

Higgins' miscues fare well for Karr

Hurricanes commit four turnovers in slop

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Karr overcame a two-touchdown deficit to defeat Higgins 14-12 on a rainy Friday night at Berhman Stadium.

Turnovers plagued the Hurricanes for the second consecutive week. Higgins turned the ball over five times in its season opening loss to Shaw. On Friday, they had their game with the Cougars under control until a fumble changed the momentum.

Higgins led Karr 12-0 midway through the second quarter, and the Hurricanes (0-2) recovered a Cougars fumble at the Karr 29-yard line. Higgins advanced 13 yards before quarterback James Shoulder fumbled with 1:51 remaining in the first half.

The Cougars (2-0) struck back. After Keenan Canty caught a 6-yard pass from Munchie Legaux to the Karr 22, Legaux fielded a bad snap and threw a side-armed pass to Jarrell Bennett, who went 78 yards for a touchdown. Kenneth Gausman caught a two-point conversion pass to trim the Higgins lead to 12-8.

"I was coming across the field and noticed the bad snap from center," Bennett said. "I continued my route, and Munchie passed the ball to me. I turned up field and saw nothing but green."

The Cougars defense took control in the second half.

Shoulder punted 47 yards to the Karr 27-yard line after the Hurricanes' first possession after the break stalled.

The Cougars then wasted little time in driving for the go-ahead touchdown.

Karr went 73 yards in seven plays, and Legaux finished the drive with a 2-yard scoring run.

"The field played a lot worse than it looked," Legaux said. "We were not able to run the football like we would have

wanted. Our defense stepped up in the second half.”

Higgins fumbled the kickoff following the score, and Karr recovered at the Hurricanes 35-yard line. However, penalties for holding and motion negated any opportunity for the Cougars.

Higgins turned possible disaster into a touchdown to take a 6-0 lead early in the second quarter. Shoulder was in punt formation, but the snap was high. He fielded the snap and found Cedric Jackson down the right sideline for a 83-yard scoring play.

Karr muffed the kickoff, and Monterio Martin recovered for Higgins at the Cougars 34. Shoulder capped the short drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to give the Hurricanes a 12-0 lead.

“Our defensive coaches made adjustments at halftime,” Karr Coach Jabbar Juluke said. “We did a nice job in stopping their running game, including a key fourth-and-2 late in the game at our 25-yard line.”