



Centennial vs. La Joya 10.15.10

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As they have demonstrated in the past several weeks, Centennial showed focus early which allowed for some real fun late.

In a game that got out of hand in the first quarter, the Coyotes' players and fans cheered loudly as Swedish foreign exchange student Isaac Sennerholt spearheaded a fourth quarter drive with 6 carries for 29 yards that culminated in his 1-yard TD burst.

Sennerholt's was one of four different players to score for the Coyotes, all part of a 49-7 win over La Joya on Friday night in Avondale.

"When I play in Sweden, we have about 15 people at our games watching so this is just great. I really came to the right school," added Sennerholt, who is affectionately called 'Sweden' by his teammates.

The Coyotes (7-0) were on point from the opening kickoff.

After a big pass play from Troy Hawthorne to Zach Hoffpauir and a long run by Vegas Johnson moved Centennial deep into La Joya territory, Johnson barged in from 1-yard out for a 7-0 lead.

And the rout was on.

Hawthorne would find Jalen Ortiz on a nice 13-yard screen pass to the left for a 14-0 lead on the next series, the first of two scores for the sophomore Ortiz.

Johnson capped a two play drive when he scored his second TD of the night (his 15th of the season) on a 6-yard scamper with 1:28 remaining in the first quarter. The run was set up by a Hawthorne-to-Julien Singleton 28 yard pass.

And while the Coyotes defense was keeping the Lobos all-everything back DJ Hubbard in check, Ortiz kept the offensive show center stage.

A three-and-out series by La Joya that started the fourth quarter was immediately followed by a 40-yard TD run by Ortiz, his 7th of the season, all 23 yards or longer.

Ortiz would display his defensive prowess on the very next series when his blocked punt led to a Hawthorne-to-Hoffpauir 27 yard TD catch that upped the Coyotes lead to 35-0 at the 8:03 mark of the second quarter.

Hawthorne would find Hoffpauir again, this time from 30 yards out, that resulted in a 42-0 halftime advantage.

"Coach Taylor tells me that I can score everytime I touch the ball so that is what I try and do," the humble Ortiz offered. "I have all the confidence in my line so if I do my job, we usually can score."

The very electric Hubbard was stymied for most of the game, gaining just 36 yards on 12 carries in the first half. The speedster would get loose finally late in the game when he broke off a 42-yard run as time expired.

Hubbard wound up with 115 yards (79 in the second half) on 19 carries.