

## Chelsea Pounces on Dexter, 47-12 Rich Rezler, September 27, 2008 12:13 a.m.

Little went right for the Dexter High School football team Friday night and host Chelsea capitalized on every mistake.

The Bulldogs created plenty of their own opportunities, too, in a 47-12 Southeastern Conference White Division win. It's their 13th straight victory over their neighboring rival.

The Bulldogs put the game away early – starting with junior Nick Hill's 92-yard return of the opening kickoff – and led 27-0 after one quarter and 40-0 at halftime.

“I was proud of our guys because we certainly took care of business,” Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. “I thought we played good defense early on and it's always good when you can get everybody in the game.”

Some Dexter (1-4, 1-4) miscues had the ball taking strange bounces, and Chelsea (4-1, 3-1) linebacker Kevin Rosentreter was there to pick them up.

He chased down a loose ball on a flubbed Dexter kickoff return, setting up a Hill 2-yard touchdown run for the 27-0 lead. Hill, who finished with 215 total yards, had already scored on a 1-yard run.

On the Dreadnaughts' next possession, a shotgun snap sailed high over the head of quarterback Scott Crompton, signaling a mad dash for the ball that Rosentreter won again. Two plays later, Randy Cox hit Brett Everding with a 9-yard touchdown pass.

“I should have scooped-and-scored that one, but the adrenaline was pumping,” Rosentreter said. “You do what you can.”

Chelsea even capitalized on its own miscue. When Dexter blocked a Bulldog field goal in the first quarter, the ball ended up in Mantel's hands. After a moment of hesitation, he took off for the end zone. The ball could be advanced because it hadn't crossed the line of scrimmage.

“I had a feeling in my head when I got it that I could score,” Mantel said. “I looked around for a second and just figured I might as well go for it. There's no reason not to.”

Mantel caught a 5-yard scoring pass from Cox – “actually a legit touchdown,” he laughed – later in the game.

Dexter's Alex McMurray and Steve Muchmore hooked up for 73- and 45-yard touchdown passes in the second half.

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