling we haven't had all year," said quarterback Tasker Robbins, who had a pair of touchdown passes.

In the consolation game, both teams showed spunk out of the gate. Lenape began the game with an onside kick which Millville recovered. On the opening drive, junior Rashad Johnson found the corner of the end zone on a rush from 12-yards out. After a Lenape penalty, the Thunderbolts elected to go for two and Khalid Cherry rushed for the conversion to give Millville an early 8-0 lead. Johnson finished the night with 18 carries for 99 yards.

Millville's next drive ended with a punt, but the Indians fumbled on the first play and the Bolts made them pay as Robbins hit Cherry in the end zone on a post to give Millville a 15-0 advantage.

"With Rashad (Johnson) running the ball and picking up five yards a carry, it helped open up the field and let us open up the playbook a little," said Robbins, who completed 6-of-15 passes for 67 yards and two scores.

Lenape broke through with five minutes remaining in the second quarter. A 53-yard run by Nick Wagner on the first play of an Indians drive set up an 8-yard rushing score by Wagner to make it a 15-7 game at the half.

In the second half, the Bolts offense turned it on with assists from the defense and special teams.

DeTyren Hatch intercepted Morris first pass of the second half, setting up a 14-yard touchdown when Robbins again connected with Cherry on a bootleg pass to put the Bolts up 23-7 following another two point conversion. Minutes later, Cherry returned a Lenape punt 47 yards to give Millville a first-and-goal at the Indians six yard line. From there, Khiry Miles plunged into the end zone to add to the cushion, 29-7.

The Indians, however, would not go quietly. After a Cherry interception returned for a touchdown was called back because of a roughing the passer penalty, Lenape quarterback Maceo Morris fired a bullet to Marcus Thompson for a 42-yard touchdown strike on the first play of the fourth quarter. On the next Lenape drive, receiver Andre Lawhorne fought off two Millville defenders in the end zone as he hauled in a 32-yard scoring reception to make it a one-score game with 5:57 remaining in the contest.

"You're always nervous, especially being in the situation that we are, so we were concerned," said Millville head coach Jason Durham. "But the part that I was pretty comfortable with is the fact that our guys kept playing hard."

Lenape forced a four-and-out on the next Millville drive, but the Indians were stopped on fourth down at the Thunderbolts 24-yard line on their next drive to seal the Millville win.

"We challenged them to carry over what they did toward the end of our last game against Hammonton (a 36-20 loss) and they did that," said Durham. "We challenged them to play for themselves and for our coaches and they rose to that challenge and that put us in a good position to be able to hold on at the end."

Next up for Millville is the annual Thanksgiving Day game against Vineland.

"It's a rivalry game and it's Thanksgiving so it's really important," said Cherry, a senior who has never beaten Vineland. "We want that game real bad."