

Power game

Bulldogs run roughshod over Ramblers in blowout

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The Romeo Bulldogs have been nothing if not consistent this season - and the Fraser Ramblers found that out the hard way Friday as they lost 41-7 to the surging Bulldogs, who remained undefeated on the year.

"I told them I wanted them to come out with energy at the beginning of the game and I thought they did that," said Romeo co-coach Jason Couch. "They definitely came out with winning on their minds."

So far this season, the Bulldogs have outscored opponents by a margin of 159-29.

Romeo was coming off an emotional win over the reigning state champion Dakota Cougars last week and Couch admits he was a little worried that his team would be emotionally or physically fatigued after that game.

"I was a little worried, no doubt," he said. "I was worried

that there might be some sort of a let down but to their credit, they didn't let that happen and I'm proud of them."

The Bulldogs scored fast and they scored furiously early on, racking up 21 points in the first quarter alone.

They opened up the game by marching 78 yards nonstop down the field — with the Ramblers' defense pretty much at their mercy — and scoring on a Benjamin Brown short run into the end zone less than two minutes into the game.

The Fraser offense responded by going three and out and allowing the Bulldogs' offense back on the field to again. Romeo marched straight down the field and scored on a 62-yard drive that again ended with a Brown touchdown run with 7:29 left in the first to make the game 14-0.

The Bulldogs scored again when Brown ran one in from 14 yards out with less than a minute left in the first quarter.

"(Brown) was really strong for us tonight," Couch said. "He had

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Romeo running back Benjamin Brown hurdles Fraser's Chris McCall en route to a touchdown.

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nine carries for 105 yards and we had to pull him midway through the second because he was hurt so I'd say those were some good numbers."

Brown suffered a sprained ankle during the second quarter and would not return to the game.

In the second quarter, the pace slowed somewhat until Robert Ginter ran the ball in for the Bulldogs six minutes before half time to make the score 28-0.

To add insult to injury for the Ramblers' faithful, kicker Robert Flinn booted in a field goal from the 14-yard line with 2.5 seconds left to make the score 31-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, both teams seemed to find themselves plagued by a bevy of penalties that slowed the game down.

"That's definitely something I want to work on," Couch said. "If there was a weakness to our game tonight, that was definitely it."

The Romeo starters only played one offensive series in the second half before being sidelined for the remainder of the game.

At the 6:46 mark in the third quarter Flinn shocked the home crowd when he booked in a 49-yard field goal that actually elicited groans from the crowd.

On the night, Flinn was perfect in extra points and field goals.



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Romeo defenders James Kern (12) and John Bacci (55) bear down on Fraser running back Chris McCall during the Bulldogs' 41-7 victory over the Ramblers.

"You know, he was hurt last week and hasn't been playing and even this week we didn't have him doing kickoffs but he was really strong tonight," Couch said.

Fraser finally made it on to the scoreboard with 1:13 left in the third when Chris McCall scored on a 4 yard-run but it wasn't enough to spark a comeback for the Ramblers.

Romeo's final score came at the 7:07 mark in the fourth when Jacob Alcini ran in the ball from 7 yards out to mark the final

score of 41-7.

On the day, Romeo's quarterback Richard Roth had 12 carries for 108 yards and Ginter had three tackles on defense. Matthew Distelrath (seven tackles) and Mark Bacci (three tackles for loss) also contributed on de-

fense.

"I think this was really an overall good effort for us and I'm definitely proud of their effort," Couch said. "There are still some things we have to work on but I hope we can keep going in this direction."



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Utica's Connor Hinebaugh is tackled by Chad Henderson of Anchor Bay in the Tars' 27-13 victory.

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