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down of the night put the clock in motion with 4:15 to play in the half on a ball to Bryson Rowsey in the end zone that the senior wideout leaped from behind the defender to snag the pass in tight coverage. Waller closed his night early in the third with an 18-yard pass to Eli Evans.

“Our offense was really efficient tonight,” Salmons said. “We had the ball seven times and scored seven touchdowns, six of those in the first half. We were hoping to work on some things in the third quarter. We got great field position and then, boom, boom, we’re in the end zone.”

Wyatt Simons led Nicholas County with 159 rushing yards on 24 totes with a 4-yard touchdown run in the third, followed by a 3-yard plunge in the fourth. Raceland (10-1) turns its attention to another familiar district foe in Paris, who will visit the Rams for the second time this season after pulling off a 14-10 upset of Sayre, the defending state champs. The Rams upended the Greyhounds, 55-7, but the Rams skipper’s message to the team is exactly the same as it was before squaring up with the Bluejackets.

“It starts at 0-0, and it will be the same thing when Paris comes in Friday night,” Salmons



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Raceland’s Jonah Arnett fends off Nicholas County’s Luke Davis after a catch during a Class A second-round game Friday.

said. “We don’t pick up where we left off from that game. (Paris) obviously, found something that worked well for them and they were coming off a bye week like us. That night out here, a lot of things went our way and we were very explosive, but playoff football changes things.”

Nicholas County closes the season at 9-3.

NICHOLAS CO.	6	0	8	8	—	22
RACELAND	14	28	7	0	—	49
FIRST QUARTER						
N—Jayden Watkins 18 run (run fails), 10:08						
R—Landen Stiltner 5 run (Jake Waller kick), 7:47						
R—Jonah Arnett 8 run (Waller kick), 3:06						
SECOND QUARTER						
R—Arnett 20 pass from Waller (Waller kick), 11:54						
R—Arnett 21 pass from Waller (Waller kick), 9:22						
R—Stiltner 46 run (Seth Morris kick), 6:00						
R—Bryson Rowsey 24 pass from Waller (Morris kick),						

4:15

THIRD QUARTER

R—Eli Evans 18 pass from Waller (Morris kick), 10:15

N—Wyatt Simons 4 run (Luke Davis pass from Simons), 1:10

FOURTH QUARTER

N—Simons 3 run (Davis run), 3:22

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First Downs.....	12	20
Rushes-Yards.....	40-212	21-153
Comp-Att-Int.....	2-22-0	12-14-0
Passing Yards.....	15	159
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-2	0-0
Punts-Avg.....	3-25.0	0-0.0
Penalties-Yards.....	4-45	4-50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
Nicholas Co. rushing: Davis 3-17, Watkins 11-36, Kenney 2-4, Simons 24-159.	
Raceland rushing: Marushi 3-29, Stiltner 8-92, Waller 2-12, Arnett 4-19, King 1-5, Bell 1-2, Bush 1-(minus 3), Team 1-(minus 3).	
Nicholas Co. passing: Kenney 1 of 11 for 5 yards; Blake 1 of 1 for 10 yards.	
Raceland passing: Waller 10 of 12 for 152 yards, King 2 of 2 for 7 yards.	
Nicholas Co. receiving: Davis 1-5, Watkins 1-10.	
Raceland receiving: Rowsey 3-54, Davidson 1-5, Ison 1-7, Arnett 2-41, White 1-4, Evans 3-45, Bush 1-3.	

Cats score Technical knockout over Eagles

BY KEITH TAYLOR
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LEXINGTON A three-week turnaround has Kentucky in bowl contention going into the final two weeks of the regular season.

The Wildcats (5-5) notched their third straight win with a dominating 42-10 rout over Tennessee Tech on Saturday, ending the Golden Eagles’ quest for a rare perfect season and ending their school-record 15-game winning streak in UK’s home finale.

“It was a very good win for us, just appreciate the team approaching the week the right way,” Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. “We had talked about it all the time to continue

to play with great effort, continue to try to improve in the execution. It doesn’t matter who we’re playing. We’ve just got to continue to worry about ourselves, continue to get better. I love this team’s attitude and effort and really greatly appreciate the seniors playing for the last time in Kroger Field.”

