JV Football
Hendersonville at Heritage
Thursday, September 24

	1	2	3	4	Total
Hendersonville	0	14	0	16	30
MHHS	0	6	0	0	6

The Mountain Heritage Cougars lost their first JV football game since 2007 Thursday night to Hendersonville 30-6. It also marked the conference opener for both teams.

Due to late afternoon rains and wet weather early in the week, the field was soggy and the conditions affected the outcome of the game. Inspite of the conditions, four long plays determined the final score of the game.

Both teams started slow and neither team in the first quarter could mount much offense. The Bearcats scored first on a short run in the second quarter. On the ensuing possession, the Cougars (3-1, 0-1) struck immediately with a 67 yard touchdown pass from Sam Howell to Ian Boone. After the conversion failed, the score was tied at 6-6. It appeared it would end that way at halftime as the Cougars held Hendersonville and took over deep in their territory near the end of the first half. However, as time expired in the first half, Hendersonville intercepted the ball and returned in 60 yards. After adding the two point conversion they took a 14-6 lead into halftime and the play provided momentum into the second half.

Both teams failed to generate much offense the the third quarter as the wet field caused several players to slip and fall. Eventually the field conditons worked for Hendersonville as their back was able to slip through several tackles early in the fourth quarter and run 40 yards for a touchdown. After adding the conversion, the Bearcats built a 22-6 lead. The Cougars appeared to be stopped on their next possession on a fourth and long, but a reverse provided just enough yardage to move the chains. Unfortunately the drive stopped shortly thereafter and on their next possession the Hendersonville runner broke open for a 71 yard touchdown to put the game out of reach.

The Cougars travel to Polk County next week for their second conference game. The Wolverines will be tough, especially at home.

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