

ROMEO 21, COUSINO 17:

Brian Burkard ran for two touchdowns and Blake Laurain ran for another as Romeo ran its winning streak to five with the road victory.

“Cousino is a big, physical team,” Jason Couch, a Romeo co-coach, said. “I thought we could have played better, but that’s a good ballclub we played. We’re happy to get out of there with the win.”

Laurain’s three-yard touchdown run and Evan Simpson’s third PAT kick of the night gave Romeo, ranked No. 2 among Tier 1 schools in Macomb County, a 21-11 lead.

Cousino scored its final touchdown with three minutes left in the fourth quarter.

“I thought that in the second half they came out with more fire than we did,” Couch said. “That’s something I hope we improve on.”

Burkard carries 19 times for 144 yards.

Romeo’s defensive stars included Joe Bacci and Taylor Brynaert.

Bacci made 15 tackles and Brynaert broke up three passes.

Romeo plays its final two MAC Red Division games in the next two weeks, against Warren-Mott and Stevenson.