

Chelsea football rolls to third straight lopsided win, 46-14 at Dexter
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The bog-like conditions at Al Ritt Field didn't slow down the Chelsea High School football team Friday night. And host Dexter didn't have any success, either.

Senior running back Nick Hill rushed for 285 yards and five touchdowns, leading the Bulldogs to more than 500 total yards of offense in a muddy 46-14 win.

It was the sixth win of the season for Chelsea, clinching the program's 11th consecutive MHSAA postseason appearance.

"We're in the playoffs. When we started the season, that was our first goal ... to get in," said Chelsea coach Brad Bush. "So now we have two weeks to play two good teams (Pioneer and Saline) and see how good we can get going into the playoffs."

On a night that Adrian (6-1, 5-0) clinched a Southeastern Conference White Division championship with a 34-8 win over Tecumseh, Chelsea completed a three-game respite against teams that were simply overmatched by the Bulldogs (6-1, 4-1).

For the third straight game, all 70 players on the Bulldog roster saw action after the starters essentially had things wrapped up by halftime. The combined halftime score of their wins over Lincoln, Tecumseh and Dexter was 115-12.

"Three weeks ago we set out and said we had a three-game season to get in the playoffs," Bush said. "And in all three games, I think we really came out and took care of business and played well."

Against Lincoln and Tecumseh, Hill had five touchdown runs by halftime.

On Friday, it took an extra four plays to reach that plateau.

Hill capped the Bulldogs' first drive of the second half with his fifth touchdown run, a 50-yard burst that gave Chelsea a 40-6 lead and sent the first unit to the sideline for the remainder of the game.

"We just couldn't stop them. Their offense is pretty potent," said Dexter coach Tom Barbieri. "Their offensive line is good, their complementary running backs are good and fast, and any time Nick Hill touches the ball he can score ... We just never stopped them."

Chelsea scored on all of its possessions in the first half, running 34 offensive plays, picking up 18 first downs and facing third down just four times.

The Bulldogs scored quickly -- like on Hill's 78-yard touchdown run on the first play of their second possession. And they churned through the mud -- like on a 17-play, 89-yard drive that ended with a 3-yard Hill touchdown run.

Chelsea's Chris Ballow (four carries, 65 yards) and Brian Bazydlo added touchdowns for Chelsea.

The good news for Dexter was the play of quarterback Mike Mioduscewski, who threw for 207 yards and was the team's leading rusher with 82 yards on 10 carries in his first varsity action.

Mioduscewski, who joined six other sophomores on Dexter varsity roster, scored on a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs.

Alex Dobbs was his favorite target, catching 8 passes for 91 yards.