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OAKLEY—An impressive season by the Elkhart Wildcats came to a close Friday night, when they fell to the Oakley Plainsmen 42-7 in the first round of the Kansas 2-1A playoffs Friday night.



Despite a solid performance from senior quarterback Alex Gomez, the Wildcats struggled to get in the end zone all night.

Gomez completed 25-of-53 passes for 287 yards, with one touchdown and an interception. Gomez added 48 yards on the ground on 13 rushing attempts.

The Plainsmen jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, and were up by 13 at the half, with a 20-7 lead.

Elkhart struggled mightily in their attempt to stop the Oakley offense in the second half. The Plainsmen scored 14 points in the third quarter, and tacked on eight more in the fourth, for the 42-7 final.

Senior Juston Hurn led Elkhart with nine receptions for 116 yards, and junior A.J. Mckinley had six receptions for 80 yards and a touchdown.

The Wildcats end the season with an 8-2 record, with this loss being their first on the road this year.

Oakley advances to the second round of the playoffs, and will take on the LaCrosse Leopards, who are a perfect 10-0 on the year.