

Hornet's notch third straight shutout

MANSFIELD — The Mansfield High football team has weapons aplenty on offense, but it has been the Hornets' defense that continues to raise eyebrows throughout the Hockomock League.

The Hornets, who have allowed only two touchdowns through five games, recorded their third straight shutout in a 26-0 victory over Attleboro High Friday in a Hockomock League game.

Unbeaten Mansfield notched its fifth victory of the season, taking a 20-halftime lead and stalling the Bombardiers (0-5) on three visits beyond the midfield stripe.

The Bombardiers, with sophomore QB Aiden Hochwarter in his varsity debut, drove inside the Mansfield 30-yard line three times, but were denied.

Hornet senior tailback Cincere Gill amassed 122 rushing yards, scoring on a 15-yard run in the first quarter, a 3-yard run in the second quarter and on a 45-yard run in the third quarter.

"We played really tough, we were physical, we played our best game of the year," AHS coach Mike Strachan said.

Anthony Comer intercepted a Bombardier pass, while the pressure generated by T.J. Guy and Mark DeGirolamo on the defensive line and the linebacking cast of the Holmes brothers, Nico and Zander, and Rocco Scarpellini kept the Bombardiers in check.

Nico Holmes added 3-yard TD run in the second quarter, while James Gilleran was successful on a pair of conversion kicks.

The Bombardiers have an April 17 game at Tozier-Cassidy Field against Canton. The Hornets travel to Taunton Friday.

Mansfield 26, Attleboro 0

Friday, April 9, 2021, at Mansfield

Senior Cincere Gill scored on touchdown runs of 15, 3, and 45 yards to propel the second-ranked Hornets (4-0) to the Hockomock League win.

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Attleboro	0	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	7	13	6	0	26

First quarter

Mansfield Cincere Gill 15-yard run (Jimmy Gilleran kick)

Second quarter

Mansfield Cincere Gill 3-yard run (Jimmy Gilleran kick)

Mansfield Nico Holmes 3-yard run (kick failed)

Third quarter

Mansfield Cincere Gill 45-yard run (kick failed)