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The Lexington Yellow Jackets player attempts to add to the goal tally against Atkins.

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saw some positives at the beginning of the game and our goalie played well; we just need to work on defense. Since they are so young, the future is bright for us right now."

Coming out of the half, Lexington's offensive intensity seemed to have been turned up a few notches. The Yellow Jackets attack was more team oriented during the second half as they began to pass the ball around, setting up scoring opportunities. Hurtada scored his second goal of the game by making a penalty kick with 21:30 left in the game.

While Ackerman only gave up one goal in the first half, he could not withstand the constant barrage of shots from Lexington in the second half and the flood gates began to open. Following Hurtadas' goal, Alexis Olloqui, Mario Resendiz and Jonathan Monsalvo all scored goals which made the score 5-0.

Lexington head coach Mason Monk was pleased with his team in the second half, but says he knows they have more work to do.

"We definitely came out in the second half very strong. Our first half was kind of slack, but we still played possession very well, but our second half we came out with fire and overall played a very good game," said Monk. "We definitely need to improve on our finishing. Our finishing could have been better this evening, but at

the same time we played possession well and it's probably one of our best passing games we've had this year."

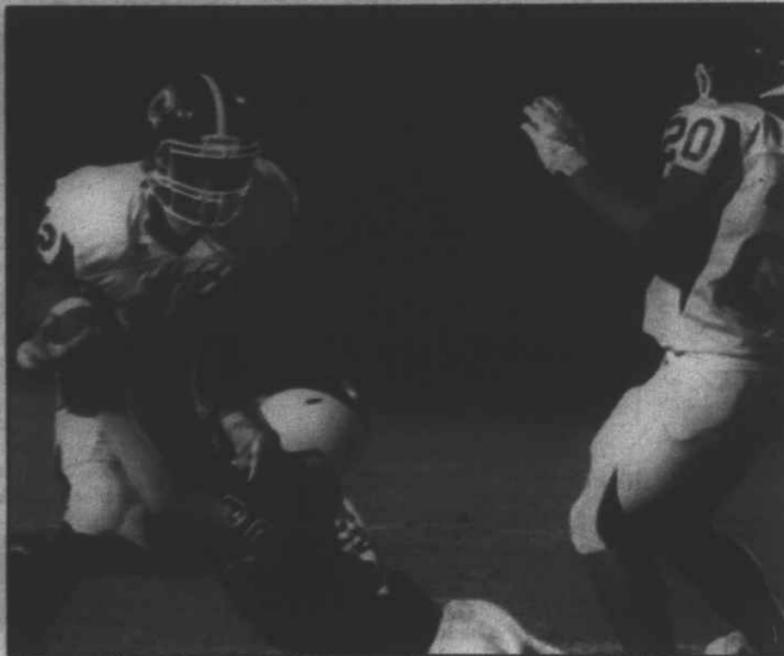
Coach Crouch says he knows his kids are making a big transition from middle school to high school soccer and the speed of the game is much faster for them. He said his team has a big learning curve, but will keep preaching the basics.

Crouch continued by saying, "The positive thing is that they never gave up, they kept playing and they kept fighting throughout the whole game. Even when the score was going up to five, they did not give up and that's all I ask of them. We know as the season keeps progressing we will see these teams again so if they keep fighting, the score will come down a little bit. I think the future is very bright for these young men."



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High Point Central quarterback Christian Goodwine, No. 2 in white, runs toward the first down marker in Thursday's game against West Forsyth.



High Point central wide receiver Ladarius Morris, No. 12 in white, attempts to return a punt as Slade Garraghty, No. 20 in black, tries to take him to the turf.

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began to put the ball in the hands of their dynamic running back Kendall Williams, who scored three touchdowns Thursday evening. He credits his offensive linemen Mike White Jr. and Isaiah Brooks for his big running lanes and opening holes for him to run through.

"As soon as I broke out I just turned it up and went up the field and tried to score and I got three touchdowns," said Williams. "I'm most proud of the way the line was blocking and the team coming out with the win tonight. I want to improve on my vision and getting more first downs and not letting teams come back on us. We have to keep pushing 'til the end."

Williams scored his first touchdown of the night with a spectacular run from 18 yards out which gave West the lead 16-8. High Point Central was able to move the ball, but the turnovers and costly penalties at inopportune times were their demise in the first half. Williams was able to score again following a great punt return to the five yard line by Darius Hill.

The score at halftime was 24-6 with West Forsyth leading and having full control of the game. West received the ball first in the second half and continued to run the ball effectively. They were driving but fumbled and High Point Central recovered on their 45 yard line. Before the Bison could take advantage of the turnover, quarterback Christian Goodwine threw another interception and Titan defensive back Morgan Young returned it to the 42 yard line.

West stuck to their bread and butter and kept the ball on the ground first with a 20-yard run from Shane Jarvis and a 25-yard touchdown run from Williams, his third and final touchdown of the evening. Titan head coach Jared Eure was impressed with Williams' performance Thursday.

"Kendall is our punt returner, starting corner, our starting tailback, and he wants the ball all the time. As long as he is healthy and he's not tired, we are going to feed him," Eure said.

The Bison were able to creep a little closer late in the fourth quarter when Goodwine hooked up on a slant pass to wide receiver Jemehyll Booker who ran it in from 22

yards out, making the score 31-16 with 5:07 left in the game. They then forced West to punt and on their next possession Goodwine found Booker again on a long pass to the 12 yard line. The Bison were unable to score any points as the Titans bent but didn't break and defense held strong on fourth down. West took over and was able to run out the clock for the victory.

High Point Central head coach Sean Scott says turnovers and mental mistakes were their downfall during the game, but knows they can be fixed.

"After the first drive we shot ourselves in the foot and our offense kind of fell apart and we had to refocus and get back to it," Scott said. "We came in and wanted to attack the flats because we saw there was an opening, and we wanted to play off the ends in the second half, which we were able to do."

High Point Central is winless thus far this season, but will take on their cross town rival Andrews next week. Coach Scott says his team will be focused all week and they will be "coming to fight."

West Forsyth will take on Parkland next week in a rematch from earlier this season.

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asset as well. He says they are looking forward to today's game and feels if his team gets past West Forsyth they can finish 9-1 overall.

"We are going to hit them on the ground first. I feel like with Zyheir Dillard back, that gives us more speed. We are going to hit the ground running and we know they have great coverage and a great secondary. If we can hit them in the mouth running, I think we can give them a game," Atwater continued.

West Forsyth has a dynamic running back of its own. Kendall Williams is coming off a three-touchdown performance against High Point Central last week. This game may come down to whichever defense can stop the opposing offense's fantastic runners.

Both Williams and Dillard are freshman and have a bright future ahead of them. Both runners have size and speed and the ability to make defenders miss in the open field. This matchup should be an exciting one.



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Parkland defensive players practice tackling in preparation for next week's game.



West Forsyth practices throws with quarterbacks and receivers.