

Everett make fast work of Mansfield

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MANSFIELD — Everett's Mike Sainristil seems to play the game of football at a different speed than his opponents.

On Friday night at Mansfield High, the quickness and agility of the Virginia Tech-bound senior was on display, as he paced the top-ranked Crimson Tide to a 41-14 nonleague victory over the fourth-ranked Hornets.

"Mike is a great athlete," said Everett sophomore quarterback Duke Doherty. "He always gets into open space where it's easy to deliver him the ball. Once he gets it, he can make anything happen."

After Mansfield (1-1) took an early 7-0 lead on a 3-yard touchdown run by Nick Marciano, Sainristil and Doherty (9-for-17 passing, 220 yards, 4 touchdowns) led the Tide to 34 straight points.

Sainristil set up Doherty's 2-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter with an electric 24-yard reception, then caught touchdown passes of 59 and 36 yards to make it 27-7 Everett by halftime.

"We just weren't awake yet," said Sainristil. "[Mansfield] punched us in the mouth, but we woke up from there and after that, we were clicking."

Once Everett (2-0) took a double-digit lead, the Tide defense swarmed Mansfield quarterback Damani Scott with a relentless pass rush and Sainristil capitalized on a few pressured throws by intercepting Scott three times.

Sainristil bottled up Cincere Gill, Mansfield's top receiver, and even ran for a first down on a fake punt, his third such conversion of the young season.

The victory was not without blemish, however, as Everett committed double-digit penalties for the second consecutive week. But for Everett first-year head coach Theluxon Pierre, opening the season with two road victories begets all else.

"That's football," said Pierre. "[The opponent] might punch first, but you have to respond. It's who can land the last punch."

No. 1 Everett has no problem on road against Mansfield

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MANSFIELD — Facing an early deficit on the road didn't faze top-ranked Everett one bit.

The two-time reigning Division 1 Super Bowl champions stuck to the game plan, letting their powerful offense take over against No. 7 Mansfield on route to a 41-14 nonleague win last night at Alumni Field.

Virginia Tech commit Mike Sainristil (three catches, 110 yards) made two touchdown receptions and added three interceptions, while quarterback Dillon Doherty tossed four touchdown passes as the Crimson Tide rolled to their 21st straight win.

"It's like boxing. If you get punched, you always got to punch back," said Doherty, who completed 10-of-18 passes for 211 yards. "You always have to stay strong and stay good mentally."

Mansfield (1-1) put together a 10-play, 66-yard scoring drive on its first series, capped by a 4-yard touchdown run by Nick Marciano to take an early lead.

Everett's offense then kicked into overdrive, though, after two consecutive three-and-outs to begin the contest.

The Crimson Tide (2-0) scored on their next five possessions, starting with a 2-yard keeper by Doherty.

Doherty then lit it up through the air. Two plays after a Sainristil interception, Doherty connected with Tyrese Baptiste on a 37-yard touchdown pass.

The Doherty to Sainristil connection then took over. Doherty hit Sainristil over the middle on a 51-yard touchdown pass before Sainristil turned a routine first down catch into a 36-yard touchdown reception for a 27-7 halftime lead.

"(Doherty's) young but I tell him to trust himself," Sainristil said of his sophomore signal caller. "Just trust that we'll make plays as receivers because that's what we're supposed to do. Just put the ball in our radius, we'll make a play for you and get you a touchdown."

Everett wasn't done as Sainristil picked off another errant pass two minutes into the third quarter that led to another scoring drive.

Everett 41, Mansfield 14

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MANSFIELD — Vinnie Holmes rushed for 102 yards and a touchdown and the Hornets generated nearly 350 yards of offense, but a pair of interceptions and a botched punt resulted in Everett getting the win.

Everett converted an interception for a 20-7 lead and on Mansfield's second offensive series of the second half, another Everett pick made it a 34-7 lead.

Nick Marciano had put Mansfield in front in the first quarter on a three-yard run, but Everett scored 34 unanswered points.

Everett converted a bad snap on a Mansfield punt for a 27-7 lead and faked a punt on a fourth down and 10-yard in the fourth quarter for another touchdown.

Mansfield, 14 vs. Everett, 41 – **Final**

1st Quarter:

(M) Nick Marciano 4-yard rush, Nico Holmes XP good;

(E) Dillon Doherty 2-yard rush, XP good.

2nd Quarter:

(E) D. Doherty 37-yard pass to Tyrese Baptiste, XP blocked;

(E) D. Doherty 51-yard pass to Mike Sainristil, 2pt conversion good;

(E) D. Doherty 36-yard pass to M. Sainristil, 2pt failed.

3rd Quarter:

(E) D. Doherty 10-yard pass to Eli Auguste, XP good.

4th Quarter:

(M) Vinnie Holmes 1-yard rush, N. Holmes XP good;

(E) Jaden Mahabir 1-yard rush, XP good.