

Huskies continue to improve

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Cedar Valley Christian is still winless. The Huskies still give up big plays and tons of points in big losses.

The good news for Cedar Valley Christian football is things are getting better and it showed Friday night in the Huskies' 70-24 loss at the hands of the Midland Eagles at LaSalle.

The community was there to support their team and the 24 points were the most scored by the Huskies this season.

Despite the blowout there was a lively and positive talk by the Huskies bench after the game. The whole Cedar Valley community gathered around for it and the message from Coach Ed Betsworth was clear.

Progress is being made and the community is taking note of what the Huskies are doing.

From the opening kick the rout was on. Midland's Ben Carstensen returned the opening kickoff back 75 yards for a touchdown that put the Huskies behind.

From there the Eagles rallied off 63 straight points, 50 in the first half. Midland scored on offense, defense, and special teams.

The Midland offense ran eight plays in the half. The Eagles scored on seven.

The special teams had the kickoff return and a punt return called back. The defense contributed a safety and an 82-yard interception return from Carstensen.

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The Huskies never gave up or backed down and struck for a big play of their own just before halftime to get on the scoreboard. Senior Spencer Zielke hit the speedy Arturo Melendez on a slant that Melendez broke for a 68-yard touchdown to put the score at 63-6 at halftime.

Granted, the Eagles pulled their top guys. But the Huskies still looked much improved, winning the second half 18-7.

Melendez got his second score on a 1-yard run in the third and Evan Koch added a 4-yard run early in the fourth.

Zielke ended the game with his second touchdown pass, a 2-yard strike to Eric Gustafson to put the Huskies at 24.

Cedar Valley (0-6, 0-5) plays at Central City (0-6, 0-5) next Friday night.

CEDAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN 24, MIDLAND 70

CVC	Midland
First Downs	10 8
Rushes-Yards	32-68 15-227
Passing Yards	165 0
Comp-Att-Int	8-32-1 0-1-0
Punts-Avg	2 – 37 1 – 32
Fumbles-Lost	5-1 0-0
Penalties-yards	1-5 2-10

CVC	0	6	6	12	--	24
Midland	50	13	0	7	--	70

Midland - Ben Carstensen 75 kickoff return (kick failed)

Midland - Ryan Leonard 20 run (John Santecon kick)

Midland - Leonard 11 run (Santecon Kick)

Midland – Safety

Midland - Tyler Stepp 27 run (Santecon kick)

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Midland - Leonard 15 run (Santecon kick)

Midland - Stepp 23 run (Kick good)

Midland - Carstensen 82 interception return (Santecon kick)

Midland - Seth Groth 41 run (kick blocked)

Midland - Carstensen 25 run (Santecon kick)

CVC - Arturo Melendez 68 pass from Spencer Zielke (attempt failed)

CVC - Melendez 1 run (attempt failed)

CVC - Evan Koch 4 run (attempt failed)

Midland - Santecon 49 run (Santecon kick)

CVC - Eric Gustafson 2 pass from Zielke (attempt failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING: CVC – Daniel Ostroot 8-16, Arturo Melendez 2-11, Spencer Zielke 20-40, Evan Koch 1-4, Issac Egli 1-(-3) Midland – Ryan Leonard 3-46, Tyler Stepp 2-50, Seth Groth 1-41, Ryan Eganhouse 1-15, Ben Carstensen 2-30, Cole Miller 1-1, TJ Bowen 1-(-6), John Santecon 1-49, Eli Slouha 1-1.

PASSING: CVC– Spencer Zielke 8-32-1-165. Midland – Madison Gravel 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: CVC – Arturo Melendez 3-117, Eric Gustafson 2-29, Daniel Ostroot 1-6, Evan Koch 2-13. Midland - none