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Bengals drop third-straight 50-plus game

The Bloomfield High School Bobcats mercy-ruled Gallup 53-0 Oct. 21 in a football game played at Public School Stadium in Gallup. The loss was the third consecutive game in which the Bengals have given up 50 or more points in a game in 2016. The game was called at the start

of the fourth quarter due to the mercy rule, which ends a game earlier than the scheduled stop-time if one team has a large, insurmountable lead over the other.

The Bobcats scored on their first possession of the first quarter, in spite of the fact that Gallup got some very good field positions after a long kickoff return by Kevin Stewart. Stewart got an opening as soon as he caught the opening kickoff and outran Bobcat defenders for a 58-yard gain.

Then Bloomfield (4-4, 1-2) regrouped and got things together on offense as well as defense. The return by Stewart was the most outstanding play of the game for the Bengals.

“The kickoff hurt us being that it was at the beginning of the game,” Bobcats’ head coach Bob Allcorn said. “But we regrouped and came back. I was pleased with our overall play as a team.”

The Bobcats got on the board with a screen pass from senior quarterback Brandon Charley when he found junior running back Adam Aguirre for a 73-yard TD. A few minutes later, Aguirre scored on a 74-yeard run from an off-tackle play.

Bengals head coach Josh Olsen could be heard shouting encouragement to the Bengals, but the first quarter belonged to the Bobcats. Aguirre scored again on a 28-yard pass and the Bobcats ended the first quarter leading 27-0.

Freshman quarterback Johnny Blueeyes and senior offensive back Jason Alatorre got Gallup’s offensive going in the right direction on run plays in the beginning of the second quarter, but the Bobcats’ defense stepped up to thwart Bengal progress.

Bloomfield scored several more times on pass and running plays before the game was stopped at the start of the fourth period.

Gallup takes on Aztec High School (5-3, 3-0) Oct. 28. That game is also a District 1-5A game.

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