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COVINA >> Sophomore Caleb Watkins kicked a 19-yard field goal with 19.9 seconds left to give Glendora its fifth consecutive victory, a 16-14 win over South Hills on Friday night at Covina District Field.

The winning strek is the Tartans' longest to begin the season since 1989.

Watkins missed an extra point in the second quarter that looked like it would be the difference, as South Hills took a 14-13 lead and held it until Watkins made up for the earlier miss with the first game-winning kick of his young career.

"It was in the back of my mind before we lined up for the play," Watkins said. "Guys kept coming up to me and saying it would be up to me. I just tried to focus on what I had to do and not think about anything negative."

The Tartans (5-0) began their winning drive on their own 25-yard line with 7:49 left. The Tartans were aided by a pass interference penalty but held the ball for 17 plays to get in position for Watkins' heroics.

"It was like a fight in a phone booth," said Tartans coach Jerry Lewallen, a member of the 1989 Tartans team. "This is definitely the most physical team we've played this year."

The Tartans scored on their first possession, driving 66 yards in nine plays, capped by a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Matt Fink for a 7-0 lead.

The Huskies (2-3) came right back, taking only three plays to go 80 yards. After a 57-yard halfback option pass from Eric Acosta to Steven Mendoza, Matt Chavez ran 19 yards for the tying score.

"We played a lot better tonight than we did last week," Huskies coach Albert Rodriguez said. "They fumbled a snap but they got on it and we came close to blocking that field goal, but Glendora has been winning those close games for a reason. They're a very good football team."

Amin Raad led the Tartans' ground attack with 80 yards on 16 carries. Adam Goss led the Huskies with 89 yards on 13 carries.