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After playing on the road for the first five games to start the season, the Wilson Central Wildcats played their first home game Friday night against the Dickson County Cougars.

The Cougars had not won a game coming into the matchup, but were better than their 0-5 record as they lost four of their games by a combined 11 points.

Central's defense put on a show for the Homecoming crowd during the first half as they limited the Cougars to three first downs and put up 14 points on an interception and a blocked punt. Central's defense held strong in the second half, only giving up a field goal on the way to a 34-3 win.

It took a while for the offenses to get going both teams were only able to manage one first down each in their first two possessions. Dickson County began moving the ball on their third drive, but Weston Rountree snagged a tipped pass and took it 38 yards for a touchdown to give Central a 7-0 lead with just under 3 minutes to go in the 1st quarter.

Central got the ball back and began to move down the field. They ran 12 plays and made it down to the Cougar's 5 yard line. They weren't able to punch it in as they settled for a 21-yard field goal by Brad Cavanaugh to give Central a 10-0 lead with 8:39 to go in the half.

Dickson County hoped to get something going before the half, or at least run out the clock, but were unable to do that as they again went 3 and out. On the punt Preston Reed pushed through

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his block and got a hand on the ball, blocking the punt. Fellow Wildcat Dalton Graves snagged the blocked punt and took it 20 yards for a score. The extra point was good by Cavanaugh and Central took a 17-0 lead with 36 seconds left in the second, which is how the first half ended.

The Cougars moved the ball just enough to make a field goal on their first drive of the second, reducing Central lead to 17-3.

Central then moved the ball down the field on the back of Gabe Angel who had rushes of 38, 5, 6, and 2 yards, setting up Cavanaugh with a 52 yards field goal. The kick was short, but Dickson County was called for running into the kicker, pushing Central 5 yards closer and giving Cavanaugh another chance. From 48 yards out Cavanaugh's kick had plenty of length and was good, taking Central's lead to 20-3 with 2:02 to go in the 3rd.

Central marched down the field on their next possession and the drive was capped by an 18 yard rush by Gabe Angel for a touchdown. Central took the lead to 27-3 with eight minutes to go in the game.

Dickson tried to march down the field, but L.J. Lytle stepped up on defense and picked off a pass and returned it for a 45 yard touchdown. Central had a 34-3 lead with seven minutes to go in the game.

Next week Central is at home as Station Camp (3-2) comes to town.