



LEIN OAK PANTHERS 2007



Thunder and Lightning Both Outside and Inside Berry Stadium as the Klein Oak Panthers Open 2007 Football Season with 31-14 Victory over Cy Creek

The Klein Oak Varsity Football Team opened the 2007 season by ignoring the ominous weather in the area and dominating the Cy Creek Cougars by way of a 31 – 14 dominant performance. After almost two hours of on again/off again lightning delays and an ever restless Panther crowd of supporters, the Klein Oak football team brought Lightning (Offense) and Thunder (Defense) to the Berry Center playing surface. This year’s version of the Panthers look poised to continue and even add on to the playoff success we got a taste of during the 2006 season. The defense provided some of the hardest hits this game reporter has witnessed in his 4 years of following Klein Oak Football, and the offense continued to show its big play capability with four scores of over 50 yards a piece.

First Quarter

After Terrence Robinson (7) returned the opening kick of the game 11 yards to the Klein Oak 17 yard line, DeSean Hales (3) wasted no time in making Mack Brown look like a genius by taking a handoff on the opening play around left end and out running any Cy Creek Cougars in sight for an 83 yard touchdown run. Senior Soccer convert, Trent Doerner (9) calmly put the point after kick through the uprights to give Oak a 7 – 0 lead over Cy Creek with only 22 seconds off the first quarter clock. Jacobe Shankle (26) made the tackle on the ensuing kickoff after a deep Doerner boot. Cy Creek set up shop on their 31 yard line. After a run stuff by Sam Cotto (40) and an incomplete pass, the Cougars hit their receiver down the right sideline for a big gain. Craig Palmer (45) saved a potential score by making the tackle from behind. After Luke Muncie (23) provided a hard tackle, Cy Creek decided to get fancy and try the option to the left. Mark Hunter (81) promptly pounced on an errant pitch as the Panther defense garnered its first of three Cy Creek turnover. Oak’s offense got going at their 23 for the

Roster

Statistics

Player of the Week

VARSITY		OAK - OPP
August 31	Cy Creek	31 - 14
Sept 14	Willis	48 - 0
Sept 20	Magnolia	41 - 14
Sept 27	Woodlands	33 - 14
Oct 5	Spring*	38 - 21
Oct 13	Tomball*	41 - 0
Oct 20	Klein Collins*	38 - 14
Oct 25	Klein Forest**	24 - 20
Nov 2	Westfield*	0 - 38
Nov 9	Klein*	27 - 24
Nov 17	College Park **	59 - 42
Nov 23	Leander **	24 - 27

* Denotes District Game
 ** Denotes Play-off Game
 Homecoming is
 September 14 v. Willis
 Senior Night is October 13
 v. Tomball

second drive of the game. Creek snuffed out a reverse to Hales, but after an off sides penalty, Ossam Cook (22) carried a couple of times for 18 yards behind some stellar blocking by Kevin Forsch (73) and center Tyler Condiff (65). Robinson reeled off 10 yards on his first carry behind lead blocking by Jordan Najvar (18). Wes Theiss (4) got the passing game going with a screen pass to Hales for 8 yards. Ossam then ran for 11 yards around a key seal block by Zach Coleman (76). Ossam added another first down with a 16 yard scamper, the last 10 yards behind tight end Mike Rayburn (46) who was man-handling the defensive back before pancaking him at the end of the run. The drive fizzled after a short run, a 5 yard completion from Theiss to Hales and an incomplete pass intended for Rayburn. Not to worry Panther Faithful, Doerner came in and booted the 35 yard field goal so far that it would have been good from 45. The score with 4:32 remaining in the first was Klein Oak 10 – Cy Creek 0. Creek had good field position after a Panther personal foul set them up on their 45 yard line. Alex Miranda (24) provided one of several big plays on the night by sacking the Creek QB for an 11 yard loss. An incompletion and another tackle behind the line by M. Hunter forced the Cougars to punt. Hales returned the kick 12 yards, but a holding penalty pushed Oak back to their 34 yard line. For the first time, the Panther offense did not move the chains. Theiss booted the punt 31 yards to pin Cy Creek on their 17 yard line. Palmer, Cotto, and Chase Thomas (34) made the defensive stops but Cy Creek recorded a first down as the first quarter ended with the score still Oak 10 – Cy Creek 0.

