

After successfully running the ball in non-conference wins over Chilton and Howards Grove, the Raider football team used the same mindset in its Eastern Wisconsin Conference opener last Friday night in Kewaskum.

However, Kiel met its match and a more physical Indian squad pulled off a 35-14 victory. Kewaskum scored on its first possession. Quarterback Cody Nuernberg hit Sam Olla for a 23-yard scoring strike and a 7-0 lead.

Kiel tied the game late in the opening quarter. Isaiah Herzog found a hole in the line and raced 67 yards for a score with 57 seconds left. On the first play following the ensuing kickoff, Kewaskum grabbed the lead for good.

Eric Perkins outran the Kiel defense for 59 yards and a TD.

The Indians made it 21-7 on its next possession as Nuernberg scored on a 30-yard keeper.

Kewaskum would add to its lead as Bo Seibel scored from seven yards out before the Raiders cut their deficit back to 14 when Cody Retlich scored on a nine-yard carry to make it 28-14.

Defenses took over in the second half.

The only score came in the fourth quarter when Perkins scored from 14 yards out.

The Indians outgained Kiel 361-243.

Retlich and Herzog each rushed for 79 yards while Derek Fritsch added 66 yards on 15 carries.

Raider QB Geddy Nordby was 2-for-8 passing for 29 yards. Both receptions went to Fritsch.

Perkins finished with 143 yards on 19 carries and Nuernberg ran for 104 on 11 attempts for Kewaskum, now 3-0 overall. Kiel falls to 2-1 on the season.

They host a vastly improved Two Rivers squad Friday night at Fifrlick Field at 7 p.m. TR is off to a 3-0 start.