

# PeeWee Storm split with Hilltoppers and Cowboys

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Airdrie's PeeWee Storm football club split games last week, increasing its regular season record to two wins and four losses.

The Storm pulled off a 6-0 shut out of the Hilltoppers, Sept. 26, before dropping a game to the dreaded Cowboys, 22-6, Sept. 29.

The win against the Hilltoppers was pure guts, says head coach Thomas Rohl.

"Our defence dominated the game. Our offence played well, but three turn overs stalled some of our long drives, and we had a touchdown called back early in the fourth quarter," he said.

Airdrie took the lead on a 20 yard touchdown run by Victor Primeau. The Storm's defence, led by linebackers Connor Boyd, Chase Bywaters and defensive lineman Lane Robinson, held the Hilltoppers scoreless down the stretch.

Things got dicey in the final minutes, when the Toppers got to Airdrie's 10 yard line with 20 seconds left on the clock. But three successive stops by the defence got the job done.

"That was a big defensive stand. It was amazing. The boys held them a couple inches short of the

first down and won the game."

Three days later the Storm found itself in tough against the North Division's top team: the Cowboys. The Cowboys dominated the battle for field position, and took a 14-0 lead in the first half.

"We had four turnovers on offence and our defence was on the field for most of the game," said Rohl. "Our defence did a good job containing their number one and number two runningbacks. Our defensive corners, Jared Johnson and Braden Atkinson played huge. He forced them into turnovers on downs and punting, but we just couldn't keep it going. We were on a long field all day, and they were on a short field."

In the second half Airdrie cracked the goose-egg in the scoreboard thanks to a big play by Nathaniel Cross. He got to the outside on a reverse, then came back against the grain and popped loose for a 75 yard touchdown run.

The PeeWee Storm was also scheduled to take on the Broncos, Oct. 3 (results too late for press time). Next up for the Storm is its final regular season game against the Wildcats, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m., on field number two at Calgary's Shouldice Park.



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As quick as lightning, the PeeWee Storm's Nathaniel Cross is hard to track down. He scored his team's lone major, Sept. 29 against the Cowboys.