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## Sparta tops Mauston; earns first victory at Memorial Field since Week 7 of 2019 campaign

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Coming off of a tough match up against a good Baldwin-Woodville team, the Spartan football team was looking to catch its first victory of the season in a week two match up against Mauston.

The game was held on Monday after weather conditions postponed the original Friday matchup. The Spartans held a 20-6 lead at the end of the first half and didn't step off the gas, winning the home opener 39-14.

Senior running back, Nick Kent, didn't have the monster game week one like he is used to. Kent scored the first two touchdowns of the game. His first touchdown was a eight yard run late in the first quarter to give the Spartans a 7-0 lead and the only score of the quarter. His second touchdown came in the second quarter after Kent busted out for a 28 yard run for the second score of the game for the Spartans to extend the lead to 14. Running back Nick Kent finished the game with 13 carries, 113 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

The next score for the Spartans was a interception returned to the house by junior defensive back Dain Pitsenberger. The junior defensive back picked off Mauston's Spencer Lehman late in the second quarter for a 22 yard interception return. It was the Spartans second

interception of the year and just one of two interceptions for the game.

The second interception was grabbed by senior defensive back and wide receiver Chris Jacobs. The interception would be Jacob's first of the year. With the defense adding two more interceptions to their season total and a season first defensive touchdown, the Spartan defense secondary now has three interceptions on the year in just two games! The defense has also not allowed more than 20 points in either of the first two games of the season.

Another big performer for the Spartans was the first year starter and sophomore quarterback, Thomas Laufenberg, who recorded his first 200 yard passing game and first touchdown of his varsity career. Laufenberg's only passing touchdown of the game came in

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**A LOOK BACK**

**Friday, Oct. 4, 2019**

**Sparta defeated La Crosse Central 38-33 in the home finale.**

*That was the last home win for the Spartans. Sparta went 3-0 at home that season, but failed to claim a victory at Memorial Field last year in games with Eau Claire Memorial and Superior.*



**RIGHT** Sparta's Layden Off is hoisted into the air by Hayden Brueggeman after scoring a touchdown in the third quarter of Monday's nonconference contest. Off scored on a six-yard scamper to put Sparta up 33-6.

**LEFT** Sparta's Chris Jacobs makes a cut back to shake a tackle attempt by Mauston's Spenser Lehman on the Spartans' opening drive of Monday's game. Herald photos by Nate Beier.



The Tomah volleyball team picked up its first league win of the season after overcoming an 0-2 deficit against Sparta Tuesday night. Tomah will take on MVC frontrunner, Holmen, tonight. Herald photo by Bob Kliebenstein.

## Tomah Completes Turbulent Comeback Bid

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On Tuesday Tomah high school's girls volleyball team took on the Sparta Spartans in an exciting five-set match.

Sparta opened the

and take that set by a four-point margin, winning 25-21. The momentum from the win carried over into the fourth set where the Timberwolves were able to tie the match at two apiece after edging Sparta 25-22 to send it into a fifth and final set.

The final set was anything but an easy win for Tomah. Both teams battled for position early, but Tomah was able to squeeze out a 15-13 victory in the final set to secure the 3-2 match win over cross-county rival, Sparta.

The comeback by the Timberwolves was led by Lauren North who had 24 kills and 15 digs in this match. Asha Eckelberg contributed with 30 assists and two aces. Hannah Walters contributed with 1 ace and 23 digs as well.

Sparta was lead by Kayla Fabry with 20 kills, 2 aces, 2 blocks, and 12. Anna Blaha was a key contributor with 13 kills and 7 digs. Macy Oswald had 1 kill in the match as well. Abby Schell assisted on 40 assists and 3 Aces in the loss.

Both Sparta and Tomah are 1-1 in league play.

Tomah will face off against MVC title hopeful, Holmen, at home on Thursday at 7. Sparta has Thursday night off and will return to league action next Tuesday when they travel to Holmen.

match with back-to-back wins and appeared to be on its way to a three-set sweep. However, Tomah had other plans as they bounced back with victories in the final three sets to claim its first MVC win of the season.

In the first set, the Spartans were able to squeeze out a three-point victory, 25-22. They were able to win the second set 25 to 18.

In the third set, the Timberwolves were able to gain some momentum



Tomah's Lauren North squeezes an attack between Sparta's Kayla Fabry (10) and Josie Edwards (4) during Tuesday's match. Herald photo by Nate Beier.