

## FOOTBALL: West Covina downs Glendora, 33-28

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GLENDORA - West Covina High School all-purpose standout B.J. Lee wasn't about to let Glendora's first lead of the night last long.

Lee, with his team trailing after leading most of the game, turned a 28-27 deficit into 33-28 lead in the blink of an eye. It turned out to be the winning score.

Glendora, which had avoided kicking to Lee all game, made the fatal mistake of doing so just seconds after quarterback Chad Jeffries put his team ahead with a 1-yard run.

Lee fielded the kick at his own 20-yard line, made a couple of moves and was soon off to the races.

"I figured this may be the only chance that I'm going to get the ball tonight, so I'm going to do what I can with it," Lee said. "I got it, saw the hole, hit the gap and left. I trusted my speed and that was it."

Glendora appeared ready to answer right back on its next drive, but a long run by Jeffries to the West Covina 11 was nullified by a penalty and the Tartans soon had to punt.

West Covina ran out the clock to pick up its third consecutive victory after a season-opening loss to Covina. Glendora suffered its first of the season and fell to 3-1.

"We weren't trying to kick to him (Lee)," Tartans coach Mark Pasquarella said. "The ball just sailed, but you still have to make plays. You've got to tackle the guy."

Glendora had built its unbeaten record by living off the mistakes of opponents. But on Friday it was the Tartans who uncharacteristically

hurt their own cause.

The Tartans turned the ball over three times, but found themselves in position to make it matter.

Jeffries came out firing in the third quarter after his team was down 21-13. Glendora tied it on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Jeffries to Dillon Downard.

Not to be outdone, West Covina quarterback responded with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Molina to make 27-21. The score was part of a huge night for Johnson, who also scored on runs of 8 and 37 yards.

"We came into the game plus 11 in turnovers," Pasquarella said. "Sooner or later, that's going to catch up with you."

Jeffries hustled Glendora right down field and scored his third rushing touchdown from a yard out. Jeffries finished with 235 yards passing and



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70 yards rushing.

Lee's big return put West Covina in front, but at the time an unsportsmanlike penalty called on him on the way into the end zone looked like it would prove costly as the Bulldogs couldn't convert the two-point try from 18 yards.

"I wasn't showboating," Lee said. "Our (assistant) coach recently passed away and I was saluting him. Coach Bill Dunn, rest in peace."

Junior running back Chris Solomon led West Covina's vaunted ground game with 161 yards on 21 carries. Jimmy Frazier gained 37 yards on seven carries.

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