Springlake-Earth falls to Abernathy, 37-6

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Friday night, Springlake-Earth dropped to 1-5 after losing to 2A power Abernathy, 37-6.

While the Wolverine offense was ineffective, their defense played better than the score would suggest, forcing four turnovers.

The game began as badly as it possibly could for the Wolverines, as Abernathy returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown.

Springlake-Earth went three and out. The Wolverines were unable to get anything going on the ground, a theme that would persist through the night.

The Antelopes were moving down the field, when Abernathy quarterback Garrett Royal threw a pass that was intercepted by JT Weldon. However, the Wolverines were unable to convert the turnover into points.

Abernathy would score their second touchdown off a trick play. A wide receiver threw a pass to Kyle Mills who ran it in for a touchdown. The extra point gave Abernathy a 14-0 lead.

Springlake-Earth found some success with the passing game, but a long pass from Weldon to Zack Riley was negated by a false start penalty.

The Antelopes scored their third touchdown of the night off a blocked punt returned for a touchdown.

A sideline interference penalty on Springlake-Earth allowed Abernathy to kick off from midfield. The Antelopes attempted an onside kick, but Riley recovered it.

The half ended with Abernathy leading the Wolverines, 21-0.

Early in the third quarter, JT Weldon went down with an injury and would not return for the rest of the game.

Zach Rowan filled in for Weldon at quarterback and cornerback.

Abernathy was driving down the field again, but Treylr Jackson intercepted Garrett Royal's pass at the three-yard-line.

The Wolverines' run game was once again ineffective, and the Antelopes got a safety to increase their lead to 23-0.

After a deep punt return and two Springlake-Earth personal foul penalties, Abernathy had the ball at the three-yard-line.

However, the Antelopes were called for a personal foul of their own, followed by a holding penalty. They had to settle for a field goal attempt, which their kicker missed.

On the ensuing drive, Rowan attempted a long pass to Kanan Winders that fell incomplete. However, the Antelopes were called for a helmet-to-helmet hit.

Winders was injured and would not return to the game. The Abernathy defender was ejected for targeting.

A couple more penalties got the Wolverines across midfield, but Springlake-Earth was unable to move the ball. Abernathy recovered a Zach Rowan fumble to get the ball back.

Rowan would make up for his mistake with an interception in the endzone.

The Wolverines were once again unable to move the ball, and were forced to punt the ball back to Abernathy.

On the ensuing drive, Nik Clarkson ran for a touchdown to give Abernathy a 30-0 lead in the fourth quarter.

The Wolverines offense were able to put something together.

Zack Riley caught a pass from Rowan and ran down to the four-yard-line before being tackled.

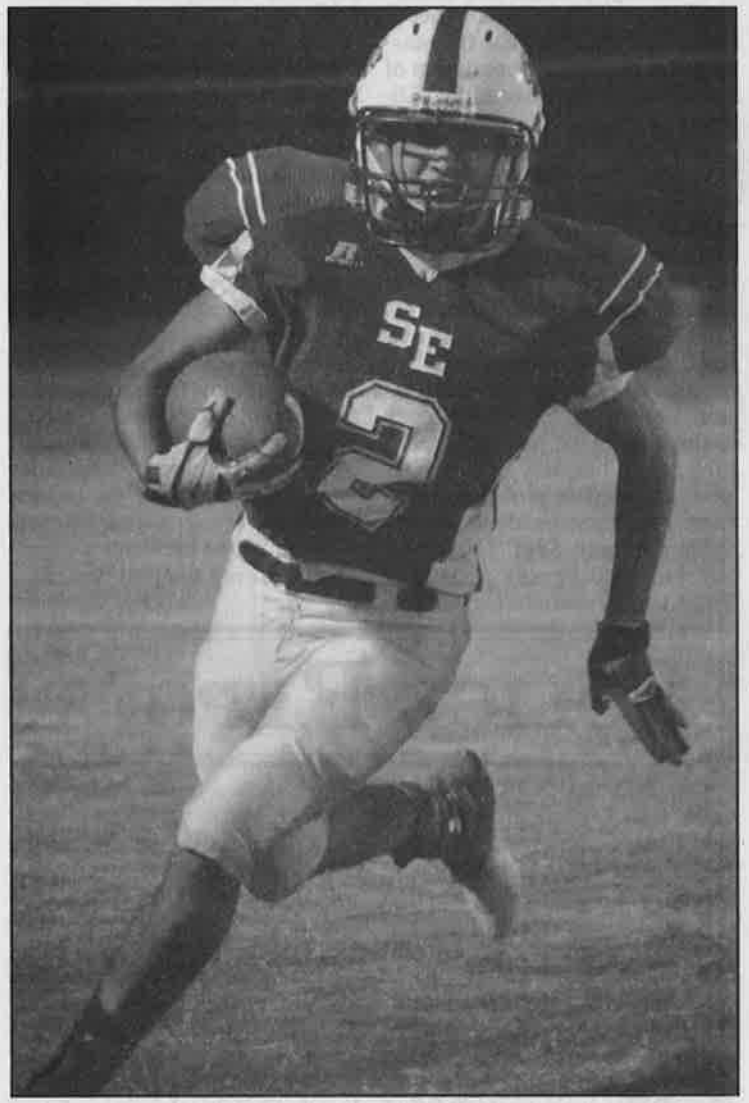
On fourth and goal, Rowan connected with Riley in the back of the endzone despite nearly being tackled. The touchdown got Springlake-Earth on the board with 3:55 left in the game.

The Wolverines faked the extra point, but were unable to convert, making the score 30-6.

Abernathy scored one last touchdown, this one courtesy of Sterling Kitchens, to make the final score 37-6.

The Abernathy Antelopes moved to 4-1 on the season.

The Springlake-Earth Wolverines begin district play at Morton on Friday. The Indians will come into the game 2-4.



WOLVERINES — Isiah Trevizo runs with the ball during Springlake-Earth's game versus Abernathy. The Wolverines begin district play at Morton on Friday.

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