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Storm rampages on

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The Airdrie Storm is unbeatable.

The local bantam football team won its sixth game in a row last weekend, taking out the Broncos for a final score of 14-0.

"It was a hard-hitting, hard-fought game," said Storm head coach Jeff Younger. "All around, we had a very solid game, especially defensively."

Thanks to "a superb effort" on the part of the defence, Younger said, the Storm held the Broncos to a total of 17 offensive plays for only 33 yards and three first downs, two of which came in the last two minutes of the game.

In first-quarter action, the Storm took the opening kickoff on a 10-play drive which stalled on the Broncos 25-yard line with an interception.

The Storm defence held the Broncos to two downs and a punt to regain possession with good field position.

A 14-yard pass from Tyrell Rohl to Travis Vollmann got the ball to the one-yard line, where Mike Antonius took it in for the touchdown on the first play of the second quarter.

Jon Jennings converted, putting the Storm, taking the score to 8-0.

The second quarter saw the Storm put together some good drives, eating up the clock and holding the Bronco

offence.

The tally remained 8-0 at the half.

On the opening kickoff of the second half, Storm player Dustin Stromquist recovered the ball, which led to the Storm's second scoring drive — a three-yard run by Jennings.

This turned out to be the last scoring play of the game, as Jennings missed the convert.

From that point on, Younger said, Airdrie had some good drives and didn't let up defensively.

"It was a very physical game," he said. "It was the hardest-hitting game the guys have been in to date.

"They knew they were in a game," he added.

The game was the third in a row the Storm has held its opponents to only 30-40 yards, Younger said, adding Airdrie has only allowed 24 points against for all six games.

"Not to take anything away from the Broncos — they held us offensively," Younger said.

On the defence, Robin Chemelli had one fumble recovery.

Stromquist tallied an interception and the kickoff recovery. He also notched up three tackles.

Jeff Hemmelspeck powered out four good tackles, two of them for losses.

Bryan Berard also had four tackles.

"Travis Vollmann had another outstanding

game," Younger said, with three solid tackles.

Vollmann, playing in a two-way position, also had eight carries for 34 yards and a pass reception for 14 yards.

In rushing, Jennings had 12 carries for 66 yards and one touch-down.

Antonius took the ball 15 times for 42 yards and a TD.

Rohl carried twice for seven yards, and was one-for-two for 14 yards with one interception.

Even though the passing stats were low, Younger said the ground game was what was working for the team in the game.

"We have no qualms about throwing the ball — we use the pass quite well," he said.

But on Saturday, he added, "We were still in a situation where you don't want to do a lot of things you don't have to do — and throwing was one of them."

The Storm is now tied with the Bulldogs, each with 6-0 records.

Top spot in the division will be determined next weekend, when the Storm takes on the Cowboys, who have a 5-1 record.

Younger said he is looking for another good game on the weekend.

Game time is Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Mewata.

Younger and the Storm also send out their thanks to Airdrie Two-For-One Pizza and Wendy's for providing the boys with great meals after the games.