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The Wilson Central Wildcats traveled to Cleveland to play the Blue Raiders for the 4th consecutive road game to start the season.

The Wildcats came out on fire on both sides of the ball, but couldn't keep it going in the second half and lost 33-13.

Central started with the ball and very methodically moved down the field. Jordan Roundtree had three completions for 51 yards while Alex Price, Gabe Angel, and Kyle Coombes combined for 48 yards on nine plays. Roundtree even got into the running action as he completed a quarterback sneak for an easy first down on a 3rd-and-1 around midfield to keep the Wildcats going.

After a short punt later in the half, the Blue Raiders started out on Central's 42. One play later they were inside the 5. The next play Reed came up with a sack for a 5 yard loss. However, two plays later, Cleveland tied the score a few seconds into the second quarter.

Later, Cleveland marched down the field. Central's defense buckled down and never let Cleveland get inside the 5, forcing a field goal. With just over three minutes left to go in the half, Cleveland took the lead 10-7.

Alex Price fumbled the kickoff and Cleveland got the ball back at Central's 25. Three plays later Cleveland went up 17-7.

## Central falls on long road trip to Cleveland

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With time running out in the half, Cleveland tried pushing the ball down the field. However, Cody Ray stepped up and came up with an interception for Central. With time running out in the half, Central tried to get a big play to end the half. However, as Roundtree was scrambling to extend the play, he was hit hard and went down. He came out for the last play of the half, not to return.

Cleveland got the ball after the half and easily moved it to Central's 29. They took a shot at the end zone, but Wildcat Colt Russell came up with the pick to give the ball back to Central. Central then marched down the field, led by Cody Ray at quarterback, went 80 yards for the score. The drive was capped by a 35 yard run by Weston Roundtree. Cavanaugh missed the extra point and Central pulled within four, 17-13.

The Blue Raiders then went 65 yards in seven plays and increased the lead to 24-13.

Cleveland was able to get a score on a safety and another touchdown.

Next week Central travels for the fifth week in a row to open the season, going a few miles down the road to play Mt. Juliet. Kickoff is 7 p.m.