Second Quarter

Cy Creek started the second quarter by moving the ball moderately well on offense. Brian Corcoran (30), Palmer, Logan Studdert (42) and Thomas provide tackles to wear Cy Creek down. After another personal foul by Oak, Cy Creek found themselves on the Panther 24 yard line. Miranda decided to part the QB from the ball which was picked up by another Cougar but brought down by Thomas for a loss. Palmer and Jeremy Mayweather (5) defended a couple of passes and Miranda stuffed the option play to give Oak the ball back on downs. The Panthers stumbled through this offensive opportunity and gave the ball back to Cy Creek on their 43 yard line

after another Theiss punt. Creek's drive ended for the third straight time on a fourth down stop, this time on a sack by Scott Arthur (10). Other tackles on this drive were provided by Andrew Holley (28), Shankle, M. Hunter, and Palmer. Backed deep in its territory, the offense decided to fire up the afterburners. After a 15 yard first down carry by Robinson, Theiss rolled left behind the protection of pulling guard Forsch and hit Hales with a perfect strike behind the Cougar defenders for a 71 yard TD pass. Doerner's PAT made the score 17 – 0 Panthers with 2:43 left in the half. Kilraine Jones (25) made the tackle on the following kickoff and Cy Creek came on the field with thoughts of running a successful 2 minute drill. Corcoran read their first screen pass perfectly for a 7 yard loss. Creek was forced to punt after two more offensive plays that went nowhere. With time running down, Oak could put no more first half points on the board. On to half time with the score – Klein Oak 17 – Cy Creek 0. Oak dominated the half time program also with excellent performances by the band and Strutters. Cy Creek's band and drill team decided to leave before the game started due to lack of interest.

Third Quarter

Kicker Supreme Doerner opened the 2nd half with a perfect kickoff that settled on the Cy Creek 2 yard line and after their return man broke loose, Trent took matters into his own hands by making the tackle at the Creek 41 yard line. We never knew soccer made you that tough. Cy Creek went 3 and out with M. Hunter offering up a tackle behind the line and Studdert defending a screen pass. After the punt and another penalty, Oak unleashed another dose of lightning on the Cougars. Robinson took the direct snap around right end behind pulling linemen Clint Naron (74) and Kenny Hunter (75) and dove into the end zone 73 yards later for another Panther TD. Doerner converted another PAT to put Oak up 24 – 0 with 10:11 remaining in the third quarter. Andy Wilson (6) made the stop on the kickoff and Creek began this drive on their 37 yard line. Mayweather made a crushing tackle on Cy Creek's first play and Demetrich Gilliam (48) deflected another pass attempt. On third down the opposing QB scrambled around the left side for a nice gain until he was pummeled by Muncie causing a fumble that Mayweather recovered giving Oak the ball on its 26 yard line. Coach Poth decided to run the clock on a possession that used 10 running plays by Hales, Robinson, and John Michael Cook (43) and resulted in three first downs. Coleman, Condiff, and Rayburn all added pancakes during this possession. The drive stalled however and Theiss just missed the coffin corner with his 40 yard punt into the end zone. Gilliam started this defensive possession off on the right foot with a tackle behind the line of scrimmage. Phillippe Heusdain (77) almost sacked the quarterback before Palmer made another stop of a Cy Creek receiver. Kenny Williams (33) generated oohs and aahs from the crowd with another Panther defensive highlight reel hit. Thorne Cullivan (8) got in on the action with a couple of tackles on the drive. Cy Creek showed their heart by continuing to battle and move the ball into Oak territory as the 3rd quarter wound down with the score Klein Oak 24 – Cy Creek 0.

