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Wolfpack Homecoming Spoiled By 40-24 Loss

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The News

The Apache Trail Wolfpack hosted Arizona Charter Academy, the top ranked Charter Athletic Association (CAA) 2A division team this past Friday night in their Homecoming Game at Prospector Park, and despite a valiant effort, couldn't overcome three fumbles that led to 22 points for the opposition in a 40-24 loss.

The back-breakers came near the end of the first half. With Apache Trail holding a 16-14 lead, ACA picked up a Wolfpack fumble and returned it 38 yards for a defensive score. Then, on their

next possession, the Wolfpack lost another fumble and this was returned to the Apache Trail 14.

With just ten seconds remaining before intermission, ACA punched it another score to go up 26-16 at half-time.

ACA stretched their lead to 34-16 early in the fourth quarter, Apache Trail responded with an 18-yard TD run from running back Kris Stein to make it 34-22, and ACA iced the victory with a late TD.

Stein ran for 134 yards on eight carries to lead the offense and was in on six tackles as a linebacker on defense.

Quarterback Brian Gutierrez rushed for 85 yards and a touchdown on eight carries and also completed 3-of-8 passes for 31 yards and another TD, this a seven-yarder to Stein.

Also on offense for Apache Trail, Joe Ramos gained 26 yards on five carries and Brandon Carlson caught a pass for 21 yards.

The Wolfpack defense limited ACA to just 58 rushing yards on 21 carries but through the air, ACA had some success, completing 8-of-17 throws for 218 yards.

The total yards by both see **'Pack**, page A-12



Wolfpack running back Kris Stein ran for 134 yards in Friday's game

Apache Trail

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Friday, Sept. 30
vs. M.A.L.C.
(Prospector Park)
7:00 p.m.

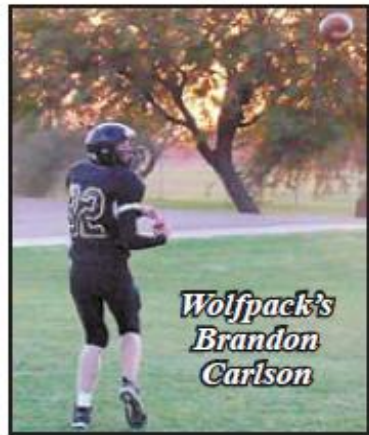


teams' offenses was exactly 276. The difference in the game was the three lost fumbles by Apache Trail. Also, two of Apache Trail's fumbles came on backwards pass attempts.

Also on defense for the Wolfpack, Cole Pordon was in on eight tackles, Kyle Scholz was in on six tackles, including a sack, Del Mathews, Stein and Sean Kencharek were all in on six tackles, and Shane Wlotzko, Casey Rodman, Alan Keeton, Ramos, Ed Walters, Kevin Apodaca, Gutierrez, Jacob Botamer and Robert Scott were also involved in defensive stops.

With the loss, Apache Trail

fell to 2-2 overall but 0-1 in the CAA's 2A division. They will look to rebound this coming Friday, September 30, when they host another 2A foe, Mohave Accelerated Learning Center, at Prospector Park at 7:00 p.m.



Wolfpack's Brandon Carlson