

The Oilers got to work early and scored often Friday night, walloping Warren, 61-7, in their Homecoming game.

Cole Findlay threw four touchdown passes, Steven Heise scored four TDs and Heise and Brayden Buzard each had a Pick 6 in the blowout. Oil City (7-1) led 28-0 at the quarter and 48-7 at intermission. The fourth quarter was shortened to eight minutes.

Findlay threw two TD passes to My'Saun Mills, the first one on the Oilers' first play from scrimmage covering 56 yards. And then, after Findlay intercepted a pass on the Dragons' first try with the ball, he flipped another touchdown to Mills, this one for 44 yards.

Brayden Buzard quickly made it 21-0 with a 43-yard Pick 6, and before the opening quarter was over, Heise scored his first touchdown of the game on a 3-yard run. Landon Riley's fourth of five extra points (three were blocked) made it 28-0.

The onslaught continued in the second quarter when Heise hit pay dirt from 52. The only spoiler was an 82-yard kickoff return by Tommaso Clemente for Warren's first points against the Oilers after three straight shutouts.

But the Oilers were hardly finished. Findlay tossed a 36-yard touchdown to tackle/tight end Caleb Sparks and a 78-yard bomb to Landon Baker to make it a 48-7 game at halftime.

The four scoring passes were a career best for Findlay and gave him 35 for his career. And that interception in the opening quarter was his sixth this season and the 11th of his career -- one away from the school record Dakota Cole set in 2020.

Heise scored on a 17-yard run and a 28-yard interception return in the third quarter for his first four-touchdown game. Findlay had one earlier this season. Heise also had another interception to give him four for the season and seven for his career.

This apparently marked the first time since 1999 that the Oilers had at least two players with Pick 6s in the same game. Adam Best had two and Kevin Kresinski a third against Punxsutawney that season.

The Oiler defense pretty much shut down the 1-7 Dragons, despite a hick-up here and there. The Dragons finished with minus 44 yards rushing and 21 yards total offense.

Blake Stevens had 10 tackles -- all assists and Sparks was in the Warren backfield often with two sacks and three TFLs for minus 26 yards. In fact, Sparks has 12 stops in the backfield this season for minus 53. Noah Lucarelli has been there 10 times, netting minus 39 yards.

The Oilers racked up 481 yards with Heise rushing for 173 yards on 14 tries and Findlay completing eight of 10 passes for a 269. Both are career highs. Mills and Baker each caught three passes, Mills for 112 and Baker for 98.