

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – East Forsyth remain at least partially in control of their destiny and keep their playoff hopes alive as they beat Chestatee at Half Mile Stadium on Friday night.

The Broncos evened up the series against Chestatee 1-1, scoring seven touchdowns and forcing a safety in a 51-20 rout of the War Eagles. More importantly, the win keeps a playoff berth within reach.

“Next week we’re playing for our playoff lives,” said Broncos Head Coach Brian Allison.

East Forsyth (6-3, 5-3 in 4A Region 8 games) played a solid ballgame, limiting Chestatee (0-9, 0-5) to just 201 total offensive yards and three touchdowns. The Broncos’ defense was led by junior Jeremiah Foote, who made two tackles for loss and had two sacks, forcing a total of 21 lost yards for the War Eagles’ offense.

Junior Caysen Goss stood out for the War Eagles, accruing 26 rushing yards and 41 passing yards, scoring a touchdown both ways. Freshman Colton Steele was also promising, tossing for 106 yards, including a 21-yard touchdown to junior Charlie Bradshaw. Finally, sophomore Ben Plemons totaled 40 rushing and 40 receiving yards.

East Forsyth’s offensive explosion began with sophomore Kovi Edgil, who rushed for 40 yards and two touchdowns in their two possessions in the first quarter, and had a 19-yard third touchdown run brought back by a flag during East’s first possession in the second quarter. But, Edgil was picked up on the very next play; a 22-yard touchdown pass from junior Brock Szakacs to senior Cannon Hunter.

Szakacs racked up 157 total passing yards and two touchdowns, the other a 19-yard toss to junior Andrew Frank, as well as, an impressive, perfect 54-yard punt that bounced and rolled to the Chestatee one yard line. Not to be outdone, Hunter received and returned a fourth-quarter

kick off 75 yards for his second touchdown of the game. Senior Will Moffit and junior Parker Standridge also joined the scoring brigade with one rushing touchdown each.

Though relieved and excited for next week, Allison expressed frustration with some of the mistakes his players made.

“We continue to have penalties. We have to clean that up and that’s my responsibility,” said Allison. “We did some really good things. We just have to be a little bit cleaner in a few areas.”

In addition to the penalty that brought Edgil’s would-be touchdown back 22 yards, a defensive pass-interference call and two instances of unsportsmanlike conduct lead to a total of 60 penalty yards against the Broncos. East’s offense also fumbled the ball four times, two of which were unforced, leading to two turnovers.

Speaking to his team after the game, Allison made it clear that the results of their season prior to the game against Chestatee didn’t matter anymore, and that after the win, the Broncos are now 1-0 and plan to improve to 2-0 next week.

However, the Broncos will need to have better control over not only the ball, but also their emotions when they battle for a playoff spot in their last regular season game at North Hall on Friday, Nov. 3.

Chestatee will look to Goss, Plemons, and Steele as they try to salvage their final game next Friday when they host Walnut Grove on Nov. 3.