Fourth Quarter

Creek finally found the end zone at the end of this 12 play drive started in the 3rd quarter, but not before a M. Hunter fourth down stop on the one yard line was

negated by a penalty. With 11:48 remaining in the game, the Panthers still had the game in hand up 24 – 7. Najvar alertly jumped on the subsequent onside kick and after a holding penalty on the first play moved the ball back to the Klein Oak 43 yard line, the offense lit fire again. The next play looked like a Coach's dream come true on film with all 11 guys contributing to another long touchdown run. T-Rob took the direct snap and ran the option to the right with Hales as the pitch man. He then cut between a seal block by the offensive line and a kick out block by wide receiver Wilson and continued through an alley provided by Rayburn taking the safety off his feet with a cut block and Theiss driving his man to the side line. Now Terrence was off to the races. Towards the end of the play, Najvar who had started on the far left side of the field provided the last block on the play as he blind sided T-Rob's final pursuer. The 57 yard touchdown and subsequent kick by Doerner put Oak up 31 – 7 with 11:13 remaining in the game. Cy Creek was again stymied on their next possession when Matt Burr (44), Jim Chirido (32) and Cullivan laid some hits on the Cougars and Shankle made a juggling interception of Cy Creek's desperation pass. The next series did not go well for the offense and Theiss was forced to punt. His kick sailed 34 yards with no return. Miranda continued with the big hits and Blake Washington (31) defended a pass forcing another Cy Creek punt. This time Arthur took over for DeSean on return duty and brought the ball back 16 yards, but this was again negated by a holding penalty. This drive again went no where and Wilson was the punter this time with a 34 yard effort. Burr, Williams, Eduardo Sereno (35), John Moreno (37) and Cullivan got into the action with some tackles but Cy Creek did not give up and their receiver scored on a 27 yard pass after a nifty double move. The score, which would become final 7 seconds later, was now Klein Oak 31 – Cy Creek 14. An unsuccessful onside kick and a kneel down brought this exciting opening game to a conclusion.

Game Summary

Offensive statistical leaders for the game were as follows: Robinson

(220 yds on 16 carries, 2 TD, 1 reception – 10 yards), Hales (120 yds, 10 carries, 3 receptions, 90 yds, 2 TD's), Theiss (4-8 passing, 100 yds, 1 TD, 1 int), O. Cook (42 yds, 8 carries), and Doerner (4 – 4 PAT, 35 yd Field Goal)

Palmer & Mark Hunter led the team in tackles with 10. Other tackling leaders were as follows: Cullivan – 8, Thomas & Corcoran – 7, Arthur - 6, Muncie and Shankle – 5 each & Mirenda & Williams – 4 each. Hunter led the team in tackles for losses with 3. Other Panthers with tackles in the backfield were – Studdert, Burr, Mirenda (sack), Gilliam, and Arthur (sack). Mirenda, Thomas, Muncie & Arthur all caused fumbles and Mayweather, Hunter, and Rayburn recovered fumbles.

This contest had everything you would want in a football game. The big play Panther offense was all it was billed out to be. This defense probably is the hardest hitting defense in years. And last but not least, the fans were FAN-TASTIC!!!!!! It was so great to see the Klein Oak side of the field packed even at an away venue when the game was delayed for so long. Props to the Klein Oak faithful. The 2007 Varsity Panthers have a few things to still work on (namely penalties) and can't look past a hungry Willis Wildkat team in a couple of weeks, but if this game was any indication, no one should make Thanksgiving vacation plans as we may have some football to watch.

Panthers Send Homecoming Crowd Home Happy with 48 – 0 Rout of Willis Wildkats

In front of a big and raucous Homecoming Crowd, the 2007 Varsity Klein Oak Panther Football Team took care of business with a dominating defensive performance combined with its normal high octane offense to the tune of a 48 – 0 victory over the Willis Wildkats. Oak rolled up 450 total yards compared to only 156 for Willis. To make Homecoming even more special for the Panthers – Senior Defensive End Mark Hunter (81) and Senior Wide Receiver DeSean Hales (3) were both nominated for Homecoming King with DeSean taking home the crown based on voting by their peers.

