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The Southwestern Heights Mustangs ran right over the Sublette Larks defensive line Friday night, en route to a 41-13 win in the Mustangs home opener.

Running back Efrain Chavez led the way for the Mustangs, carrying the ball 22 times for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

Quarterback Emilio Bernabe was 2-of-5 passing for 66 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Bernabe also had five carries for 27 yards and a touchdown.

Heights defense set the tone for the game on the opening drive by Sublette, forcing a three and out by the Larks.

Once the Mustangs offense took the field, they steam rolled the Larks defense. Heights marched the ball down 57 down the field for a touchdown in a seven-play, 57-yard drive to go

up 7-0.

Towards the end of the first quarter, Sublette had a prime opportunity to get on the board after recovering a fumble by Bernabe on the Mustangs 38. The Larks got as far as the 6 before fumbling the ball themselves, and Heights recovered.

The Mustangs then put together the most impressive drive of the game, putting together a 5-play, 94-yard drive in just over two minutes. Bernabe capped the drive off with a 63-yard pass to Brandon Kisner for a touchdown to open the second quarter, and Heights was up 14-0.

Later in the second, Chavez took the ball into the endzone again on a five-yard run to give the Heights a 21-0 lead heading into halftime.

The second half started the same way the first ended.The Mustangs took the ball 55 yards down the field, and took a 27-0 lead on a six-yard run by Saul Sanchez on the opening drive.

On the insuing Sublette possession, Heights forced a three-and-out, and the Larks were forced to punt again. This time Saudy Rodriquez broke through the line, and came up with a big block, setting the Mustangs up at the Larks 30 yard line.

Three plays later Chavez broke lose on a 27-yard run for his second touchdown of the game, and Heights extened the lead to 34-0.

The Larks would eventually find their way into the endzone in the fourth quarter when their quarterback ran it in from ten yards out to make it 34-6.

Not to be outdone, the Mustangs Richard Navarette scored on a 19-yard run, and it was a 41-6 ballgame.

Sublette would add on one more touchdown with 40 seconds remaining for the final score of 41-13.

Hugo Reveles added 57 yards to Heights rushing attack on eight carries.

Jorge Dela Torre had two sacks on the night for the Mustangs.

Heights travels to Elkhart next Friday to take on the Wildcats.