

## **Broncos fall to Minatare 34-52 on homecoming**

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**Jeremiah Kerns (4) heads upfield on a first quarter touchdown run. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)**

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The Wauneta-Palisade football team had its chances to pick up a Homecoming win Friday, but mistakes cost the Broncos in the 34-52 loss.

W-P got off to a good start, scoring on its first possession. Jeremiah Kerns scored on a 42-yard run on the Broncos' fifth play of the game.

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Minatare quickly answered. The Indians scored on the next play, a 57-yard run by Josh Cinocco to tie the score at six.

Recovering the ensuing on side kick, Minatare took a 13-6 lead on a three-yard run by Cinocco.

Following a W-P punt, a fumble recovery by Gage Crowell set the Broncos up with the ball at the Minatare 26. W-P moved the ball to the one-yard line where the drive stalled on fourth and goal.

Pinned deep, Minatare was forced to punt. Kerns scored from 42-yards out on the Broncos' next play. Hayden Pollmann's kick put the Broncos up 14-13.

Trading possessions, Minatare took a 20-14 lead with 4:26 left in the first half on a four-yard run.

With its second fumble in two possessions, W-P gave Minatare the ball on the Broncos' nine-yard line.

The defense stepped up, holding the Indians on fourth and goal from the two-yard line.

The Indians were later able to score with 1:06 left in the half on a 38-yard pass from Tyler Koke to Juan Garfio to make the score 26-14 at halftime.

Each team turned the ball over on its opening possession of the second half.

Minatare looked to gain the momentum after holding the Broncos on fourth down on the Indians' 22-yard line. A fumbled snap cost Minatare as Kerns fell on the ball in the end zone to bring the Broncos to within six points.

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Wes Anderjaska picked off a pass on the first play of the Indians' next possession to give the Broncos the ball on the Minatare 37.

Driving the ball to the Indians' one, Anderjaska scored to tie the game at 26 with 3:46 left in the third quarter.

W-P had a chance to take the lead when Minatare fumbled on its first play of the next series.

The Broncos drove to the Indians' nine-yard line before stalling out.

Both teams struggled heading into the fourth quarter.

After Minatare scored on a 66-yard run, W-P failed to field the ensuing kickoff and Minatare took over on the W-P 20-yard line.

Minatare scored for the second time in 50 seconds when lineman Tylor Grumbles rumbled into the end zone on a 27-yard completion.

Down 39-26, the Broncos hung tough, scoring on a 67-yard touchdown pass from Anderjaska to Pollmann with 4:20 left in the game.

Minatare ran the score to 52-34 by scoring two touchdowns in 20 seconds after W-P fumbled on the only play it ran.

Co-head coach Joseph Frecks gave Minatare credit.

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“Every time we seemed to have the momentum going our way, they would make a play to flip it back in their favor,” he said. “Our inexperience has a part to play in it, but we were very proud of our boys in the way they kept pushing the entire game, no matter how many things were not going our way.”

As always, Frecks and fellow coach Randy Geier remained positive after the game.

“There were some funky plays that just did not go our way. Funny bounces just happen sometimes and you just have to roll with them and keep playing hard. We talked to (our players) after the game about how sometimes in football and in life the ball just doesn’t bounce your way. If the bad bounce is self-inflicted, you have to find a way to fix it. If it isn’t, you just must move on and keep fighting hard,” Frecks said.

The Broncos (0-2) will try to bounce back Friday, hosting Hyannis at 1:00 p.m. MT/2:00 p.m. CT.

Frecks said Hyannis is a very athletic and physical team that will be a challenge for the Broncos.