First Quarter

Trent Doerner (9) opened the game with a booming kickoff and Logan Studdert (42) was the first man to hit the Willis return man who was polished off by Jacobe Shankle at the Willis 25 yard line. Luke Muncie (23) snuffed out the first Wildkat rushing effort, Mark Hunter & Alex Mirenda (24) combined to make the second stop and Cody Davis (84) & Studdert forced Willis to punt by making a stop in the backfield. The Panther offense took the field at their 27 yard line after the punt. Hales started things off with a 19 yard scamper behind blocks by Kevin Forsch (73) & Zach Coleman (76). The offense

followed with a pair of 4 yard runs by Terrence Robinson (7) & Hales. A mis-handled snap on 3rd down stalled this drive but a 38 yard boot by Wes Theiss (4) and a jarring tackle by special teams head hunter Kevin Williams (33) backed Willis deep in their territory. It was three and out for the Wildkats after two stops by Mark Hunter and a pass defended by Craig Palmer (45). Hales gave the Panthers excellent field position with his 22 yard punt return to the Oak 48. Theiss promptly hit tight end Mike Rayburn (46) with a pass over the middle. Rayburn made the safety miss and rumbled for a 33 yard gain. After a sack, QB Theiss hit Robinson for an 8 yard gain and then found Rayburn open behind the linebackers for what looked like another first down. Unfortunately the big tight end could not make the grab and Doerner came on to try a 42 yard field goal. The kick was straight, but just about a yard short of the goal post. Eight minutes into the game and the offense had shown signs of life, but the game was still scoreless. Brian Corcoran (30), Muncie & Davis made plays to force another Willis punt that was returned 12 yards to the Oak 37 by Hales. After a first down gain of only one yard, T-Rob broke the next play for a 62 yard touchdown jaunt behind blocks by Klein Oak's huge tandem of guards – Forsch & Clint Naron (74). Doerner added the point after kick to make the score Klein Oak 7 – Willis 0 with 2:25 left in the first quarter. Demetrich Gilliam (48) made the special teams tackle on the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, Jeremy Mayweather (5) gave the ball back to the Panthers by alertly pouncing on a mis-handled center/QB exchange. The offense was back on the field at the Willis 26 yard line. A holding penalty pushed the Panthers back a little, but Robinson broke the last play of the quarter for 30 yards on a QB draw with key blocks provided at the point of attack by Tyler Condiff (65) and downfield by Andy Wilson (6).

Second Quarter

The drive ended successfully when Theiss hit Hales with a perfect strike in the end zone for a 10 yard touchdown. Another Doerner PAT gave the good

guys a 14 – 0 lead with only 6 seconds off the second quarter clock. Shankle made his second tackle on special teams to stop Willis on the 32 yard line. Willis achieved its initial first down of the game, but only because of a Panther personal foul. Tackles by Sam Cotto (40) & Mayweather were followed by a run blitz by Mirenda that jarred the ball loose from the Wildkat carrier. Studdert pounced on the fumble to give the Oak defense its second take away of the game. Provided another short field to work with Robinson struck gold with his first pass attempt of the year. His 45 yard bomb found Hales open for his second TD grab of the game. Again Doerner provided the extra point to make the score Klein Oak 21 – Willis 0 with 8:32 to go in the half. The defense continued its stellar play this time with Scott Arthur (10) & Chase Thomas (34) getting in on the action. After a short punt, the offense was back on the field at its own 47 yard line. A couple of backwards runs followed by an incomplection led to Theiss' second punt. This 41 yard effort settled at the Willis 18 yard line. Willis was finally able to gain a couple of first downs (this time without the benefit of a penalty) but Mark Hunter caused a fumble to push Willis back and after an incomplection the Wildkats brought on their very busy punter. This time DeSean returned the kick 11 yards to the 21. Three running plays and a 46 yard punt with out a return by Theiss gave the ball to Willis with a few seconds left in the half. Mayweather stopped the play to send the teams to the locker room with the score Klein Oak 21 – Willis 0. At Half Time – Pageantry was everywhere as the homecoming court was introduced and the Homecoming King - our own DeSean Hales & Homecoming Queen – Mercedes Guitron were crowned. Mark Hunter served as a member of the court. Congratulations to DeSean and Mercedes. We are sure they will represent Klein Oak well.

