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## Gales come undone in Week One


### Lancaster's offense couldn't get on track against tough Logan defense

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LOGAN - The Logan Chieftains did something Friday night they hadn't accomplished since 1945 - they beat Lancaster.

ADVERTISEMENT  Logan, playing under the bright lights of a pristine new stadium, provided its standing-room only crowd with a game few of their fans will forget.

The Chieftains blitzed the Golden Gales' new offensive scheme and ran roughshod over Lancaster's defense in a 35-10 win.

The Gales (0-1) were beset by injuries at quarterback as projected starter Ryan Cheek and his back-up, Nolan Flowers, missed Friday's opener. Cheek has been sidelined by a left hip flexor, while Flowers broke his arm. Both were injured in a scrimmage against Findlay earlier this month.

Junior Nathan Carpenter became the de facto starter two weeks ago, and the crash course in quarterbacking was evident Friday night. Save for the Gales' opening drive, Lancaster sputtered offensively all night. Their new shotgun look yielded just 156 total yards.

"We're an offense that's in transition, and our defense is in transition," Gales coach Rob Carpenter said. "Not too many teams are going to be successful in Week One when you take away their top two quarterbacks."

Nathan Carpenter, who also played the entire game at defensive back and returned kicks, finished 7-for-18 passing with 123 yards and a touchdown.

He connected with Jentzen Rohr on a 50-yard TD pass early in the fourth quarter. The TD cut Logan's lead to 28-10.

Logan quarterback Patrick Angle tormented Lancaster's defense all night, as he piled up 100 yards rushing on 15 carries.

He was 10-for-21 passing for 93 yards. He tossed three TD passes, as the Chieftains (1-0) widened their 14-3 lead at halftime. Angle connected with Zack McDaniel on their first drive of the third quarter for a TD, and later he hit Mason Mays on an 11-yard TD pass to push the score to 28-3.

"You've got to give (Logan) credit," Rob Carpenter said. "They were able to capitalize on our mistakes. (Angle) did some good things against us."

The Gales' shotgun look was effective on the game's opening drive. Lancaster marched 75 yards in 11 plays before Chris Dilger booted a 25-yard field goal. Nathan Carpenter was 2-for-2 passing on the drive.

"I was proud of our effort," Rob Carpenter said.

"We've got to work on some things and get better, but I can't fault our kids' effort."



Lancaster's Jordan Shull attempts to run the ball through the Logan defense Friday night at Logan Stadium. E-G photo by Ty Wright



Lancaster Running back Nathan Carpenter tries to break a tackle on a run attempt against the Logan defense on Friday night. E-G photo by Ty Wright

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