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After a Trojan punt the Leslie offense continued to fire on all cylinders. A one play drive of their own inflated the Blackhawk lead to 18-8 when Leslie started at their own 47-yard line. Brendon Smith hit Bryson on a deep pass to the 20, where Bryson hauled the ball in, split the two Trojan defenders and raced untouched into the end zone. Brendon Smith's pass to Zach Culver on the PAT play put Leslie ahead 20-8.

The Trojans failed to answer the onslaught of scoring by the Blackhawks. The next Trojan possession saw the lose 20 yards on three plays after Arras sacked Neuland for a loss of ten and on the following play Ryan Armstrong dropped him for a loss of eleven.

The first half came to an end with Leslie holding the 20-8 lead.

The third quarter began with Leslie losing a fumble, then East Jackson punting after another sack by Armstrong. The Blackhawks quickly got back on track when Brendon Smith carried the ball on a 46 yard run where he knocked out of bounds inside the 5-yard line. Four plays later Chrishawn Smith found the end zone from five yards out. After the failed PAT play Leslie's lead was 26-8.

The Trojans and Blackhawks traded scoreless possessions before East Jackson scored again with just over one minute remaining in the third quarter. A 30-yard pass from Neuland to Calagon set the Trojans up at the 3-yard line. On the following play Neuland snuck in. The PAT pass fell incomplete and the Leslie lead was cut to 26-14.

Carmer took the Trojan kick back 27 yards to set up the Blackhawks near midfield. After a pair of penalties Brendon Smith ran the around the right end. Junior offensive lineman Chris Brown absolutely leveled an East Jackson defender that cleared the room for Smith to gain

18 yards.

The drive was kept alive with other big runs by Chrishawn Smith, and Arras before the drive ended with another touchdown pass from Brendon Smith to Bryson from 13-yards out. Brendon Smith and Bryson connected on the two-point conversion and Leslie was up 34-14 with just over nine minutes left in the game.

The Trojans couldn't answer. After Jared Hansen recorded a sack on a third down play, Neuland's fourth down pass fell incomplete and gave Leslie possession of the ball just inside midfield. Three plays into Leslie's drive Brendon Smith broke free for a 38 yard touchdown run. Jeremy Kunze took the ball in on a nifty run for the two-point conversion and Leslie led the downhearted Trojans 42-14 with seven minutes left on the clock.

On the first play of their next drive the Trojans coughed the ball up, but managed to recover the loose ball. After a late hit penalty by a frustrated East Jackson player the Trojans faced a second-and-thirty situation from their own 13-yard line.

Brandon Kibbey jumped in front of a Neuland pass at the 25-yard line and came up with the interception. A penalty call against Leslie on the run back gave the Blackhawks possession at their own 31-yard line.

Kibbey stayed on the field with the offense and took over at quarterback. He gained 18 yards on a run and then on first-and-ten from the 17-yard line Manny Pennell barreled through the defense and carried the ball all the way to the end zone. Arras' extra point kick sailed wide left of the uprights leaving Leslie ahead 48-14.

East Jackson took one last possession. Calagon was dropped for a five yard loss by Chrishawn Smith on a screen pass. A frustrated Calagon came up from the pile



Photo by Jeff Moss

Leslie wide receiver Kyle Bryson hauls in a pass and races to the end zone on a 53 yard scoring play Friday night against the East Jackson Trojans. Bryson scored three touchdowns in Leslie's 48-14 win.

bumping the stingy Leslie defenders and was called for a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty. The Trojans turned the ball over on downs three plays later.

Gregg Davis put the Blackhawks inside their own 20-yard line after a 15 yard run play, after which Kibbey kneeled on the ball to kill the clock and give Leslie the win.

Following the game Head Coach Scott Farley said the team had a "good outcome" and he was pleased that "the team played better as the game went on." Farley pointed out the team still has a few things to work on, on both sides of the ball. But he was "very happy with the

team's effort." Farley went on to say the team could have easily reverted back to last year's mentality when they fell behind, but instead they kept playing hard and worked their way out of trouble.

Bryson led the team with 87 receiving yards, while Smith passed for 106 yards and ran for 190. Leslie's defense held the Trojans to -17 rushing yards. Armstrong led the team with eight tackles, four of which were for a loss of yards.

The varsity football team will return to the field this Thursday, September 2, when the Sand Creek Aggies come to town. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Cross country teams run at 'Early Burg' Invitational

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Leslie High School's boys' and girls' cross country teams raced in the Laingsburg Early Burg Invitational on Thursday.

The girls' team finished in fourth place out of fourteen teams and the boys' finished tenth, also among fourteen teams.

Dewitt, Williamston finished in first and second places, respectively. While Stockbridge claimed third

place, one position ahead of Leslie.

Scoring for Leslie were Audrey Tremaine, who finished eighth out of 155 runners at 19:59; Kayla Smith was ninth at 20:03; Sydney Tremaine came in fourteenth at 20:28; Sarah Subject was 41st at 22:24 and Nickole Wixson finished 49th at 22:53.

Junior Brooke Prieskorn ran in Thursday's meet but the knee injury she is battling through kept her from finishing in scoring position.

Head Coach David Hovarter said

the girls' team has had great success in recent years and it is good for them to see league rival Stockbridge ready to compete with them.

"We have to be ready," Hovarter said. "We can't just show up and expect to be handed the league title."

Kristen Fillmore (19:55) and Jacqueline Fillmore (19:56) finished in fifth and seventh places in the girls' race.

On the boys' side Tyler Harrison set the pace for the Blackhawks.

Harrison finished thirteenth among 147 runners with a time of 17:40. Matt Subject was 31st with a time of 18:29; Chase Tropp came in 56th at 19:38; Justin Gibbs was 60th at 19:45 and Cody Davis was 69th at 20:01 to round out the scoring for the boys.

Both teams will run again on Wednesday, September 8 at the Springport Invitational at 4:30 p.m. and again the following Saturday, September 11 at the Bath Invitational at 8:30 a.m.