

He's in his Comfort zone

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The Beamsville Bucs (5-1) erased the sting of last week's loss to Sir Winston Churchill with an impressive 35-7 victory over the banged up A. N. Myer Marauders (3-3) in Varsity 1 football action Friday.

"We were a little disappointed in last week because we had momentum going our way, but they ended up with the result," Bucs coach John Pellow said. "I think we had to make a statement that we're still a team to beat in this league and we came out fired up."

One player who was certainly fired up was offensive/defensive end Colin Comfort, who had a strong game blocking while contributing a sack and a fumble recovery.



"You can count on him every play and he's on the field all game long," Pellow said.

The six-foot, 190-pounder derives his stamina from working out and working on his parents' dairy farm. Comfort admitted to being a bit surprised by the Bucs' success this season.

"We kind of thought it would also be like last year," the 17-year-old said. "Last year, we only won two games and we lost a bunch of good players, but other teams lost good players, too."

The Grade 12 student's expectations for the season changed after a season-opening 15-14 victory over Governor Simcoe.

"Generally, they beat us or we tie them, and we beat them," he said.

On the other side of the ball, things went from bad to worse for Myer. Already missing two running backs to injury from the previous week, the Marauders lost tailback Brandon Murray with an injury as well as their starting and backup quarterbacks.

"We're devastated with injuries and sickness, but it's not an excuse," Myer coach Dave Sauer said. "They played better than us on both sides of the ball."

Sauer is hoping to get back some of his players for Thursday's quarter-final game.

"We've just got to see what happens on Monday and work from there," he said.

Bulldogs 28 Phoenix 3

The visiting Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs (6-0) clinched a coin flip for first seed in the Varsity 1 playoffs by defeating the St. Francis Phoenix (1-5).

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Alex Christie on runs of one and seven yards; Ryan Saunders on a 29-yard run; and Alex Coutu on a 20-yard pass from Nathan Fawcett.

Josh Brown-Myrie had an interception for Churchill and Jarod Cardas and Jeff Finley each contributed two sacks.

Jonathan De Luca kicked the field goal for the Phoenix.

Raiders 48 Hornets 21

The Holy Cross Raiders (6-0) also clinched a coin flip for top seed in the Varsity 1 playoffs with Thursday night by defeating the Stamford Hornets under the lights.

"We couldn't stop them," Hornets assistant coach Gary Mac-Donald said. "They are a very good team."

Cory Pattison led the way for Holy Cross with three rushing touchdowns and two interceptions. Jordan Davis added two rushing majors and single TDs on runs were scored by Matt Sills and Dillon Granger. Zach Korsmit added an interception for the Raiders.

"I think we're really coming together at the right time," Raiders coach Jim Craig said. "It was a good game that we had against St. Francis (last week). It really showed that we have to do things right all the time and I thought it was our best game of the year (Thursday) night."

Robbie Farquharson scored on TD runs of 30 and 45 yards for Stamford and quarterback Cam Brockwell had the other major on a one-yard play.

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Bucs 35 Marauders 7

Standard Star of the Game: Beamsville's Adam Cherrie nine carries for 156 yards, including TD runs of 40, 14 and 49 yards, and a 53-yard TD pass to Nigel Vidler.

For the Beamsville Bucs: Cherrie, three TDs; Vidler, TD; five-yard TD run by Austin Glover; interception by Kenny Mills; sack and fumble recovery by Colin Comfort; sack by Erik Kinnunen; Drew Christie, eight carries for 50 yards. For the A. N. Myer Marauders: Jake Douglas, 10 carries for 47 yards, including two-yard TD run; Brandon Murray, 10 carries for 41 yards.

Game stats: First downs: BDSS 11, ANM [11](#). Netoffence (pass-run= total): BDSS 53-247=300, ANM 43-101-144. Turnovers: BDSS 1, ANM 3. Penalties: BDSS 7-for-17 yards, ANM 3-for-20 yards.

Up next: Beamsville will host Westlane in quarter-final action Thursday at 2 p. m.