

## Tigers show more fight in loss to champs

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The end result may have been NBC's third straight loss by 32 or more points, but to anyone who watched the Tigers' last three games, Friday's game against the two-time defending state champions was a step in the right direction.

Though already down 14-0 in the first quarter, North Bend seized momentum late in the opening period. The Tigers were moving the ball well on the ground, something they had struggled to do in its previous two losses. The NBC defense also held Aquinas to a 3-and-out and was showing the most energy and emotion it had all season. It was a far cry from when the Tigers trailed Oakland-Craig 56-12 at halftime a week earlier.

"After last week I think we were all a little disappointed about the effort we gave," coach Tony Allgood said. "Obviously tonight, the better team probably won, but we did some things we can be proud of. We stayed in the fight. I think our kids showed more heart and some pride."

The Tigers held the Monarchs to several plays of no gain or losses but were still susceptible to the big play. Aquinas scored its first touchdown on a 43-yard run on its second play from scrimmage. Early

in the second quarter, the Tigers forced DCA into a 3rd-and-10 near midfield when the Monarch full-back broke off a 35-yard run up the middle. A few plays later, Aquinas went up 21-0.

Allgood attributed some of his team's improved play to the return of Adam Vyhldal. The 6-4, 235-pound senior hadn't played since tearing up his hand in the first game of the year.

Vyhldal had eight tackles, including a team-high five unassisted stops, and mucked up many Monarch plays.

"Honestly, there was a spark that came in and that was No. 10 (Vyhldal)," Allgood said. "I think it's obvious what he brings to our football team. I thought he gave our kids an emotional lift, too. When they see a guy busting his tail making plays who hasn't been there for a while, I think they kind of fed off him a little bit."

Vyhldal's most notable impact came just before half time when Aquinas lined up for a 36-yard field goal. Vyhldal crashed through the left side of the DCA line and blocked the kick back to the kicker. That play had the Tigers running toward the half-time locker room with an enthusiasm belying the 35-0 deficit they faced.

"You have to take pride in playing the whole time and not worry about the scoreboard," Allgood said. "When somebody makes a good play, you have to celebrate it. It's nice to see our kids get excited about doing something like that."

Later in the game, Vyhldal would repeat the feat and block an extra point attempt.

Andrew Minarick led the Tiger offense with 55 yards rushing and 61 yards passing, though he completed just 5-of-22 passes on what was a windy evening. Chase Wietfeld had three catches for 52 yards. Allgood also credited sophomore running back Colby Anderson for giving the Tigers a spark while rushing for 24 yards on four carries.

Austin Ortmeier was the leading defender with nine tackles.

After taking what he called a step backward last week, Allgood is feeling good about the progress of his team.

"I know you look at the scoreboard and don't see it, but I think we took some steps forward again, and we have to continue to build on those things."

**Chase Wietfeld and a Monarch defensive back fight for a pass.**



**Aquinas 47**



**North Bend 0**



**ABOVE:** Luke Dolezal, right, Adam Vyhldal (10) and Nick Hines (66) bring down an Aquinas ball carrier.

**LEFT:** Tyler Ortmeier, left, and Adam Vyhldal celebrate a sack by Ortmeier.

### Up Next: **Bergan**

Friday, 7 p.m. at North Bend

**Last year:** The Knights beat NBC 40-8.

**This year:** The schedule doesn't get any easier for NBC. After playing the returning state champs last week, the Tigers will take on the only team to beat Aquinas in the past three years. Bergan, who lost only five seniors from last year, beat the Monarchs 20-14 on Sept. 14. Bergan's only loss was a 47-34 loss to second-ranked Norfolk Lutheran. The Knights are currently ranked No. 3 after a fourth-quarter rally to beat Oakland-Craig Friday.



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## Minarick breaks NBC career passing record

It wasn't Andrew Minarick's best night throwing the football, but the 61 yards he netted Friday was enough to make him the all-time leading passer at NBC.

To date, the senior has amassed 3,257 passing yards in his four years as the Tigers' starting quarterback. That

eclipses the old mark held by Mike Albert, who threw for 3,245 yards during his three years from 1994 to 1996.

"I think that's a great accomplishment for Andrew, taking into consideration that we just don't line up and chuck the ball," coach Tony Allgood said. "He's a great ball player.

If you look at the quarterbacks we've had, there are many that are good, guys like Mike Albert, Eric Kavan and Jason Wehner. That speaks highly of Andrew. And he'd tell you, he's had some good receivers to help him get there."

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Minarick

### District C2-4 Football Standings

Dist.	Dist.			Overall			Off.	Def.	
	W	L	GB	W	L	pt. ave.			
Bergan	3	0	-	5	1	43.000	(t)6	34.7	16.8
Oakland-Craig	1	1	1.5	3	3	39.333	(t)21	36.0	26.7
Tekamah-Her.	1	1	1.5	3	3	39.000	(t)24	23.8	26.0
Stanton	1	2	2.0	2	4	36.500	37	15.3	17.7
North Bend	0	2	2.5	2	4	36.167	38	21.0	39.2

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

#### Last Week

Aquinas def. North Bend 47-0  
Tekamah-H. def. Stanton 32-29  
Bergan def. Oakland-Craig 27-20

#### This Week

Tekamah-H. at Oakland-Craig  
Bergan at North Bend  
Stanton at Twin River