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TURPIN, Okla.—Texhoma's Nathan Kniting picked off an errant Turpin pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown to put the Red Devils in complete command, 33-0 midway through the third quarter. It was the Cardinals fifth turnover, which proved to be too costly for Turpin as Texhoma trounced the Cardinals, 46-6.

"It's all about turnovers and the lack of execution, especially on the offensive side of the ball," Cardinals coach Justin Hanna said. "It's tough to keep drives going when we drop passes on third down, that was a big factor in to a bunch of our drives stalling."

Turpin moved the ball well with a heavy dose of quarterback runs from Jordan Lujan, and in short-yardage situations, Kyler Musgrave. In the first half, Turpin had drives of 10 and 14 plays, but neither drive ended with points. The first ended with an interception at the Texhoma 9-yard line, the second with dropped passes on three consecutive plays.

Meanwhile, Texhoma took advantage of short fields in the first quarter to go up 14-0, then opened the second quarter with an 8-play 91-yard drive to make the score 21-0 with 7:50 left in the half.

Turnovers costly in Cards' loss

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After holding the Cardinals to 3-and-out, Texhoma started again in Turpin territory. Eight plays later the score was 27-0 in favor of the Red Devils at the half.

Texhoma added two more scores in the third to go up 39-0, and led 46-0 with 9:47 left in the fourth.

Turpin did manage a touchdown drive to avoid the shutout, capped by a 14-yard TD run by Alex Jimenez, one of two freshmen to start on offense for the Redbirds Thursday night.

"We have a lot of young kids playing out there, and they have to take this experience and learn from it," Hanna said.

Turpin totaled 194 yards on offense. Texhoma racked up 516 yards of offense, with two rushers well over 100 yards.

Turpin (0-6, 0-4) travels to Enid, Okla Friday to face Oklahoma Bible Academy.