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Clarkstown North pushes Saunders around in 20-0 victory

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As the halftime intermission was about to end, the Saunders cheerleaders loped across their football field, carrying a paper banner which read "Run Down the Rams."

Unfortunately, that banner was just about the only thing that the Blue Devils could run through, as they lost at home, 20-0, to Clarkstown North in a

League A-South game yesterday.

"There wasn't too much positive coming out of this game," Saunders coach Mike Meade said. "If the offensive line isn't blocking, we're not moving."

The Blue Devils' offensive line didn't block much and they didn't move much.

"We got pushed around on the line of scrimmage," he said.

In spite of what Clarkstown

North coach Cliff Tallman called "correctable mistakes," the Rams easily dominated the game and were able to dictate the style of play.

"We were throwing the ball in the beginning, which we shouldn't have done, but then we started running in the second half," Tallman said.

He praised his three running backs — Dan Cunningham, Sean Hillson and Bobby Call. Cun-

ningham ran for 149 yards and scored two touchdowns, while fullback Hillson rushed for 97.

"The linemen blocking for me today did a great job," Cunningham said. "It was a real team effort."

Just five minutes into the game, Rams quarterback Jeremy Nanus threw a 15-yard pass to Cunningham, who took it 26 more yards for the touchdown.

John Ochoa missed the PAT

attempt.

Midway through the second quarter, Nanus fed a short pass to Cunningham, who again scored the touchdown. This time, however, it was the two-point conversion attempt that failed.

Saunders stepped up with some defense in the second half, holding the Rams scoreless until the final 3:31 of the game.

That's when Nanus threw a 15-yard pass to Call, who ran it in

for the third touchdown of the day. After an offensive team foul was called during the first attempt at a 2-point conversion, Paul Montali caught the ball for the completion.

With a lot of work ahead of him in the coming week, Meade is contemplating the rest of the season.

"We're in a tough league, and if don't shape up, it's going to be a very long season," he said.