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UPLAND 35, LA HABRA 7

Scots get on offensive roll en route to victory

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UPLAND » What better way to start the high school football season with two top programs from CIF Southern Section Division 2 — Upland and La Habra — facing each other Friday night.

However, an all-out, first-half blitz of four unanswered touchdowns by No. 5 Upland put a damper on the early season battle as the Scots rolled to a 35-7 victory.

“We had a lot of guys back from last year and give them (La Habra) a lot of credit, they had a lot of guys playing their first varsity game,” Upland coach Tim Salter said.

“We’ve got some fast guys, and a part of the game plan was in the first six or seven plays to get seven different players and different formations.”

Leading the way for Upland was senior quarterback David Baldwin, who completed 19 of 25 passes for 248 yards and a touchdown.

“This game just shows how we can bounce back from last year,” said Baldwin, referring to last year’s first-round playoff loss to St. John Bosco.

Senior receiver Bryce Parker caught five passes for a game-high 73 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown.

The Upland running game was led by senior Kyle Jones (51 yards on 11 carries), Cameron Davis (37 yards on seven carries) and an 80-yard run by Taj Davis.

La Habra senior running back Skyler Taylor ran for a team-high 58 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries and senior quarterback Zach Fogel was 5 of 12 for 100 yards.

Junior receivers Deavyn Woullard and Kalani Washington led La Habra with 69 and 31 yards, respectively.

On the first play from scrimmage, Upland’s Davis ran 80 yards untouched for the quick 7-0 lead.

It was all Upland for the rest of the half, as Baldwin threw for 178 yards and a touchdown and Cameron Davis gained 30 yards on five carries and scored twice (4, 18 yards).

La Habra broke the shutout bid with a late 13-yard touchdown run by Taylor with 8:12 remaining in the game.

The drive began when La Habra sophomore Mason West recovered a botched punt at the Upland 38-yard line. Upland was called for a 15-yard roughing the passer penalty that aided in the drive.