Cedar Valley ends first season with 57-6 setback

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CENTRAL CITY - Five lost fumbles, a lost onside kick and an interception were just too insurmountable for Cedar Valley Christian Friday night against Central City.

The Huskies ended their first season of eight-man football with a 57-6 defeat, giving them an 0-4 mark for Year 1.

"Turnovers were our undoing tonight, but we played tough and never stopped playing hard," Cedar Valley Coach Ed Betsworth said. "This is our first year and now we will improve from here."

Central City (1-5) scored on a 10-yard pass from David Mosher to Nick McCarry on just the third play of the game. The Wildcats pulled off an onside kick, and with 10:41 still left in the first quarter Mosher hit McCarry again, this time for a 15-yard strike and it was 16-0.

Cedar Valley (0-4) managed a couple of first downs in the ensuing drive but the possession ended with an interception by Brandon Stevens. Central City promptly executed a 42-yard drive, capped by a 3-yard dive by Mosher. The Huskies never recovered.
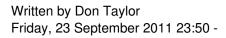
Jeremy Strutz set up Cedar Valley's lone touchdown with a 25-yard run to the Central City 11-yard line in the first quarter. Nick Henderson capped the drive with an 11-yard touchdown.

Strutz finished with 60 yards rushing on nine carries and was 14 for 21 for 142 yards in the air.

"This has just been a fun season, we just try as hard as we can," Strutz said. "We have fun playing football, but we have known each other for a long time and doing this together has made us closer."

The Huskies got all of their offense in the first half. Central City limited them to minus-15 yards

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in the second half.

Their first season of varsity football is finished, but Betsworth is already looking ahead.

"We have a better idea of what to expect," he said. "We need to improve in the weight room and conditioning before next season even gets here, and we will. It's been a good experience."