Third Quarter

Obviously scared of Oak's deep return men, Willis attempted a pooch kickoff in the second half that was alertly fair caught by Arthur at the Oak 36.

Ossam Cook (22) got in on the offensive action with an 11 yard scamper behind a pancake by Coleman. Robinson added a 12 yard run with blocking help from fellow QB Theiss. After an incompleton, T-Rob busted for another first down with an 11 yard run & Ossam was sprung for 9 more by an outstanding block by Kenneth Hunter (75). After a touchdown run by Hales was called back by holding, a well designed Theiss to Robinson screen pass netted 23 yards. Robinson then took it the last three yards behind Forsch for his 3rd TD of the night. Doerner added the kick to put the Panthers up 28 – 0 with 10:04 remaining in the 3rd. Studdert pinned Willis deep in their end at the 14 with an open field stop on the kick off. Mark Hunter made a stop followed by Mayweather snuffing out a pitch play. Palmer brought down the receiver on a pass in the flat to force yet another Willis punt. This kick went out of bounds at their own 45 giving the Panther “O” great field position once again. The next drive was the T-Rob show with Terrence rushing for 44 of the 45 yards on three carries with the longest being a 37 yard effort behind pulling guard Naron. The PAT was not good this time making the score Klein Oak 34 – Willis 0 with 5:53 remaining in the third. After the kickoff went out of bounds, Willis started from their 30 and went nowhere thanks to plays by Thomas, Muncie, and Cotto. DeSean returned this punt 14 yards but ran approximately 80 yards from side to side during the effort. After another long touchdown was called back due to holding, Theiss hit Rayburn for a 12 yard gain, and then passed to Arthur for 5 positive yards. Ossam ran for 9 behind a pancake by offensive game MVP Forsch. Showing their depth, another Panther runner – Walt Williams (21) provided back to back first down carries that netted 27 yards. Theiss then decided to show off his running skills with a 4 yard run around right end with lead blocking provided by Kenny Hunter. Doerner was again accurate on the PAT making the score Panthers 41 – Wildkats 0 with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter. On the ensuing kickoff, John Moreno (37), special teams MVP for the game, parted Willis’ kick returner from the football to give Oak it’s third take-away of the

game and another short field at the Willis 23 yard line. John Michael Cook (43) started things off with a 3 yard run plus a penalty that took the ball down to the 10. Andy Wilson stepped in at QB and showed some tough running with a 9 yard carry down to the 1 behind blocking provided by Matt Johnstone (59), Ryan Rivera (60), and Ryan Bump (12). The third quarter ended on this play with the Panthers still up 41 – 0.

Fourth Quarter

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Wilson finished the scoring for the night with a one yard run behind blocking provided by Bradley Benditz (71), Steven Musslewhite (82) & Kyle McLeland (62). Another successful point after made the score Klein Oak 48 – Willis 0 with 11:56 remaining in the game. With the Panthers bringing in a bunch of fresh defenders, Willis took over again on offense and moved the ball a little. The drive included tackles by Eduardo Sereno (35), Kilraine Jones (25), Lee Bell (2), Matt Burr (44), Thorne Cullivan (8), Kenny Williams & Blake Washington (31). Willis was forced to punt once again after Marc Lopez (13) broke up a 3rd down pass play. Cullivan returned the kick for 2 yards and Oak's offense came back and started this drive at their 38 yard line. The only down moment of the game came as Wilson broke his left collar bone on the first running play of this series. Injuries are part of football, but it always hard to see one of our own go down with one. Mr. Wilson is such a tough competitor; it wouldn't be surprising to see him back on the field before the end of the year. The game continued with Theiss back in at QB. John Michael Cook (43) carried 4 times for 20 yards behind McLeland, Ryan Koch (54), & Rivera. The drive stalled and kicker turned back-up punter Doerner came in and booted a nice 33 yard kick with Sereno & Moreno making the special teams play. Phillippe Heusdain (77), Anthony Breedlove (38), Burr, & Jim Chirido (32) all had outstanding hits on the drive. Willis did complete a long pass, but Steven Dean (41) made a TD saving tackle to preserve the Panther shutout. Time would finally

