

# FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL



THIBODAUX 45, EAST ASCENSION 24

## Thibodaux shines in win over Spartans

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Thibodaux High's biggest football star stole the show on Friday night.

But there was still some room on the stage for a freshman linebacker making his varsity debut.

In a 45-24 victory over East Ascension, Tigers senior Amik Robertson had 136 yards on 11 carries and two touchdowns on the ground and added a

sparkling punt return that led to another Thibodaux score and threw in an interception on defense much to the delight of the home fans.

But it was a play by freshman linebacker Hunter Trosclair that helped the Tigers put the game away.

With Thibodaux (1-1 overall) leading 31-24 late in the third quarter, Trosclair picked off Spartans quarterback Cameron Schexnaydre (9-of-22, 148 yards, 2 TDs, four INTs)

and returned it 45 yards for a score to push the Tigers lead to 38-24 with 2:19 left in the third quarter.

Schexnaydre had trouble with the snap, dropped back and attempted to make pass when the ball slipped out of his hands and into the arms of Trosclair who raced down the sideline for six points.

That helped put the game out of reach for the Spartans, who fell to 0-1 after its Week 1 game against Denham Springs

was canceled because of the August floods in the Baton Rouge area.

The play before, Trosclair recorded a sack.

"He was dominating in the freshman games," Thibodaux coach Chris Dugas said of Trosclair. "So we brought him up to varsity, and he got in when a couple of the other guys starting cramping up."

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The Tigers added a late score on a 3-yard run by Shared Holmes after Derrick Sullivan returned an interception to the Spartans 3.

Tyler Brown also had an interception for the Tigers (12 first downs, 223 rushing yards) and Tyler Holmes recovered a fumble for five forced turnovers by Thibodaux.

"We preached all week about getting turnovers and flipping field position," Dugas said.

"We had plays from Hunter and Derrick that led to points and of course Amik makes plays all the time. He is an athlete being an athlete. We try and get him the ball in space. He makes us look like geniuses. He creates things with his natural ability and that is what makes him a special player."

Robertson had a dazzling 76-yard scoring run early in which he went right outside the tackle box, reversed field left and hit the sideline for a score. Then he setup another Tigers touchdown early when he high pointed a 33-yard pass and pulled it down.

"When that kid had a chance to make a play, he made a play," Spartans coach Darnell Lee said. "That is what we ask our kids to do. That is why he is the

recruit that he is. He is a great player."

The game was tied at 14 after the first quarter, Thibodaux led 24-17 at halftime and 38-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Also scoring touchdowns for the Tigers were quarterback Saul Barrilleaux (2-for-6, 66 yards, INT) on a 4-yard run and Tanner Guillot (nine carries, 42 yards) on a 1-yard dive after Robertson's 76-yard punt return in the third quarter.

Brandon Cone added a 32-yard field goal for Thibodaux and made all six extra points.

Ralph Williams led the Spartans (11 first downs, 332 total yards) with 64 yards on seven carries and Adrian Johnson rushed 10 times for 56 yards. Keenen Dunn added a 4-yard score on the ground.

Thomas Levy had a 70-yard touchdown reception and Ira Washington had a 9-yard catch for a score for East Ascension.

Ryan Gremillion added a 30-yard field goal for the Spartans, who also got an interception from Cameron Gautreau. East Ascension also lost a fumble.

"We're young, but it's not an excuse," Lee said. "Thibodaux did a great job. They had a lot of highlights and were the better team. We just have to get better. We have to get ready for next week."