



Hillsboro's Isaiah Stokes taking a pitch from QB Josiah Thyne. Contributed photo by Eli Stokes.



Hillsboro's Hayden Stahlke pulls De Soto's Evan Pedretti to the ground in the backfield for a sack in the opening quarter of Friday's game. HSE photo by Nate Beier.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: HILLSBORO 6, DESOTO 38

# Tigers topped by 5 touchdowns

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A fourth-quarter touchdown prevented a shutout, but that was the lone silver lining for the Hillsboro Tigers in a Week 5 defeat.

Coming off its first win of the season last week against Riverdale, Hillsboro was unable to follow it up with another.

The De Soto Pirates (4-1 overall, 3-0 Ridge & Valley) raced past the Tigers (1-4, 1-1) 38-6 Friday, September 7 in De Soto.

There was no scoring in the first quarter, but the Pirates broke out for a trio of touchdowns in the second. De Soto senior running back

Aiden Brosinski found the end zone thrice in the quarter, scoring on runs of 30, 5 and 29 yards.

He would punch in a pair of touchdowns from one and two yards out, respectively, in the third quarter and early in the fourth. All told, Brosinski went off for 204 yards and five touchdowns on 21 carries.

Hillsboro finally got on the board in the final minute of the game when sophomore running back Ervin Novacheck hammered one in from one yard out on just his second

carry of the game.

Sophomore running back/wide receiver Isaiah Stokes led the Tigers with 70 yards on 16 rushes, junior quarterback Josiah Thyne added 21 on yards on 11 carries and junior running back Billy Stekel had 17 yards on six

attempts. As a team, Hillsboro went for 109 yards and one touchdown on the ground in 35 carries on a night where it didn't complete a pass.

The Tigers will hope to get back on track when they welcome in the Boscobel Bulldogs (0-5, 0-3) for a Week 6 Ridge & Valley matchup Friday, September 24 at 7 p.m. in Hillsboro.

Hillsboro quarterback Josiah Thyne is turned back at the end of a run by the De Soto defense in the first quarter of Friday's Ridge and Valley Conference game. HSE photo by Nate Beier.



HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Hillsboro volleyball outlasts Royall in five sets, swept by Bangor

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The Hillsboro volleyball team had an up-and-down week that featured them outlasting Royall in a dramatic five-set match, but also suffering their first conference loss of the season.

The week started with the Tigers squeaking past the Panthers 25-17, 24-26, 25-17, 14-25, 15-11 in a five-set thriller Tuesday, September 14 in Hillsboro.

Hillsboro freshman Michelyn Hansen finished with 14 kills, six block, 13 digs and 18 assists, junior Toni Mitchell accrued nine

kills, five aces, five blocks, 12 digs and 16 assists, senior Malia Liska notched 11 kills, nine digs and five blocks and sophomore Peyton Sullivan had 12 digs.

Royall sophomore Marah Gruen went off for 29 kills, 15 digs and five blocks. Four other Panthers finished with double-digit digs: senior Makayla Martin with 19, sophomore Brooklyn Gruen with 17, senior Maycie Vierck with 13 and senior Emma Green with 10.

The Tigers didn't have such luck against Bangor. The Cardinals swept past Hillsboro 25-16, 25-22, 25-18 Thursday, September 16 in Bangor.

For Hillsboro, Hansen put up 14

kills, four aces, 10 digs and eight assists, Liska notched eight kills and eight digs, Mitchell had 14 assists and Sullivan finished with 11 digs.

The Tigers next host New Lisbon Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. and then visit Necedah Thursday, September 23 at 7:15 p.m.

Elsewhere in Scenic Bluffs play throughout the week, the Wonewoc-Center Wolves picked up a pair of sweeps over Necedah and Royall.

The Wolves first went out on the road and breezed past the Cardinals 25-17, 25-13, 25-10 Tuesday, September 14 in Necedah.

Kelsey Justman led the way with a team-high 13 kills, Shelby Justman added 11 kills, Nicole Totzke had 8 kills and Jaelyn Stowe finished with 33 assists and five aces.

Wonewoc-Center followed it up by sweeping Royall 25-17, 25-17, 25-11 Thursday, September 16 in Wonewoc. Kelsey Justman fired in 12 kills, Justman contributed nine kills, Totzke finished with seven kills and four blocks and Stowe had 23 assists.

