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The Mustangs' season came to an end Thursday night in a 33-16 district loss to Lakin.

A slow first half was too much for the Mustangs to overcome despite adding two touchdowns in the second half while holding the Broncs to one. "I didn't have to say much at halftime," Heights coach Ken Schoenrock said. "The players challenged themselves. We rallied in the second half." Heights found themselves 26-0 at the break. The Broncs scored on the opening kick-off of the game on an 80-yard return for a touchdown that appeared to be stopped near the Lakin 30 yard line before the returner found a hole in the pile of players and broke loose for the score. The Mustang defense was already heading on to the field when the Lakin runner found the seam. The Mustangs struggled to move the ball. Lakin received a short punt, and four plays later returned to the end zone for a 13-0 lead. Ishmael Gomez returned the ensuing kickoff to the 37 yard line, but a nine-yard loss put the Mustangs in a hole and were forced to punt. The Heights defense held the Broncs to three yard on three plays on the next drive and forced a Lakin punt. Oscar Sigala returned the ball to the Heights 45 yard line, and the Mustangs moved the ball in to Lakin territory by converting a fourth- and-three. The Mustangs continued to move the ball, all the way to the Lakin 27 yard line. On fourth-and-nine, Sigala threw an interception in the end zone that ended the Mustangs' best opportunity to score in the first half. Lakin added another score to take a 19-0 advantage, and a fumble at the Mustang one yard line gave the



Broncs an easy score to take a 26-0 lead. The Mustangs attempted the rally in the second half. Strong runs by David Winkler and Tyrel Justice on the opening possession of the second half, and two facemask penalties against Lakin, put the ball deep in Bronc territory. Winkler dashed in to the end zone from the seven yard line and Sigala ran in the two-point conversion to narrow the gap, 26-8. The Mustang defense played a more spirited game in the second half. Heights forced punts and a turnover to slow the Bronc offense. Heights took over after a fumble at the Heights 40 yard line. The Mustangs moved the ball to the Lakin 35 yard line but ran out of downs. Lakin put the game out of reach with 5:45 to play in the game with a touchdown pass that gave the Broncs a 33-8 lead. Heights added a touchdown late when Sigala hit Jacob Flores

Mustangs come up short against Lakin

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on a 10- yard pass. Sigala added the two-point conversion for the 33-16 final. "I'm proud fo my seniors," Schoenrock said. "We have eight starters coming back for next year which will give us more eperience." Heights ended the season 4-5.