

# Perfect? Huskies Play Their Best; Rout Lehi

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LEHI - There was a perfect storm in Lehi Friday night, but it had nothing to do with the weather.

In fact, it was a clear, warm evening when the Hillcrest Huskies came to town and played, in the words of their coach, "close to their potential," en route to a convincing 41-0 non-region over the Pioneers.

Hillcrest got ready for Region 4 play with its biggest win of the season. The Huskies improved to 2-1 with the road victory. Lehi fell to 0-3, and was shut out for the second time already.

"We made plays," said coach **Kirk Merhish**. "The kids played to their abilities and everything was clicking."

Quarterback **Tanner Kemp** completed 16 of 22 passes for 296 yards – his most impressive outing of the season. Running back **Trae Kranz** rushed for 70 yards on 13 carries, and the defense limited the Pioneers to just one first down in the opening half.

The biggest statistics though might have been Kemp's four touchdown



**Danny Thompson, Adrin Vigil, Cole Christensen and B.J. Edman congratulate Nick Merhish after his interception return for a score.**

passes – two to **Matt Pecht** and one each to **Bridger Dallimore** and **Danny Thompson**. Linebacker **Nick Merhish** put the finishing touch on the game with a 25-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Coach Merhish was

full of compliments afterward.

"We were able to shut them down," said Merhish. "Pecht came up big."

"Tanner broke out of his shell. He got some

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confidence and had a good ball-game. We just had better athletes.

“They couldn’t keep up with Pecht and Dallimore’s speed.”

Dallimore caught just two passes, but the first one was a 60-yarder for Hillcrest’s first score.

The game was never in doubt. Hillcrest scored twice in the first quarter, and punched in another touchdown in the second period to claim a 20-0 halftime advantage.

While the offense had a great night, the defense played superbly, too. **Nick Merhish** and **Liam Smith** led the team with seven tackles each, but Dallimore, Smith, **B.J. Edman** and Merhish also had pass interceptions.

Lehi finished the night with just 172 yards. Quarterback Palmer Page completed 16 of 34 passes for just 109 yards.

## SCORING SUMMARY

Hillcrest	14	6	21	0	-	41
Lehi	0	0	0	0	-	0

H – Bridger Dallimore 60 pass from Tanner Kemp (Jeff Brown kick)

H – Kemp 9 run (Brown kick)

H – Matt Pecht 42 pass from Kemp (kick failed)

H – Danny Thompson 31 pass from Kemp (Brown kick)

H – Pecht 35 pass from Kemp (Brown kick)

H – Merhish 25 interception return (Brown kick)



ABOVE: Danny Thompson signals the camera after the big win.

BOTTOM RIGHT: B.J. Edman and Hunter Park take a breather.

BOTTOM LEFT: James Truong comes off the field after congratulating the Lehi players.

