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TYRONE, Okla.—The Tyrone Bobcats played host to the Boise City Wildcats Thursday night in a thrilling game that came down to the last play. In the end, it was the Wildcats that had survived the shootout, 58-50.

The Tyrone offense looked sluggish in the opening quarter, and the offensive line failed to give adequate protection for freshman quarterback Tanner Hurst.

The Boise City offense got off to a hot start, scoring on the opening drive of the game for a 7-0 lead.

The Wildcats continued their early dominance, and put the Bobcats in a hole.

The second quarter was more productive for Tyrone, and they slowly began to creep back into it.

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A relentless ground game kept the Bobcats in it. Seniors Nerlin Rivera and Ethan Reece provided a thunder and lightning style ground attack. Rivera slashed and cut to the outside while Reece bulldozed the ball up the middle and through the defensive line.

Despite their early struggles, Tyrone was down only 14 at half, 36-22.

Boise City opened the scoring in the second half, and after a two-point conversion, the Wildcats led 44-22, and looked ready to break the game wide open.

Tyrone responded with an incredible show of resilience.

After two quick scores and an interception by junior Gage Runte, the Bobcats scored again on a six-yard pass from Hurst to Reece to tie the game 44-44.

On the ensuing Boise City drive, the Tyrone defense forced a three-and-out. When the Wildcats were forced to punt from their own endzone, freshman Austin Olson found a hole in the offensive line to block the punt. Senior Conrad Brockett fell on the ball for the touchdown, and the Bobcats had their first lead of the game, 50-44.

After trailing by 22 in the third, Tyrone scored 28 unanswered points to give the Bobcats the lead heading into the fourth quarter.

After controlling much of the fourth, things began to fall apart for Tyrone. Clinging to a six-point lead with just over three minutes remaining, Reece fumbled the ball at the Bobcat 19, and Boise City recovered.

With just under two minutes left, the Wildcats tied it up with a touchdown, and took a 52-50 lead after the two-point conversion.

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On the ensuing Tyrone drive, Hurst fumbled the football, and once again Boise City found the football back in their possession.

The Wildcats only needed two plays to get back into the endzone, and led 58-50.

The Bobcats got the ball back with 38 seconds remaining and one last shot at tying the ball game.

After a quick 12 yard strike on the first play of the drive, Tyrone had the ball at midfield with just under 30 seconds remaining.

The Bobcats could not advance the ball any further than that though.

The game came down to a Tyrone 4-and-10 at midfield with seven seconds left. The Boise City defense came up big one final time, and escaped with the victory.

The loss drops the Bobcats record to 2-4 on the year.

Tyrone will head to Waynoka on Friday looking for their third win of the year.