

Dexter football upends Saginaw Swan Valley, 21-20, in OT

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SAGINAW -- After scoring a touchdown and an extra-point in overtime, all the Dexter High School football team needed was a stop.

The Dreadnaughts got one in dramatic fashion, as Mason Mabry tackled Saginaw Swan Valley quarterback Cody Call at the 1-yard line on two-point conversion attempt, giving Dexter a 21-20 overtime win in a non-conference football game Friday in Saginaw.

"I was thinking, 'take him down, take him down'," said Dexter coach Tom Barbieri of the final play. "Then I was thinking, 'is he in, is he in?'"

When the Dreadnaughts got the he's-not-in signal, "they went nuts on the sidelines, went crazy," Barbieri said.

Sequoyah Burke-Combs led the Dreads with 179 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 35 carries.

His second touchdown of the game, coming on the first possession of overtime, was followed by a Kyle Karagitz extra point that would prove to be the difference.

A second-quarter Burke-Combs touchdown run, a two-point conversion, and two Karagitz field goals left the game tied 14-14 at the end of regulation.

But it was the Dexter (3-6) defense that anchored the win, evident by the game's thrilling ending.

"Our defense played well," said Barbieri. "We didn't finish (the season) with the kind of record we wanted. But this will help give us momentum into the off-season."

Mabry made four solo tackles and eight assists for Dexter.