

TIGERS ROLL; MINARICK RUMBLES

Senior quarterback smashes rushing record

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It didn't take long for Andrew Minarick to get warmed up Friday night.

And that's not a pun about the 91 degree weather and 97 percent humidity.

In the course of NBC's first four offensive plays, the senior quarterback dashed for touchdown runs of 75 and 60 yards. He racked up 176 yards in the first quarter alone.

"A lot of those were speed options and they were over pursuing, so the cutback was there," Minarick said. "But a lot of that was our big guys and our receivers getting down field and blocking."

By the end of the night, Minarick would total 386 yards rushing on 33 attempts, smashing the school

	North Bend	41
	Homer	14

record of 255 set by Sam Lowe in 2010. He also scored five rushing touchdowns, one short of the NBC single-game scoring mark.

"Really, you're talking about a kid who could play I-back or quarterback," coach Tony Allgood said. "He's that good of a runner and athlete. That's a heck of a night. It shocks me a little bit, but we put the ball in his hands quite a bit and the kids blocked hard for him."

Later in the first quarter, Minarick found receiver Nick Virka for an 11-yard scoring strike to give the Tigers a 20-0 lead before Homer had recorded its initial first down.

The Knights eventually did gain a first down on their fourth possession with seconds left in the opening period. Two big pass plays led to Homer's first points with 9:33 left in the second quarter.

While NBC's defense controlled the line - holding Homer to just 43 yards rushing in the game - the Knights found success through the air. Homer scored both of its touchdowns via the pass and ended the evening with 231 yards through the air.

Allgood said the Tigers' pass defense will improve.

"We came into this game thinking in high school football you have to stop the run," he said. "So we haven't worked our pass (defense) rotations as much as we need to. We had some screw ups in our rotations. That will get better."

While the Tiger scoring abated a bit after the initial burst, the NBC offense did some steady work in the second half, including a 96-yard scoring drive that featured seven Minarick rushes and one incomplete pass.



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Andrew Minarick splits the Homer defense. The quarterback broke the NBC record for rushing midway through the third quarter.

"The thing I was most happy about is in the second half I thought we took control of things," Allgood said. "We had some nice drives where we pounded the ball."

Despite his record night running the ball, Minarick said he looks forward to a better night passing.

"Maybe this was a good game to get all those bad throws out," the quarterback said, "but it wasn't a great passing game by any means."

Minarick completed just 4-of-16 passes for 37 yards. Two of those passes were caught by Austin Ortmeier for 16 yards.

Defensively, Cody Thompson and Nathan Hansen led the way with seven tackles each in the 41-14 win.

Game notes:

- Sophomore cornerback Chris Dostal had two interceptions, returning one for 45 yards.
- NBC used an unintentional onside kick to its advantage in the second quarter. The kick shanked off the side of Adam Vyhldal's foot—you could hear his cry of disgust after he struck the ball—and squibbed about 20 yards, where Tiger sophomore Colby Anderson pounced on it before any Knight could.
- North Bend has a bye this week and will return to action Sept. 13 with a road game at Malcol.

District C2-4 Football Standings

Dist.	W		L		pt. ave.	Rnk.*	Off.	Def.
	W	GB	W	L				
North Bend	1	0	-	1	0	40.000	-	41.0 14.0
Tekamah-Her.	1	0	-	1	0	40.000	-	45.0 14.0
Oakland-Craig	0	0	-	0	0	.000	-	- -
Bergan	0	0	-	0	0	.000	-	- -
Stanton	0	0	-	0	0	.000	-	- -

*Rank among the 48 C-2 schools by NSAA pts. Top 32 make playoffs

Last Week

North Bend def. Homer 41-14
Tekamah-H. def. Wakefield 45-14

This Week

Hartington CC at Oakland-Craig
Homer at Tekamah-Herman
Norfolk Lutheran at Bergan
Stanton at Madison

Scoreboard

Aug. 30		NBC		HOM	
	1	2	3	4	F
Homer (0-1)	0	6	0	8	14
North Bend (1-0)	20	7	7	7	41
Scoring summary					
1st quarter					
NBC Minarick 75-yd run	11:11	(kick failed)			
NBC Minarick 60-yd run	8:59	(Vyhldal kick)			
NBC Virka 11-yd pass from Minarick	4:19	(Vyhldal kick)			
2nd quarter					
HOM Dahl 11-yd pass from Tremayne	9:33	(pass failed)			
NBC Minarick 13-yd run	3:46	(Vyhldal kick)			
3rd quarter					
NBC Minarick 14-yd run	2:12	(Vyhldal kick)			
4th quarter					
NBC Minarick 5-yd run	7:27	(Vyhldal kick)			
HOM Kluver 8-yd pass from Tremayne	4:14	(pass to Pies)			

Team stats	NBC	HOM
First downs	21	9
Rushes-yards	61-524	?-43
Pass comp-att.	4-16	?
Comp. percent	25.0	?
Pass yards	37	231
Int. thrown	2	2
Fumbles lost	1	1
Punts-Ave	2-32.0	5-38.0
Pent.-yards	6-55	10-52
Total offense	561	274

NBC Individual Statistics

RUSHING-(att-yds) Minarick 33-386, Dostal 3-10, Thompson 16-68, Vyhldal 3-19, Virka 1-8, Poesnecker 2-14, A. Ortmeier 3-21
PASSING-(comp-att-int, yds.) Minarick 4-16-2 37
RECEIVING-(catches-yards) Vyhldal 1-10, A. Ortmeier 2-16, Virka 1-11
TACKLES-(unasst-total) Knobbe 1-1, Vyhldal 0-2, Minarick 2-5, Virka 1-3, Kavan 0-1, Anderson 2-2, A. Ortmeier 2-2, Ptacek 1-1, Thompson 4-7, Dolezal 3-5, Holub 2-5, Hines 0-2, Kreikemeier 0-2, Hansen 3-7, T. Ortmeier 0-4, M. Ortmeier 1-1, Doerne-mann 1-1

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