

Bobcats beat a feisty Wave

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With big wins over Notre Dame and Newtown to its credit, the Brookfield football team was supposed to walk all over New Milford Monday night.

Instead, the Green Wave gave Brookfield all it could handle, but it wasn't quite enough, as the Bobcats came away with a

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21-13 victory on a soggy and rainy night in New Milford.

The Wave (1-3) played spirited defense that held Brookfield's vaunted ground attack in check. A Scott Lutrus 54-yard touchdown run in the middle of the first quarter was the only score of the first half as Brookfield (4-0) staked itself to a 6-0 lead in at halftime.

"We played extremely well defensively," said New Milford coach Chuck Lynch. "I felt our defensive front was doing a fine job. With Brookfield, you know what's coming. We knew Lutrus was going to get his (yards), but we did a good job containing them as a whole."

In the third quarter, Brookfield held New Milford on its opening possession and the offense got something going with a 58-yard drive, culminating with Justin Staugatis punching it in from one yard out. Lutrus scored on the two-point conversion to push the lead up to 14-0. The big play in the drive was Chase Treibt's 50-yard run to the outside.

"Down by six at the half was a good spot to be in," said Lynch. "I thought if we got some breaks and made adjustments we might have a chance. They made the necessary adjustments and pulled away. They are a solid football team."

Brookfield added a score with under a minute remaining as Lutrus scored his second



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Above, Jamie Pisano (21) runs the ball downfield with teammate Nick Barillaro (29) close behind, and Brookfield's Chase Treibt (5) in pursuit in Monday's game. Below, Pisano tackles the Bobcats' Scott Lutrus as Frank Sclafani (23) looks on.

touchdown of the game on an eight-yard run to go up 21-0. Lutrus ended the game with 137 yards on 24 carries.

The Wave ended the game on a flurry, scoring two touchdowns on runs of 48 and 54 yards from Jamie Pisano. The final touchdown was a nice run where the running back cut across the grain and dove to the goal line as he was being tackled. Pisano led the Wave offense with 140 yards on 13 carries.

For coach Rich Angarano, he was happy with the defensive performance, but thought the offense could have played better.

"The defense played great. We kept them in check until we were able to get the offense going in the second half," he said. "We couldn't pass the ball today and their defensive front outplayed us. New Milford played an excellent game."

"We have to get better if we are to be successful this season," he added. "We were lucky to come out with a win tonight."

