

Heritage JV Football At Erwin High School

Thursday, September 17

	1	2	3	4	Total
MHHS	0	0	0	12	12
Erwin	0	6	0	0	6

Mountain Heritage JV extended their season record to 3-0 with a non-conference victory at Erwin High School Thursday night. The Cougars opened the game and moved the ball well on the initial drive but were halted by several penalties. The penalties set the tone for the Cougars offense in the first half and the Warriors were able to mount one drive to take a 6-0 halftime lead. The Mountain Heritage offense was also thwarted by two fumbles (none lost) and one interception in the first half.

After the intermission, Erwin went three and out on the first possession. Erwin's punter then backed the Cougars up to their own 11 with approximately nine minutes to go in the quarter. The Mountain Heritage offense took over and methodically wore down the Warrior defense to keep the ball the rest of the quarter and march 89 yards to a tying score early in the fourth quarter on a short run by Seth McIntosh. After stopping Erwin's offense again, the Cougar offense took over and marched back down the field, with the key play being a long pass from Sam Howell to Caleb Young. Once in the Red Zone, the Cougars employed a little trickery and Jackson Young scored on a reverse to pull the Cougars ahead for the first time in the game 12-6.

Erwin received the kick with approximately two and one half minutes left in the game and immediately started moving the ball down the field, aided by several crucial penalties that allowed them to move the chains when it appeared they had been stopped. With time running out, the Warriors moved deep into Cougar territory but the defense held on the strength of solid tackling by the cornerbacks, who were often one on one with the speedy Erwin receivers. Time expired with the Warriors inside the Cougar 20 yard line and Mountain Heritage held on to win the game despite the adversity of the penalties and first half miscues. The Cougars open their conference schedule next Thursday at home vs. Hendersonville.

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