

Rams Improve to 7-1; Win Another OT Thriller

By Brian Carson

SPRING MILLS – The clutch kicking of Adam Brown and two critical turnovers spelled defeat for Bellwood-Antis in its Mountain Athletic Conference clash with Penns Valley on a wet and sloppy Friday evening.

Brown nailed a 21-yard field goal in overtime to give the Rams a hard-fought 16-13 victory over the Blue Devils. It marked the second time this season Brown has kicked a game winner in OT. The first came two weeks ago against the P-O Mounties.

Penns Valley improved to 7-1 on the season and 5-1 in conference play. Bellwood fell to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the MAC.

“We have confidence in Aaron from anywhere like that,” said Penns Valley head coach Martin Tobias. “We knew Bellwood would give us all they could handle. We caught the first break with 11 seconds in the game when we got the turnover and scored. Bellwood fought back, had us on our heels. Our kids have a lot of resiliency and heart. They fought back to get a big win.”

The Blue Devils fumbled the opening kick and one play later, Ram quarterback Kyle Hockenberry, who rushed for 122 yards, kept it on the option to the left and ran it in from 18 yards out. Brown’s PAT made it 7-0.

Bellwood matched it with a three-yard touchdown from Brandon Humphreys, who finished the game with 85 yards on 19 carries, which capped a 7-play, 61-yard drive. The PAT made it 7-7 at half. A pass interference call against the Rams and a 21-yard strike from Nate Gray to Alan Wertz set up the Humphreys score.

A Bruno Degol fourth-quarter TD gave Bellwood a 13-7 lead, but the lead would be short-lived. On Penns Valley’s second drive of the final frame, Hockenberry ran the option again and raced 75-yards to the Blue Devils 1. Matt Johnson snuck it in for the score three plays later to tie the game at 13-13.

The Blue Devils had one final chance to end it late in the game. After driving to the Rams 10 on eight plays, Bellwood coughed it up on the six and Penns Valley ran out the clock to force overtime.

In the OT, the Blue Devils missed a golden opportunity when Nate Plummer's kick was short from 21 yards out.

Brown and Penns Valley did not.

“Our kids played with a lot of courage. The kids played their hearts out,” said Bellwood-Antis head coach John Hayes. “We were a victim of what has hurt us all year long...giving up the big play. Obviously the opening kickoff hurt us and caught us in a daze.

“The kids got the lead, but we had a couple breakdowns and a turnover that made the difference. Give Penns Valley credit, they made the plays. We'll grow from it, get stronger and be a better football team down the road for it.”

Bellwood hosts Moshannon Valley and Penns Valley welcomes Juniata Valley on Friday.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bellwood-Antis 0 7 0 6 0 - 13

Penns Valley 7 0 0 6 3 - 16

First Quarter

PV-Hockenberry 18 run (Brown kick), 11:49.

Second Quarter

BA-Humphreys 3 run (Miller kick), 1:11.

Fourth quarter

BA-Degol 1 run (kick failed), 11:57.

PV-Johnson 1 run (kick blocked), 6:00.

Overtime

PV-Brown 21 FG

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Bellwood-Humphreys 19-85, Pfahler 7-43, Degol 8-25, Tomchick 2-12, Noye 1-2, Gray 5-0, Team 1-(minus 1). Penns Valley-Hockenberry 13-122, Wingard 18-64, Corl 11-50, Johnson 3-4, Team 3-(minus 3).

PASSING: Bellwood-Gray 5-13-61-0. Penns Valley-Hockenberry 2-3-52-1.

RECEIVING: Bellwood-Manning 3-35, Wertz 1-21, Degol 1-5. Penns Valley-Stover 1-28, Johnson 1-24.

INTERCEPTIONS: Bellwood-Manning. Penns Valley-None.

TEAM STATISTICS

	B	PV
First downs	8	10
Yards rushing	43-166	48-237
Passing (comp.-att.-int.)	5-13-0	2-3-1
Yards passing	61	52
Total yards	227	289

Fumbles lost	6-1	6-0
Penalties-yards	3-15	5-45
Punts-avg.	5-34.8	5-31.0

Around District 6:

Tussey Mountain 36, Southern Huntingdon 14

RB Jordan Donaldson rushed for 169 yards and four touchdowns and caught a TD pass to lead the Titans (6-2) to the ICC victory over the Rockets, who fell to 6-2 overall. Tussey Mountain had lost five straight to the Southern before last night.

Moshannon Valley 13, Glendale 12

The Black Knights (6-2) clinched the ICC Southern Division title with a come-from-behind victory over the Vikings (3-5). Anthony Kruse led Moshannon Valley with 66 yards rushing and a score. Derek Nash rushed for 104 yards and two TDs to pace Glendale.

Somerset 42, Cambria Heights 14

The Eagles inched ever closer to a playoff berth with a convincing victory over the Highlanders (0-8) on Friday. Chase Dykstra ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Somerset (6-2) ground attack, which totaled 352 yards rushing. QB Jordan Fees was 10-of-14 for 182 yards and a TD to pace Cambria Heights.

Tyrone 24, Indian Valley 21

Shayne Tate rushed for 210 yards on 35 carries and two touchdowns, including the game-winning score on a 39-yard jaunt late in the third quarter, to lift the third-ranked Golden Eagles (8-0) to the victory over the Warriors (6-2), who have now dropped two straight games. Ben Ingle sealed the Tyrone victory with an interception in the final minute. Thad Rosenberry ran for 100 yards and three scores to lead IV.

