

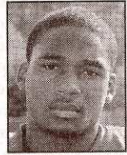


Roby turns on jets as Lions cruise

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SUWANEE — Brad Roby was recruited by Vanderbilt as a wide receiver, but catching passes certainly isn't his only skill.

The Peachtree Ridge standout showed off his speed on two long touchdowns Friday night against Duluth and



Brad Roby

neither came on a reception despite a big passing effort by Nick Lombardo. Roby had a 52-yard punt return and a 50-yard run with a recovered fumble in the second quarter as the No. 9-ranked Lions defeated visiting Duluth 42-7 in a Region 7-AAAAA mismatch for homecoming.

Lombardo was 11 of 15 for 229 yards passing,

QUICK HIT

STAN THE MAN

Brandon Stanley scored three times, twice on runs and once on a pass

scoring two touchdowns as Peachtree Ridge improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the region. Duluth, which won just five games the past five seasons, is 1-4 and 0-3.

When Peachtree Ridge opened, Duluth's already struggling football program took a major hit and the Wildcats are still trying to rebuild. The Lions, meanwhile, have a Class AAAAA co-state championship and another title game appearance to their credit.

The schools have played six times and the Lions have won them all. Instead of a neighboring rival, the Wildcats have become a homecoming opponent. Duluth hasn't come closer than 31 points in its last

five losses to the Lions.

Brandon Stanley had three TDs for Peachtree Ridge, scoring twice on runs and once on a pass. Nasir Moore caught Lombardo's other TD pass.

Duluth stopped Peachtree Ridge on downs at the 20-yard line in a scoreless first quarter, but then the Lions took charge. Brandon Stanley scored from the 1-yard line on the second play of the second quarter and Peachtree Ridge scored three more times in building a 28-7 halftime lead.

Roby, who goes both ways for the Lions as well as returning kicks, flubbed the catch on his punt return. But picked up the ball quickly and was off to the races. He also couldn't be caught on his fumble return, which came late in the quarter.

Lombardo threw a screen pass to Stanley for a 49-yard score to put the

Lions up 21-0. Lombardo completed 7 of 10 passes for 142 yards in the first half, with one interception.

Duluth's touchdown came on a screen pass of its own. Alex Fragoso connected with Marvin Johnson for the 41-yard TD that temporarily got the Wildcats within two scores.

Peachtree Ridge scored twice in the third quarter before putting in its reserves. Moore caught a 33-yard TD pass from Lombardo and Stanley tallied on an 11-yard run.

Brian Williams and Tanner Botts had interceptions for Peachtree Ridge. Yabil Young picked off a pass for Duluth.

Both teams have byes next week, which is good for each.

Peachtree Ridge played without standout cornerback Steve Atwater and starting linebacker A.J. McDonald. The Lions hope that both will be back

PEACHTREE RIDGE 42, DULUTH 7

Ptree Ridge	0	28	14	0	—	42
Duluth	0	7	0	0	—	7

FIRST QUARTER

None

SECOND QUARTER

Peachtree Ridge: Brandon Stanley 1 run (Justin Watts kick) 11:11
Peachtree Ridge: Brad Roby 52 punt return (Watts kick) 8:11
Peachtree Ridge: Stanley 49 pass from Nick Lombardo (Watts kick) 5:35
Duluth: Marvin Johnson 41 pass from Alex Fragoso (Daniel Starovasnik kick) 4:11
Peachtree Ridge: Roby 50 fumble return (Watts kick) 1:21

THIRD QUARTER

Peachtree Ridge: Nasir Moore 33 pass from Lombardo (Watts kick) 10:02
Peachtree Ridge: Stanley 11 run (Watts kick) 5:06

FOURTH QUARTER

None

for the game against Mill Creek on Oct. 9.

Already slim in numbers, Duluth lost two-way performer Hamilton Garner during the week. The senior tight end and defensive end had surgery for a fracture in his arm, but is expected back before the end of the season.

