

Pulaski dominates Henderson in season-opener

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The student section was rocking. The band was rocking. The players were rocking. It was only fitting then that the Pulaski County Maroons kicked off their season, and the first game of the Josh Roberts era, in grand fashion with a dominant 41-16 victory over Henderson County in a game that never was really that close to begin with. Pulaski wasted little time scoring too on their first drive of the game, as freshman quarterback Kal Ridner notched his first varsity touchdown with a 22-yard screen pass to Will Adams. All Henderson could manage during the first half of action was a lone field goal late in the first quarter, but the first Pulaski score was far from the only one during the first 24 minutes. Ridner found Adams again, this time from 31 yards out, with less than a minute removed from the start of the second quarter. Ridner had a signature moment on the next Pulaski drive, as he effortlessly



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Pulaski County junior Will Adams (7) celebrates with his junior teammate Connor Blevins (72) after scoring a touchdown during the Maroons' 41-16 victory over Henderson County on Friday, Aug. 21, 2026.

flicked the ball down the field to find a wide open Winston Ford for a 56-yard score. Add in a punt returned for a touchdown by Adams, plus a two-yard rushing score from Kasen Brock out of the wildcat, and the Maroons held a

decisive 34-3 lead at the break. Pulaski scored quickly to open play in the second half, as Brock added another touchdown to his ledger to activate the running clock. Henderson managed to add two more

scores over the remainder of the contest, including a 94-yard bomb in the fourth, but that did little than slightly change the final margin as the Maroons prevailed 41-16 over their Class 6A foes. Coach Roberts was proud of his

team's overall effort to get him his first head coaching victory, but noted there are still plenty of things to work on heading into their second game. "It feels good to be 1-0. We have a lot of things to work on after this one, like our special teams play and our secondary. We got things to work on, but it feels good to get that first win," he explained. Ridner had a phenomenal first start at quarterback, going 10-14 with 179 yards and three touchdowns.

Brock had 155 yards and the two scores, with Adams adding 79 all-purpose yards with three total touchdowns. Pulaski starts the season out 1-0 and will turn their focus to this Saturday, where they will travel to Boyle County to face off against Class 2A powerhouse Lexington Christian. *Jacob Pratt is the Sports Editor of the Commonwealth Journal and can be reached at jpratt@somerset-kentucky.com.*



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Pulaski County freshman quarterback Kal Ridner launches a pass down the field during the Maroons' contest against Henderson County on Friday night.

SPORTS ROUNDUP: Lady Maroons mercy rule Lady Jumpers in crosstown action

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The Pulaski County Lady Maroons were looking for a fourth-straight victory in their crosstown rivalry against Somerset on Monday evening. Once the offense started for the Maroons, it didn't stop flowing as they eventually mercy ruled their rivals 8-0. Former Lady Maroon Alyssa Salyer, who was in attendance for a recent game, noted how strong the team looks this year. "It's crazy to see all these teammates I've been playing with for so long play without me. It felt like an out-of-body experience. The intensity and physicality that the team shows [specifically talking about the game against Boyle

County] is truly something different. I really see a bright future for them," she stated. Kenlee Gilreath and Emily Purcell both had two goals apiece in the win, with both Kayle Weihrauch and Vera Monroe adding one goal and one assist apiece. Other contributors included Addie Cheshire with one goal, Addisyn Dopp with one goal and Reagan Davis with one assist. Somerset goalkeeper Luci Haught recorded 16 saves in net. Pulaski improves to 5-1 and 2-0 in district play on the season and will next travel to Rockcastle County for a district matchup on Tuesday. Somerset falls to 2-3 and 0-1 in district play for the season, and will next travel

to Casey County for a district contest on Tuesday. **JUMPERS WIN TWO GAMES AT SCOTTIES CLASSIC** The Somerset Briar Jumpers were able to win both of their games in the Scotties Classic at Glasgow on Saturday. In their first game against Barren County, the Jumpers shut out the Trojans 4-0. Mateo Rodriguez and Kaden Taylor both had one goal and one assist apiece, while both Chris Rosales and Gage Owens added one goal apiece. Thorne Hurd recorded five saves and a clean sheet in net. In their second game against Foundation Christian Academy, the Jumpers took a 3-2 victory. Taylor had one goal and one assist, while both Rodriguez and Rosales added one goal apiece. Both Selvin Navas and Alex Baker had one assist apiece. Hurd recorded five saves in net. Somerset improves to 4-1 and will next host Danville on Tuesday. **MAROONS RECORD ANOTHER SHUTOUT VICTORY** The Pulaski County Maroons continued their winning ways on Saturday with a dominant 4-0 showing in a win over Taylor County. Ethan DaSilva led the way with two goals and one assist. Other contributors included Jay Venters with one goal, Milder Perez with one goal and Tucker Langford with one assist.

Pulaski improves to 4-0-1 and will next travel to Lincoln County on Tuesday. **LADY WARRIORS RECORD COMEBACK VICTORY** The Southwestern Lady Warriors managed to come back from a shaky start on Monday, taking down Madison Southern 2-1 despite trailing in the second half. Southwestern improves to 4-1-1 and will travel to Wayne County on Tuesday for a district contest. **SOUTHWESTERN TAKES DOWN PULASKI IN WEST JESS TRI-MATCH** Despite falling to the hosting Colts on Saturday in their first game, the Southwestern Lady Warriors managed to bounce back in a massive way with a 3-0 sweep over crosstown rival Pulaski County. Andrea West led the Warriors with 14 kills, while Claire Hudson added nine kills and 16 digs. Bella Stevens, Taylor Absher, Ella Baker and Lillie Price all had three kills apiece for the Lady Maroons. Southwestern sits at 2-2 and will next travel to Somerset Christian for a crosstown district showdown on Tuesday. Pulaski falls to 1-3 and will next travel to Rockcastle County for a district match on Tuesday. **LADY JUMPERS FINISH IN SECOND AT SEEDS OF SUCCESS TOURNAMENT**

The Somerset Lady Jumpers traveled to Fleming County on Saturday to take part in the Seeds of Success Tournament. The Jumpers managed to make it to the championship of the Gold Bracket, defeating West Carter 2-0, Mason County 2-0 and George Rogers Clark 2-1, before

falling to Rowan County 2-1 in the championship game. Somerset sits at 3-3 and will next host Mercer County on Tuesday. *Jacob Pratt is the Sports Editor of the Commonwealth Journal and can be reached at jpratt@somerset-kentucky.com.*



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Pulaski County's Maycee McQueen sprints to the net in an attempt to score past Somerset's diving goalkeeper Luci Haught during the Lady Maroons' 8-0 victory over the Lady Jumpers on Monday, Aug. 24, 2026.

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