

SPORTS

Storm wins again

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The Airdrie Storm is unbeatable.

The bantam football team, only in its second year of existence, won its fifth consecutive game Sunday, leaving the hometown boys with a perfect 5-0 record on

the season.

The Storm took on Marlborough Park's Golden Hawks in a game which started slowly for Airdrie but built to a tremendous second half, resulting in a 38-3 Storm rout.

The Hawks got off to a promising start, tak-

ing the opening kickoff down the field to kick a three-point field goal.

But that was the last time Marlborough Park would see the end zone.

The Storm was slow to score, said Airdrie head coach Jeff Younger.

"We had a number of miscues offensively, a

couple of fumbles," he said.

The Hawks also had their share of bad luck — the team had a touch-down called back on an illegal recovery of a fumble.

Late in the first half, the Storm began to roll.

"We finally got our

act together with about three minutes in the half," Younger said.

The Storm put up its first points on a 12-yard run by Jon Jennings, a score Jennings also converted to bring the tally to 8-3.

Just before the end of the half, after a good punt return by Mike Antonius, Tyrell Rohl threw a 19-yard pass to Antonius, who went in for the TD. Jennings again converted, leaving the Storm ahead at the half 16-3.

The Storm kept up the momentum in the second half. A 50-yard run and conversion by Jennings took the score to 24-3 in the third quarter.

In the fourth, Rohl carried over from the one-yard line. The conversion was missed.

In the final scoring play of the game, Travis Vollmann had a 68-yard middle run for the TD, with Jennings making the points after.

Although the first half of the game wasn't pretty, Younger said this was a great opportunity for his team to learn some valuable lessons.

After the rough start and several mistakes, Younger said his team didn't fold, but kept working.

"What we are proving to ourselves is ... we do have character on the team," he said. "Keep plugging away and things will start to work."

"It's all confidence building — the knowledge that, 'Hey, you can do it,'" he added.

This year, the team knows what it can do, whereas last year, the players weren't sure, Younger said.

But, he added, the players aren't getting cocky and there are no prima donnas in the Storm organization.

"(The players) are coming out and working hard," he said. "Our stars are working hard, and that's why they're stars."

The Storm hits the gridiron Saturday at 11:30 a.m. to take on the Broncos.

"I see maybe a tighter game," Younger said. "The Broncos — they're a decent team."

However, the Broncos will have a tough go holding back the Storm.

"It's going to take a very good team to beat us," Younger said.