

Pearland rallies late to edge Oak Ridge

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Pearland's Dominic Serna (6) sprints into the end zone behind the protection of Pearlend's Aiden Glasper (13) Friday, Sep. 10, 2021 at The Rig.

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Quarterback Jake Sock's 48-yard run with 5:24 left helped rally Pearlend to a 36-33 win over Conroe Oak Ridge in a non-district football game Friday night at Pearlend Stadium.

The victory represented the first win in three games for Pearlend, which is idle next week.

Frankie Arthur's 64-yard run gave Oak Ridge a 7-0 lead at 3:42 of the first quarter, but Pearland's Christian Pitts returned the ensuing kickoff 82 yards to the 3-yard line from where the Oilers tied the game at 3:24 of the opening period on Kennedy Lewis's 3-yard run.

The Eagles then took a 9-7 lead on a safety with 8:16 left in the second period.

Oak Ridge stretched the advantage to 16-7 at 5:10 of the second quarter on Ethan Rodriguez's 9-yard touchdown pass to Jaquale Harrison.

The Oilers responded with Dominic Serna's 28-yard touchdown run to close to 16-14 just 3:26 before intermission.

The Eagles upped the lead to 23-14 at 6:02 of the third quarter on a 28-yard touchdown pass from Rodriguez to Jahron Jonas.

Pearland, though, trimmed it to 23-21 when freshman quarterback Jackson Hamilton threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Sanchez with 4:15 remaining in the third period.

Oak Ridge countered when Fernando Vasquez kicked a 34-yard field goal with 8:44 left in the final period for a 26-21 edge.

Pearland's Izeal Jones gave the Oilers their first lead when he returned the ensuing kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown just 14 seconds later as the Oilers for a 27-26 score.

Sock then completed a two-point conversion pass to Sanchez for a 29-26 lead.

Oak Ridge, though, came right back to take a 33-29 advantage on Larry Debose's 34-yard run with 6:33 left in the game before Pearland rallied one more time.

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