

Tough turn of events for Airdrie's PeeWee Storm football club

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It has been an injury plagued roller-coaster ride for Airdrie's Pee Wee Storm football team.

After starting its season on a high, the Storm lost two of its starters in a 40-14 loss to the Calgary Broncos, Oct. 10.

"It's just been one of those years. I've never gone through this ever before, so this is just one of those seasons where it seemed to happen," said head coach Thomas Rohl.

On Saturday, the Storm scored first against the Broncos when Jordan Baldwin ran the ball into the end zone to put six points on the board. The team was unable to convert for the extra point.

With the score 26-6 at the half, the Storm cut the lead by six points in the third quarter. But the Broncos outside running game owned the remaining quarters when running backs Antwan Smith and Bryan Johnson's speed was too much for the Storm.

"Most of their runs were huge. They were over 50-yard runs and these guys were jet quick. I haven't seen anything that quick in five years. It was pretty amazing to watch," said Rohl.

In the third quarter, the Storm lost line-backers Bowen Lewis and Deion Holders, which didn't help matters.

The biggest obstacle this year has been replacing those injured players.

"A lot of the kids are playing out of position from where they started at the beginning of the year. It's been a learning curve almost every week for some of them," he said.

The loss still puts the Storm just two points short of finishing in Tier 1 for the playoffs, with one game remaining against the Goldenhawks, Oct. 17. The



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LOOKING FOR OPTIONS - The Airdrie PeeWee Storm's Jordan Baldwin looks for room during his team's Oct. 10 game against the Calgary Cobras. The Storm lost 40-14.

playoffs start Oct. 24.

Rohl said he is taking nothing for granted.

"The Goldenhawks haven't done very well this year and they are due for a big one on us. I expect a really tough game against them actually. We have a small defensive line and they have a big offensive line so it is going to be pretty tough slugging," said Rohl.

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