Although outmatched by the hosts, Tennessee Tech, ranked No. 6 in the FCS Division, carried a 10-0 record into the contest and had not lost since dropping a 37-21 decision at Western Illinois last October.

“We hate losing, and that is a disappointed locker room, which means the standard has changed at Tennessee Tech,” Golden Eagles’ coach Bobby

Wilder. “We knew what we were facing coming into this against an SEC team, but I loved how we competed and proud of what I saw.”

Building on last week’s dominating 38-7 blowout over Florida, the Wildcats picked up where they left off and accumulated 468 yards of offense, while limiting the guests to just 264 total yards.

Kentucky quarterback Cutler Boley had another solid performance in his eighth start of the year. Boley threw for 236 yards with one touchdown and rushed for another. Boley displayed his versatility with an impressive 30-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Boley was perfect on his first eight passes and threw for 154

yards in the first half. After taking a sack for a 12-yard loss in the third frame, Boley threw a 45-yard touchdown strike to Harvey Gilmore IV on the ensuing play for Kentucky’s lone touchdown in the third quarter.

Under Boley, the Wildcats have scored 30 or more points in three of the past four games.

Boley’s favorite target, Kendrick Law, hauled in a career-high 11 passes for 124 yards, including a 43-yard catch in the opening half that set up Seth McGowan’s touchdown, the first of three scores by McGowan in the first two quarters.

Law said the performance against the Golden Eagles is “just a reflection of what we do

every week.”

“That’s the simplest way we can put it,” he said. “We go out there, we prepare to win, and we go out and we win. I like the progress we’re making.”

McGowan rushed for 72 yards and three touchdowns as the Wildcats complemented the passing attack with 207 yards rushing, with 113 of those coming in the first half. Dante Dowdell had a team-high 87 yards rushing and one touchdown.

“We’ve always known our identity, how powerful this team is,” McGowan said. “Everything that’s happening now is something that we’ve known since camp. We’ve just got to stay consistent and keep it and look forward to Monday.”

Bluebirds build lead, defeat Tomcats

BY G. MICHAEL GRAHAM
FOR THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

FORT THOMAS Ashland knew it would have to figure out ways to win battles at the line of scrimmage against a juggernaut that had doubled up opponents, 416-208, on the season to advance in the Class 4A playoffs.

Ashland (7-5) could not do it as Highlands dominated in every aspect in a 45-7 win in the first meeting between the two since 2014. Highlands (10-2) reached double-digit wins for the third straight season under fifth-year head coach Bob Sphire. They’ve lost in the state semifinals to Cooper the previous two

seasons.

Highlands outgained Ashland, 389-185, in total offense, including a 194-69 advantage on the ground. Highlands limited Ashland senior running back Cameron Davis to just 24 yards rushing after he came in with 1,005 yards on 127 carries and 20 touchdowns for an average of just under 8 yards per carry and just more than 91 per game. Ashland had been averaging just under 236 yards per game as a team.

“We played really well as a team. I thought we played really well on special teams,” Sphire said. “That was a good, complete game for us. Hopefully, we’re peaking

at the right time.”

Highlands quarterback Rio Litmer tore up Ashland with his arm and legs. He rushed for 57 yards on six carries and a touchdown and completed 6-of-12 passes for 131 yards and one touchdown. Running back Colt Kremer ran for 72 yards on 15 carries and a touchdown. Tayden Lorenzen led the Bluebirds with two catches for 53 yards and a touchdown, with John Feldbrugge also hauling in two balls for 39 yards.

“We just have to find a way to compete with teams like that,” Ashland head coach Chad Tackett said. “They’re so talented and have such good numbers. Their

depth is really good. We have to be able to find offensive success. I was proud of our guys’ effort. I thought they played hard. We’ll get back in the offseason and get back at it. We’ll try to make a run at it next year.”