Hollidaysburg 35, Bellefonte 33

Patrick Smith threw for 202 yards and two scores and the Golden Tigers racked up 453 yards of total offense to give Hollidaysburg (7-1) the wild MAC victory over the Red Raiders (5-3) on Friday. The quartet of Brad Nocek, David Glunt, Nick Milardo and Scott Hammond combined for 242 yards rushing and three touchdowns for the Golden Tigers. Bellefonte QB Ryan Poorman was 15-of-21 for 202 yards and three TDs.

Bishop McCort 38, Bishop Guilfoyle 13

Crusher QB Jordan DeFrances threw for 255 yards on 12-of-17 passing and four touchdowns to lead Bishop McCort (7-1) to the victory over a rivalry that was renewed for the first time since 1992. Crimson Crusher Matt Vargas was the favorite target of DeFrances, catching five for 155 yards and two scores. Andrew Passonetti scored on a 90-yard run to lead the Marauders (4-4).

Central Cambria 24, Richland 21

J.R. Kimball kicked a 28-yard field goal late in the game to lift the Red Devils (6-2) to the big Laurel Highlands Conference victory over the Rams (5-3). Shane McGregor passed for 197 yards and two touchdowns, one of those to wideout Ben Ridgeley, who ended the game with six grabs for 112 yards. Richland QB Marco Pecora, the all-time passing leader in D6 history, was 17-of-28 for 258 yards and two TDs.

Johnstown 26, Forest Hills 21

Antuwan Reed ran for 175 yards and three touchdowns, while Will Harris scored on a 31-yard interception return to lead the Trojans (5-3) to the victory over the Rangers (4-4). Harris also ran for 77 yards with none touchdown. Jon Mehall led Forest Hills with 54 yards and two scores on the ground.

Ligonier Valley 48, Saltsburg 8

Brandon Boyd rushed for 174 yards and four scores, while teammate Jon Cotchen chipped in with 120 yards and a TD to lead the Mounties (8-0) to their first ever Heritage Conference championship. Boyd has now rushed for over 1,000 yards this season. The Trojans fell to 1-7 on the season.

Laurel Valley 36, Northern Cambria 6

The Rams (6-2) scored 29 unanswered points and ran their winning streak to six games with a victory over the Panthers (4-4). Derek Ludwig tossed two TD passes and Laurel Valley rushed for over 200 yards to break the backs of Northern Cambria.

Week Eight Results:

Tussey Mountain (Dist 5 A 6-2-0) 36 Southern Huntingdon (Dist 6 A 6-2-0) 14

Bald Eagle Area (Dist 6 AA 2-6-0) 26 Huntingdon (Dist 6 AAA 2-6-0) 21

Bishop Carroll (Dist 6 A 2-6-0) 48 Bedford (Dist 5 AA 2-6-0) 14

Bishop McCort (Dist 6 AA 7-1-0) 38 Bishop Guilfoyle (Dist 6 A 4-4-0) 13

Central Cambria (Dist 6 AA 6-2-0) 24	Richland (Dist 6 AA 5-3-0) 21	
Central Mountain (Dist 6 AAAA 4-4-0) 28	Lewistown (Dist 6 AAA 1-7-0) 0	
Claysburg-Kimmel (Dist 6 A 2-6-0) 49	West Branch (Dist 6 A 0-8-0) 34	
Hollidaysburg (Dist 6 AAA 7-1-0) 35	Bellefonte (Dist 6 AAA 5-3-0) 33	
Homer Center (Dist 6 A 4-4-0) 14	United (Dist 6 A 1-7-0) 6	
Johnstown (Dist 6 AAA 5-3-0) 38	Forest Hills (Dist 6 AA 4-4-0) 17	
Juniata Valley (Dist 6 A 5-3-0) 42	Williamsburg (Dist 6 A 1-7-0) 14	
Laurel Valley (Dist 6 A 6-2-0) 36	Northern Cambria (Dist 6 A 4-4-0) 6	
Ligonier Valley (Dist 6 A 8-0-0) 48	Saltsburg (Dist 6 A 1-7-0) 8	
Moshannon Valley (Dist 6 A 6-2-0) 13	Glendale (Dist 6 A 3-5-0) 12	
Penns Manor (Dist 6 A 4-4-0) 41	Blairsville (Dist 6 A 4-4-0) 20	
Penns Valley (Dist 6 AA 7-1-0) 16	Bellwood-Antis (Dist 6 A 4-4-0) 13	OT
Philipsburg-Osceola (Dist 6 AA 6-2-0) 48	Central (Dist 6 AA 2-6-0) 27	
Purchase Line (Dist 6 A 6-2-0) 39	Marion Center (Dist 6 AA 2-6-0) 7	
Somerset (Dist 6 AAA 6-2-0) 42	Cambria Heights (Dist 6 AA 0-8-0) 14	
State College (Dist 6 AAAA 5-3-0) 35	Central Dauphin East (Dist 3 AAAA 3-5-0) 0	
Tyrone (Dist 6 AA 8-0-0) 24	Indian Valley (Dist 6 AAA 6-2-0) 21	