run out on the Wildkats with the final score Klein Oak Panthers 48 – Willis Wildkats 0.

Game Summary

Offensive statistical leaders for the game were as follows: Robinson (170 yds on 17 carries, 3 rushing TDs, 2 receptions – 32 yards, 2-3 passing, 69 yards, 1 TD), Hales (26 yds, 4 carries, 3 receptions, 75 yds, 2 TD's), Theiss (6-9 passing, 90 yds, 1 TD, 5 yds on 2 carries, 1 rushing TD), Rayburn (2 receptions, 45 yds), O. Cook (30 yds, 4 carries), W. Williams (29 yds, 3 carries), J.M. Cook (20 yds, 4 carries), Arthur (1 reception, 7 yds), Wilson (11 yds, 3 carries, TD) and Doerner (6 – 7 PAT).

Safeties K. Williams & Muncie led the team in tackles with 9 & 8 respectively. Other leading tacklers were defensive game MVP M. Hunter with 7 including one for a loss, Mirinda, Arthur and Thomas - 6 each, Cotto & Palmer – 5 each, & Studdert, Shankle, & Dean with 4 each. Mirinda, M. Hunter & Moreno all caused fumbles and Mayweather, Studdert, and Moreno recovered fumbles.

This homecoming victory brings the record of the 2007 Varsity Klein Oak Panthers Football Team to 2 Wins against No defeats. The Panthers dominated on both sides of the ball and had virtually the entire roster of players provide positive plays in the effort. Next on the Agenda – The Magnolia Bulldogs at Klein Memorial Stadium on Thursday night. Stay Focused – Stay Hungry – and Keep the Train Rolling. Oak'em Panthers.

Klein Oak Panthers Run 2007 Record to 3 – 0 Pound the Magnolia Bulldogs 41 - 14

On a beautiful Thursday night at Klein Memorial Stadium, the 2007 Varsity Klein Oak Panther Football Team kept their 2007 record spotless with another strong performance against a non-district foe. The offense showed a more diverse look with over 200 yards passing to go along with the always potent ground attack. The defense continued its dominance over the opponent's defense – this week neutralizing the Bulldog option attack. The Panthers raced out to a 34 – 0 lead before settling on the final score of 41 – 14 after giving up a couple of late touchdowns.

First Quarter

Trent Doerner (9) kicked deep to open the game and Jacobe Shankle (26) made the special teams play to give Magnolia the ball on its 35 yard line.

Sophomore Luke Muncie (23) snuffed out the first run attempt. Magnolia did manage a couple of first downs on the drive, and Craig Palmer (45) had to catch the Magnolia QB from behind to prevent a score. The defenses stiffened as Muncie, Chase Thomas (34), Alex Mirenda (24), and Defensive Game MVP – Mark Hunter (81) all made big plays. Magnolia was forced into a 37 yard field goal attempt that was unsuccessful giving the Oak offense its first chance on the 20. Terrence Robinson (7) started things off with a 12 yard gain around left end after being sprung by left tackle – Kenny Hunter (75). Terrence then faked the end around to DeSean Hales (3) and added 22 more yards to his growing rushing total for the year. QB Wes Theiss (4) made it 3 straight plays and 3 first downs with an 11 yard completion to Hales. After another 5 yard completion from Theiss to DeSean, T-Rob followed Zach Coleman (76) up the middle for 11 yards. Ossam Cook (22) took over with two rushes for 16 yards, the last 6 for the score behind stellar blocking by Kenny Hunter, Tyler Condiff (65), and Kevin Forsch (73). Doerner split the uprights to make the score 7 – 0 in favor of Oak with 4:15 remaining in the first quarter. After Kenny Williams (33) made the tackle on the ensuing kickoff, Muncie was back in on the action again forcing a fumble on the option pitch. Another tackle by Luke followed by a third down stop by Thomas forced Magnolia into their first punt. Klein Oak's offense set up shop on its 27. After a couple of T-Rob carries, Hales scampered for the first down behind the blocking of tight end Mike Rayburn (46) and big Clint Naron (74). The first quarter clock wound down with the score Klein Oak 7 – Magnolia 0.