Unable to run consistently, Ashland took to the air. Ashland freshman quarterback Tanner Stutler completed 6 of 12 passes for 116 yards. Most of that came on an 80-yard touchdown to Justin Hughes with 9:31 left in the third quarter for Ashland’s lone touchdown of the game.

Highlands came out and scored on the first four offensive possessions to build a 28-0 lead in the first half. Litmer ran for a 14-yard score

the 28. Stutler tried to make something happen, firing the ball into the end zone as time expired in the first half, but Lorenzen picked it off, making it to the 25 before lateraling the ball to teammate Michael Tinchler, who took it 75 yards for the touchdown to put Highlands up 35-0 at halftime to enforce the running clock.

Highlands scored 10 points in the second half. Kai Anderson boot-ed a 43-yard field goal with 3:35 left in the third quarter and Peyton Klosterman hauled in a 64-yard touchdown pass from Bryce Armstrong with 8:18 left in the game.

Ashland graduates 22 seniors. They helped the Tomcats make it to the third round of the playoffs last year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Catlettsburg, Kentucky on the following item(s):

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNEX BUILDING

Funding for this project is provided by the City of Catlettsburg Capital Fund and the Catlettsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Specifications may be obtained Monday-Friday, with the exception of holidays, between the hours of 8am and 2pm at the Catlettsburg Fire Department at 2600 Broadway Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky. All inquiries should be addressed to Fire Chief John Carroll at johnncarroll@catlettsburg.us or 606-739-4932.

A voluntary construction meeting will be held at the Catlettsburg Fire Department at 2600 Broadway Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, Friday, November 21, 2025, at 1:00pm to review requirements and answer any inquiries concerning the project.

Bids will be received by the Catlettsburg City Clerk, 2611 Louisa Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, until 12:00PM EST on December 10, 2025. The sealed bids will be opened and publicly read at 12:00PM EST.

The City of Catlettsburg, through its Mayor, and the Fire Chief reserve the right to accept all or to reject any part of the bid should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Catlettsburg.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Super Quik, Inc. d/b/a Super Quik, Inc. hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license no later than 12/15/2025. The licensed premises will be located at 12761 US-60, Ashland, KY 41102. The sole owner is the Super Quik, Inc. ESOP with President Gregory Lynn Rice of 1304 Napier St. Flatwoods, KY 41139 And CFO Aaron Akers of 4840 Crittenden Drive Ashland Ky. 41101. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a board meeting for Sanitation District #4 on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 9 am. It will be held at the main office at 239 W Little Garner Rd.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Request for Proposal

The Boyd County Board of Education is requesting proposals for District Soft Drink Vendor. Proposals will be accepted in the Board’s District Office, located at 1104 Bob McCullough Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41102, until 2:00 PM, Friday, November 21, 2025. Contact Tiffany Brooks, Finance Director, at 606-928-4141 for proposal packets or additional information. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Proposal responses will be opened on November 24, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Proposals will be awarded at the Board’s meeting in December.

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ASHLAND	0	0	7	0	—	7
HIGHLANDS	14	21	3	7	—	45
FIRST QUARTER						

H — Rio Litmer 14 run (Kai Anderson kick), 6:35
H — Colt Kremer 4 run (Anderson kick), 2:45

SECOND QUARTER

H — Litmer 1 run (Anderson kick), 8:06
H — Tayden Lorenzen 18 pass from Litmer (Anderson kick), 4:55
H — Michael Tinchler 75 interception return (Anderson kick), :00

THIRD QUARTER

A — Justin Hughes 80 pass from Tanner Stutler (Troy Barnett kick), 9:31 7-35
H — Anderson 43field goal, 3:35 7-38

FOURTH QUARTER

H — Peyton Kollisterman 64 pass from Bryce Armstrong (Anderson kick), 8:18 7-45

Rushing Leaders
Highlands — Kremer, 15-72; Litmer, 6-57.

Passing Leaders
Highlands — Litmer, 6-12-0-131; Armstrong, 1-1-0-64
Ashland — Stutler, 6-14-0-116.

Receiving Leaders
Highlands — Lorenzen, 2-53; Feldbrugge, 2-39.
Ashland — Hughes, 1-80.