

Cougs rout Madison



Mountain View wide receiver Chris Barber fends off Madison defender Johnta Sly-Boykin during their second-round state playoff game at Mountain View High School in Bend Friday night. The Cougars took a 39-14 victory. *Photos by Pete Erickson / The Bulletin*

Mountain View advances to quarterfinal meeting with West Albany

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A week off helped Mountain View High School's football team get healthy, and the Cougars took advantage Friday by pummeling their opponent in the state playoffs.

Running back Solomon Helms, who missed Mountain View's last two games with an ankle sprain, ran for 76 yards and a touchdown in the first half to help the Cougars beat Madison, of Portland, 39-14, in the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs at Mountain View's Jack Harris Stadium.

Helms was just part of the Cougars' onslaught.

Sophomore quarterback Jacob Hollister complete six of eight passes for 106 yards and three scores, connecting with receiver Cody Davis for two of them. And senior quarterback Zach Johnson, who hadn't played since the beginning of October because of a broken collarbone, played one series in the second quarter and set up the Cougs' third touchdown with a 24-yard dart to Jesse Zapata.

"Having a week layoff, we worked on a lot of different things that first week (of practice), and came back this week and kept everything as simple as we possibly could," said Mountain View coach Steve Turner. "We wanted to get Solomon on the field, but we didn't want to overdo it with him. We wanted to get Zach back on the field, and not in a mop-up situation. And we got some other kids back.

"This is the healthiest we've been, and we're excited about the win."

Mountain View's defense was as effective as its offense.

Madison (5-6), which finished in second place in the Portland Interscholastic League behind Jefferson, struggled to move the ball. The Cougs held the Senators to just a pair of first downs through the first three quarters, helping the Cougs build a 39-0 lead.

The Cougs did not have the same problem moving the football.

On the first drive of the game, the Cougs (9-1) marched 73 yards in four plays, including a Helms 17-yard run on his first carry of the game. The drive was capped by a 17-yard touchdown run from the wildcat formation by Joel Skotte.

Mountain View's next drive stalled, but on its third possession the Cougs marched 78 yards, capped by Hollister's 9-yard connection with Davis on a fade route that made it 14-0 with just over 10 minutes left before half.

That started a run of four unanswered touchdowns before halftime, including a Helms 1-yard score that made it 21-0.

"It felt good," Helms said of his ankle. "After halftime it was a little stiff, but other than that it was good to go.

"I came out a little rusty. It was good to be back out on the field again."

The Cougs will face a challenge in the quarterfinal round. Mountain View plays at West Albany, the 2007 and 2008 5A state champion. West Albany blasted Ashland, 75-0, Friday.

But Mountain View will be ready, Helms said.

"(To play) the defending state champs, we've got to have a good week of practice," Helms said. "We have to play the way we play, play them hard."

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