

**Oil City gave Titusville a steady diet of Ethen Knox Friday and beat the homesteading Rockets, 38-12, to clinch second place in the region and a probable playoff spot.**

**Knox got his hands on the ball for all but three plays in the first half, and all but six through the first 39 minutes of the game.**

**He carried a school record 57 times for 348 yards, scoring touchdowns on runs of 4,6,2 and 2 yards. He also scored three PATs. (The Titusville steam announcers offered a tip of the hat to Oil City's massive offensive line, which didn't wilt as the game wore on, much to their surprise.)**

**Knox's only blemishes of the night: a rare fumble after the opening kickoff that the Rockets couldn't take advantage of, a no gain and a minus 2.**

**Oil City took an 8-0 lead on its second possession after a big sack by Ben Garland and a bad snap from center on a Titusville punt.**

**With Knox carrying on all seven plays, the Oilers traveled 42 yards for its first TD.**

**The Rockets cut the lead to 8-6 on an 18-yard run by Kameron Mong on its next possession, but the Oilers extended it to 16-6 with an 80-yard scoring drive.**

**Then they recovered an onside kick and went up by two scores, which maybe is what the coaching staff was looking for. This time, Knox carried on eight of the 10 plays of the 45-yard drive as Oil City took a 22-6 halftime lead. (But not before Gavin Stephens came up with an interception to stop the Rockets again.)**

**By this time Knox had logged 36 carries for 222 yards. He added eight more carries during an 82-yard march after Titusville went three-and-out following the second half kickoff.**

**This drive included his longest run of the night -- 53 yards to the Titusville 18. That play called for a breather with Jon Hargenrader getting the call twice after that. Knox re-entered the game and eventually scored from the two.**

**Titusville answered that one with a 51-yard touchdown from Jaxon Covell, making it 30-12, but the Oilers responded with a 64-yard scoring drive climaxed by Cole Findlay's 26-yard touchdown to Hargenrader, who also added the PAT.**

**The Oilers (6-3) have completed their regular season and now await their opponent for the District 10 3A playoffs. Pairings will be announced this weekend.**

**OIL GUSHERS -- According to the D-10 web site, the D-10 3A playoffs will begin the weekend of Nov. 3-4...Knox moved into the top 10 all-time on the state rushing list, sitting**

**at No. 9...Kevin Pearsall punted once, and it went 45 yards...Jayvees finished season undefeated at 9-0...Junior High team was 6-2...**