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Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Mansfield	14	14	00	08	36
Oliver Ames	00	00	00	08	08

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EASTON — The Hornets certified their status as the Kelley-Rex Division champions of the Hockomock League and gained the No. 1 seed for the MIAA Division 1 South playoffs by routing the Tigers.

Mansfield (6-1) scored pairs of touchdowns in each of the first two quarters, while keeping the Tigers off of the scoreboard until the fourth quarter.

The Hornets drove 60 and 65 yards on their second and third offensive series of the game to take the lead.

Vinnie Holmes scored on runs of 12 and 10 yards in the first and second quarters respectively, while Mike DeBolt hit four conversion kicks.

DeBolt scored on a 7-yard run to put the Hornets in front. Khristian Conner hauled in a 20-yard TD pass from Aidan Sacco in the second quarter, helping Mansfield to take a 28-0 halftime lead.

Hornet reserve quarterback Connor Smith fired a 24-yard scoring strike to Shane Downey in the fourth quarter, while Jared Giblin had a two-point conversion rush following the touchdown.

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In his 31st season at Mansfield, Redding directed the Hornets (6-1) to a 36-8 victory over Oliver Ames on Friday night that clinched the Hockomock Kelley-Rex title.

“The number [250] goes by my name,” said Redding, now 250-84-2 overall. “But it is more a reflection of so many great players and assistant coaches.”

“The 250 was the sidebar, as it should be,” Redding said. “The focus was winning the league outright and getting that No. 1 seed [in D2 South].”

Redding’s Mansfield squads are 7-2 in nine Super Bowl appearances. This year’s team has a shot to make it 10.

“[Win number] 250 was nice,” Redding said. “But 255 will be a lot more special if it is at Gillette [Stadium].”