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Football notebook: Parkway North beats Hazelwood East in triple OT; Caldwell racks up 45 carries for O'Fallon



Darrell Tucker would have played all night if that's what it took to get the win.

As it was, three overtimes did the trick.

A senior linebacker and defensive end for the Parkway North football team, Tucker made the game-clinching tackle Friday night as the Vikings survived a wild, scoreboard-busting thriller against <mark>Hazelwood East</mark> with a 56-50 home victory.

"I was glad the game was over, I was exhausted," Tucker said with a smile. "I'm glad we got that team win."

Parkway North (4-2 overall, 2-1 Suburban Conference Green) had to battle back to give itself an opportunity at victory. Hazelwood East (3-3, 2-1) led 26-7 late in the first half, and only after junior quarterback Quaran Williams notched his second score of the game did the Vikings cut the lead to 26-14 with 1 minute and 5 seconds to play before the break.

"I'm very proud of our kids not giving up and not giving in," Parkway North coach Karl Odenwald said. "We felt that we had kind of contributed to that deficit with some of the mistakes we made, but credit to Hazelwood East. They took advantage of it like good teams do. Getting that score before halftime was huge to give us a little bit of life."

The momentum carried over as the Vikings scored three consecutive touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters. Williams rushed for his third score of the night and sophomore running back Zyan Royal electrified the crowd with a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown that tied the game and then put Parkway North ahead 34-26 when he went 61 yards for another score with just less than six minutes to play.

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