

GRAND LEDGE 41, EVERETT 19

# Comets shut out Vikings in 2nd half

Grand Ledge is now 4-3 after an 0-3 start

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GRAND LEDGE — They gave up a 94-yard touchdown pass on the game's second play and led just 20-19 at halftime.

But the Grand Ledge football team held Everett scoreless in the second half and went on to a 41-19 CAAC Blue victory over the Vikings on Friday night.

The Comets (4-1, 4-3) won their fourth straight after an 0-3 start by scoring on six out of their last seven possessions.

Everett (3-2, 4-3) turned the ball over on downs at the Grand Ledge 20 and then 11-yard line in its only two second-half possessions prior to the game's last two minutes.

"We thought we could go with a different scheme, but we didn't execute," Everett coach Marcelle Carruthers said. "We missed a couple plays where we had to make a first down, and it cost us."

Everett's fourth-year starting quarterback Lucas Barner still completed 25 of 40 passes for 359 yards and three touchdowns.

"They forced us to play a very disciplined game with their short, quick, passing

game," Grand Ledge coach Matt Bird said. "Our kids still maintained their execution. With Barner, (incompletions are) few and far between, but we were hoping they would come on third and fourth down."

The Comets unveiled a new wrinkle in their offense that surprised Everett. Senior quarterback Nathan Megge rushed for 108 yards on 14 carries besides completing 12 of 22 passes for 211 yards and four TDs.

"They ran a quarterback counter, and we weren't ready for that," Carruthers said. "We always thought they were going to (running back Joe) Re-

verman on that play, and they caught us on that with the quarterback."

Reverman still wound up with 131 yards rushing on 21 carries.

"They're going to key on Joe Reverman," Bird said. "So we have to do things to give some touches to some other guys to protect him."

Barner connected with Leondre Terry on a 94-yard TD pass just seconds after the opening kickoff.

"Our kids were shell-shocked," Bird said. "But Everett does a lot of things to confuse you up front, and I thought our offensive line did a really good job."