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The Meade Buffaloes scored 42 points in an almost perfect first half on their way to a 49-0 rout of the Southwester Heights Mustangs.

And while the Buffaloes seemed they could do no wrong, the Mustangs struggled at times to get out of their own way.

Dalton Weins scored on an eight-yard run to put the Buffaloes up 14-0 with 1:29 left in the first quarter. Heights attempted a reverse on the kickoff return, but fumbled, and Meade recovered at the Heights seven-yard line.

One play later Jett Little hit Morgan Davis in the end zone for the Buffaloes third touchdown of the game, and their second in just 13 seconds.

Little only threw five passes in the game, but three went for touchdowns, one converted a two-point play, and the other set Meade up at the one yard line. Little scored his second rushing touchdown of the game on the next play to put the Buffaloes up 42-0 with 3:29 left in the first half.

(Almost) Flawless first half helps Buffaloes stampede Heights

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Little's fumble on the first play of the Buffaloes second possession was the only Meade flaw of the first half.

Dalton Weins blocked a Heights punt attempt to set Meade up at the Mustangs' 15-yard line for another possible score, but the Buffaloes were content to let the clock run out.

"We continue to see these kids get better," Buffaloes coach Scott Moshier said. "We started the season with 13 kids in brand new spots. They're all seniors for the most part so the learning curve has been quick."

Heights was held to just one first down in the first half, and did not a run a play in Meade territory.

"We made a lot of mistakes, but they caused a lot of them," Mustangs coach Matt Scripsick said. "They are a good team and force you to do things you don't want to do. We'll regroup; get our guys to pick their heads back up and get back on track. I thought our kids fought and gave good effort."

As for the defending state champions, Moshier is happy, but knows they need to continue to improve.

"Still some things to work on but we keep getting better," Moshier said. "We're proud of the kids and the way our kids got after it. We were more intense tonight. We didn't get lazy and we pursued well, and any time we can get our reserves on the field that's a good thing."

Meade (2-1) will host Cimarron Friday. Heights (1-2) will host Stanton County.