Second Quarter

The first play of the second stanza was a beautiful pass by Theiss to Robinson over his outside

shoulder that netted 22 yards and another Panther first down. T-Rob ran for 14 yards behind the downfield blocking of receivers Hales and Chris Starr (14). Wes then fooled everyone with a nifty QB draw that netted 11 yards with the help of Naron & Coleman. DeSean ran for 7 and then Robinson scored on a 9 yard run that featured a super-sonic spin move that was barely able to be caught on film. Trent hit the kick straight and the score with 10:13 remaining in the half was Panthers 14 – Bulldogs 0. Magnolia's third possession started on their 20 yard line. The Bulldogs thought about passing, but Mirenda sacked the quarterback to show them the error of that strategy. Muncie & Thomas shut down the drive, but not before defensive tackle, Sam Cotto (40) went down with a neck stinger. Sam was held out of the rest of the game, but recovered nicely in practice the next week. The offense took over again on the 30. Ossam followed lead blockers Kenny Hunter & Forsch for a 15 yard gain. Theiss then hit Rayburn over the middle for a 13 yard first down. After an incomplection, Coach Poth called the "Jail Break" screen to T-Rob. This nicely designed play coupled with some hard to believe speed, resulted in a 40 yard touchdown throw, catch and run. Another accurate kick by Doerner caused the scoreboard to read Oak 21 – Magnolia 0 with 5:22 remaining in the half. Magnolia gained a couple of first downs but Mark Hunter & Muncie continued to deal out punishment. The young defensive back was driven from the game by an injured hand which was later determined to be minor. Kenny Williams filled in nicely for Luke by teaming with Thomas for a stop and Mark Hunter stuffed Magnolia 7 yards deep in the backfield. With their backs to the wall, the Bulldogs tried one more time to pass, this time getting it off, but the throw found the arms of Scott Arthur (10) who returned it to Klein Oak's 30 yard line. Coach Smith doesn't call many plays during a game, so he tries to make them count. He decided it was time for the skinny post to Hales. Theiss liked the call also and hit the speedy UT bound receiver in stride 30 yards downfield. DeSean covered the last 40 yards in record time. Doerner, suffering from muscle fatigue due to the rapid fire offense, was off

the mark. The score was now Good Guys – 27 – Not as Good Guys – 0 with 1:14 remaining in the half. Mark Hunter pounced on a fumble on Magnolia's next play, but despite a 13 yard strike from Wes to T-Rob the offense stalled and Doerner came on for a 42 yard field goal attempt. The kick had the distance, but was wide left sending the teams to their respective locker rooms with the halftime score – Klein Oak Panthers 27 – Magnolia Bulldogs 0.

Third Quarter

Worried about the deep return men, many teams have resorted to short pooch kicks when kicking off to the Panthers. Jeremy Mayweather (5) may make teams think twice about this strategy. The speedy defensive back returned Magnolia's pooch kick 31 yards and almost broke it all the way to give Klein Oak great field position at the Magnolia 36 yard line. For once, the offense did not capitalize on the great field position as the drive stalled after 14 yards rushing by both Cook & Robinson bringing on Doerner to attempt a 23 yard field goal. As it turned out, the senior kicker was suffering from a groin strain, which contributed to the second missed field goal of the game. Not all was lost as Magnolia was stuck deep in its own end of the field. Cody Davis (84), Logan Studdert (42), K. Williams & Thomas made sure the drive went nowhere. Magnolia's punt found the one place they did not want it to go – into the hands of Mr. Hales. DeSean made the visitors pay by sprinting 58 yards for the team's first special teams score of the season. Doerner was back on the mark and the score was now Oak 34 – Magnolia 0 with 3:49 still showing on the 3rd quarter clock. The score would stay this way through the end of the quarter as Magnolia mounted a sustained drive. Andrew Holley (28) & Demetrich Gilliam (48) made some key stops, and Kevin Williams provided a great tackle in the backfield before the quarter ended.

