

ROMEO 43, STERLING HEIGHTS 6: The Bulldogs' opening night stumble is rapidly disappearing in the rearview mirror as they won their third straight.

"We've definitely turned it around the last couple of games," said Jason Couch, co-coach of the Romeo squad. "The one thing is enthusiasm. In week two, the boys came out with a ton of it."

After falling to Troy 31-7 in their opener, the Bulldogs downed Dakota 17-0 and iced Ike 14-0 a week later.

Last night's game was dedicated to cancer awareness. The Romeo players wore pink jerseys and the visitors from Sterling Heights donned white jerseys with pink numbers and letters.

Despite the sentiment, the Romeo players did not take too long to buckle down. The Bulldogs scored three times in the first quarter, and led 36-0 at half-time.

Nathan Fraeyman set the stage early when he returned the opening kickoff 91 yards. Quarterback Blake Laurain followed with a pair of touchdown passes; the first to Taylor Brynaert for 22 yards and the second to Dane Davis covering 59 yards.

In the second quarter, Laurain teamed up with Brynaert again on a 15-yard touchdown. Running back Ryan Burkhard scored from the 12. Alex Brewer closed out the scoring with a three-yard burst in the third quarter.

Laurain connected on five of six passes for 140 yards and three touchdowns. Brian Roth had three rushes for 67 yards. Defen-

sively, senior lineman Anthony Iafratey made nine tackles. Zak Bellas, a senior safety, made four tackles and had an interception.

Romeo (3-1) travels to Chippeewa Valley Friday.