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Mt. Juliet rolled up over 400 yards of offense, and had 12 different players run the ball in a 49-7 win over Portland Thursday.

Mostly reserves played on the offensive side of the ball in the second half, as Nolan Chowbay, Contrez McCathern and Caleb Hopkins didn't touch the ball after the intermission. Mt. Juliet had built a 35-7 lead by the break.

The Bears went 58 yards on seven plays to open the game, which was capped off by Austin Chaplin's 10-yard touchdown run.

Portland answered, as a 51-yard run by Austin Griggs set up the Panthers at the 6-yard line. Three plays later, Griggs got the score, and the game was tied up at 7-7.

It only took Mt. Juliet four plays to score again as first down runs by Hopkins, Kyle Mahler and a touchdown run of 26 yards by Contrez McCathern.

After a big punt return by Michael Lewis, the Bears were set up with good field position again. A Chowbay pass to Patrick Cartmell for 17 yards started and two plays later McCathern finished it

MJ cruises to win over Portland

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with a 15-yard touchdown run.

Portland put a few first downs together, but Mt. Juliet got the ball back. First down runs by Chowbay, Chaplin and Hopkins set up Chowbay for a 7-yard touchdown run.

The Bears got the ball back one more time before the half, and went 79 yards in nine plays. Chaplin and Ben Cheatham did most of the work out of the drive, and Cheatham scored from two yards out to push the score out to 35-7.

Mt. Juliet looked poised to score again on the opening drive of the second half, but Cheatham fumbled going into the end zone. Luckily, he got another chance because Portland fumbled on the first play of their next drive. Cheatham got redemption with a 21-yard touchdown run.

Mt. Juliet had one more scoring drive in the fourth as runs by Cole Sears, Alex Landis, and a 33-yard touchdown run by Connor Hopkins got the Bears their last score of the evening.

McCathern led the Bears with five carries for 77 yards and two touchdowns.

Mt. Juliet is on the road again next week as they travel to La Vergne Friday. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