Fourth Quarter

Magnolia showed that they weren't about to pack it

in and go home by continuing this offensive possession successfully into the fourth quarter. Despite good plays by Thorne Cullivan (8), Arthur and Studdert, Magnolia put their first points on the board using strong running by their QB on a keeper with 55 seconds off the fourth quarter clock. The Panthers were still up 34 – 7 at this time. A great kickoff by the Bulldog kicker pinned the Panther offense deep in its own territory. T-Rob started the drive with an 8 yard gain, but the ball squirted loose, and was recovered by an opportunistic Bulldog defense. Two plays later, Magnolia's QB had his second score of the game. With 10:02 remaining in the game the scoreboard read – Klein Oak 34 – Magnolia 14. After giving up two scores in less than two minutes of the final stanza, it was time for the Panthers to regain their composure. Again pinned deep in their territory on the 9 yard line it was time to light up the high octane attack once more. Robinson was sprung at the point of attack by a good block from Rayburn and received extra help down field by Theiss & Starr. The speedy athlete was brought down 63 yards later deep in Magnolia territory. The Panther faithful in the stands breathed a sigh of relief. Robinson reeled off another 14 yard run again with help from Rayburn, Theiss, & Kenny Hunter. Walt Williams (21) got in for a couple of carries netting 8 yards and an important 4th down conversion. After Theiss was sacked, the “Jail Break” screen was again employed and with the help of a crushing block by Coleman, Terrence found the end one for his 3rd touchdown of the day and Wes' third TD pass of the game. Trent was again on the mark and the score was a more comfortable – Oak 41 – Magnolia 14. Magnolia took over one last time on their 27 after special team's game MVP Kenny Williams made another stop. Josh Brewer (56) gave the team a couple of nice stops to hold up the Bulldogs. Jim Chirido (32), Eduardo Sereno (35), Matt Burr (44), & John Moreno (37) all contributed big hits on the drive as time wound down. Once the clock chimed zero, the final score was – Klein Oak Panthers 41 – Magnolia Bulldogs 14.

Game Summary

Offensive statistical leaders for the game were as follows: Robinson (175 yds on 15 carries, 4 receptions – 112 yards, 3 TDs), Hales (40 yds, 5 carries, 3 receptions 90 yds, 1 TD reception, 58 yard punt return for TD), Offensive Game MVP Theiss (8-14 passing, 204 yds, 3 TD passes, 15 yds on 4 carries), Rayburn (1 reception, 13 yds), O. Cook (51 yds, 7 carries, 1 TD), W. Williams (8 yds, 2 carries) and Doerner (5 – 6 PAT).

Defensive Game MVP Mark Hunter led the team in tackles with 12 (5 for losses). Other leading tacklers were Kenny Williams with 10 including one for a loss, Muncie - 8, Thomas - 7, Arthur – 5, & Studdert, Corcoran, Mirenda (1 for loss), Cullivan, & Mayweather with 4 each. Mayweather, Cotto & M. Hunter caused fumbles and Mark also recovered one.

The defeat of the Magnolia Bulldogs brings the record of the 2007 Varsity Klein Oak Panthers to 3 Wins – 0 losses. Another fine effort by the Panthers will be used as a building block as the team looks forward to exacting revenge on the Woodlands Highlanders at Morehead Stadium in Conroe on Thursday night. Keep up the good work players. Oak'em Panthers.

