

Probably the only disappointment of Oil City's 56-0 rout of Fairview Friday night at the Oil Field was Steven Heise 75-ish yard punt return for a touchdown being called back a holding penalty.

It was a never-say-die return and would have gone along nicely with his 20/130 yards rushing, a 35-yard Pick 6 on Fairview's first play from scrimmage and an 11-yard run for another score.

But he had to settle for the latter three not to mention a share of the spotlight with Cole Findlay, who scored the Oilers' first touchdown on a 13-yard run and later passed for two others, the first to Spence Singleton for 29 yards that made it 21-0 and the second to Landon Baker for 24 that sent the game into mercy rule territory by halftime.

In between time, Findlay dashed up and down the field for 131 yards on eight carries, thus becoming the first Oiler quarterback to rush for 100 yards in a game since 2018 when Holden Stahl did it twice – first against Franklin and then against Meadville.

Actually, upon further review, **Findlay's total is a program rushing record for a quarterback, erasing Stahl's mark of 125 yards against Meadville in 2018.**

Findlay and Heise gave Oil City two 100-yard rushers in a game for the first time since 2023 when Ethen Knox collected 241 and Jon Hargenrader added 100 against Conneaut.

Moreover, it marked the 24th time in Oiler history that two players rushed for 100, and the 12th time in the Dan York coaching era. (The Oilers also had a game in 2019 in which three players reached 100.)

With the running clock going the second half, the Oilers added three more touchdowns on runs by Brayden Buzard (2 yards), Clark Findlay (5 yards) and Carter Thompson (58) , who stiff-armed his way to paydirt during a long run.

When the smoke cleared the Oilers had 469 yards total offense. Findlay completed eight of 10 passes for 95 yards. He also now sits alone in third place for career touchdown passes with 30, breaking a tie with Chris Delmonaco.

Sophomore kicker Landon Riley kicked the extra point after the first six touchdowns. The Oilers went for two after the last two, with Carter Bialo finding the end zone after the last TD.

Meanwhile, the Fairview offense did nothing against the Oiler defense, led by Caleb Sparks, although a Tiger did escape for a decent run to midfield early in the game. The Tigers finished with 19 yards total offense, minus 3 in the second half. Sparks was in the backfield twice -- on a sack and a TFL.

OIL GUSHERS -- OMB members were wearing new uniforms, and the drum line was rocking a slick new cadence...Some of the numbers have changed since Saturday after the coaches checked "the film."