For the Panthers, Marah Gruen led with eight kills and seven digs and Brooklyn Gruen added 12 assists and five digs.

Wonewoc-Center will welcome

in Brookwood for a Scenic Bluffs matchup Tuesday, September 21 at 7:15 p.m.

Royall was also in action early this week in a loss to Bangor. The Cardinals outlasted the Panthers in a tight four sets 25-22, 25-20, 23-25, 25-23 Monday, September 20 in Elroy.

Marah Gruen once again set the pace with 20 kills and 14 digs, sophomore Kasey Jones had eight kills, Makayla Martin added 13 digs and Brooklyn Gruen dished up 35 assists.

The Panthers will next welcome in Cashton for a conference match Thursday, September 23 at 7:15 p.m. in Elroy.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Royall falls to Luther after adventurous second half

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The Royall Panthers and the Onalaska Luther Knights found themselves locked in a scoreless draw at halftime of their Week 5 Scenic Bluffs matchup. It was Luther who made the biggest move in the second half.

The Knights (3-2 overall, 2-1 Scenic Bluffs) found the end zone three times over the final 24 minutes to pull out at 22-6 win over the Panthers (2-3, 0-3) Friday, September 17 in Onalaska.

Luther senior quarterback Dillon Yang scored on a five-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to get the scoring started, then found senior running back Elias Bolstad for a four-yard touchdown pass. Yang scored once more in the fourth

on a 37-yard run to make it a 22-0 ballgame.

Royall senior running back Bryce Gruen got loose for a 33-yard touchdown run to get the Panthers on the board, but it was too little, too late for any sort of comeback bid.

Gruen set the pace for Royall with 141 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries. Sophomore quarterback Gunnar Wopat completed 6 of 10 passes for 60 yards. Senior Ethan Palamaruk led the team with 14 total tackles.

Yang led the Knights with 89 yards and two touchdowns on 15 rushes, while also throwing for 102 yards and a touchdown on 9-of-14 passing.

The Panthers were to welcome Bangor (4-0, 2-0) in conference play Friday, September 24 in Elroy, however the game has since been cancelled.

### AREA SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### HILLSBORO FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 24 ..... BOSCOBEL  
Oct. 1 ..... WAUZECA-STEUBEN  
Oct. 9 ..... @ Highland  
Oct. 15 ..... @ Ithaca

#### HILLSBORO VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 27 ..... BROOKWOOD  
Sept. 28 ..... WONEWOC-CENTER  
Sept. 30 ..... @ Royall  
Oct. 7 ..... @ Wonewoc-Center  
Oct. 12 ..... QUAD  
Oct. 14 ..... CASHTON

#### HILLSBORO CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 25 ..... @ Fennimore  
Oct. 1 ..... @ Wisconsin Dells  
Oct. 9 ..... @ Riverdale  
Oct. 16 ..... @ Bangor

#### ROYALL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 1 ..... @ Brookwood  
Oct. 7 ..... @ Cashton  
Oct. 15 ..... DE SOTO

#### ROYALL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 23 ..... CASHTON  
Sept. 25 ..... Tourney @ Westfield  
Sept. 27 ..... @ New Lisbon  
Sept. 30 ..... HILLSBORO  
Oct. 5 ..... @ Bangor  
Oct. 7 ..... @ Cashton  
Oct. 12 ..... @ Brookwood  
Oct. 14 ..... NECEDAH

#### ROYALL CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Oct. 1 ..... @ Wisconsin Dells  
Oct. 5 ..... @ Tomah  
Oct. 9 ..... @ Riverdale  
Oct. 16 ..... @ New Lisbon

#### WONEWOC-CENTER/WESTON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 24 ..... @ Neenah  
Oct. 2 ..... OAKFIELD

#### WONEWOC-CENTER VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 27 ..... BANGOR  
Oct. 2 ..... Tourney @ Belmont  
Oct. 4 ..... CASHTON  
Oct. 5 ..... NEW LISBON  
Oct. 7 ..... HILLSBORO

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## Flashback: Wonewoc-Center vs. Royall

Wonewoc-Center's Stacie Kopenhafer celebrates a point for the Wolves during a game earlier in the season at Royall. Royall went on to win this season opener, securing three sets out of four. HSE photo by Nate Beier.