

Bengals' run game sets up the pass

Jensen's TD throws deflate Cavemen, move Brighton to 4-0

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Matchup

Playing perhaps their best game of the season so far, the Brighton Bengals made quick work of American Fork.

Drew Jensen threw four touchdown passes – two to Isaiah Kaufusi – and the Bengals built a 20-0 first-quarter lead en route to the 27-7 non-region victory. After posting a shutout two weeks earlier against Fremont, Brighton came close to doing it again.

"The offensive line dominated," said Brighton coach Ryan Bullett. "They were our strength and led our team chemistry. They didn't care who was our lead ball carrier and nobody complained either way."

Uaea Masina missed this game due to an injury he suffered at Sky View. Josh Thompson and Osa Masina were the top rushers. However, in this game, Brighton's vaunted running game set up the pass.

"We were able to pretty much do what we wanted," said lineman Ethan Finlinson. "We kept moving the ball and doing it our way. It was pretty easy."

Jensen had his best game of the season, although American Fork did stop a couple of drives with interceptions. Jensen found Kaufusi on a 37-



Isaiah Kaufusi had one of his best games, here snagging the first of his two touchdown passes over an American Fork defender.

yard scoring pass to get Brighton on the scoreboard first. He added touchdown throws to Brady McCloyn, Kaufusi (again) and then Josh Thompson before halftime.

American Fork, meanwhile, had little to cheer about. Junior quarterback Jeremiah Evans completed 7-of-



A weary **Tyson Aldridge** walks off the field at the end of the game as his teammates celebrate behind him.

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BRIGHTON FOOTBALL: Bengals 27, American Fork 7



TOP: Parker Owen signals a touchdown while the nearby official confirms that Isaiah Kaufusi held the pass.

LOWER LEFT: Kekoa Kane fights off a block and pressures the QB..

RIGHT: Coaches Denny Crockett and Ryan Bullett.



GAME SUMMARY

Brighton	20	7	0	0	- 27
American Fork	0	0	0	7	- 7

B – Isaiah Kaufusi 37 pass from Drew Jensen (kick failed)

B – Brady McCloy 29 pass from Jensen (McCloy run)

B – Isaiah Kaufusi 45 pass from Jensen (kick failed)

B – Josh Thompson 6 pass from Jensen (Hunter Dall kick)

AF – Fili Tuifua 6 run (Tanner Lee kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Brighton – Thompson 9-31, Osa Masina 6-25, Jensen 2-7, Kekoa Kane 1-3. AF – Lopini Katoa 7-71, Blake Harmon 9-38, Tuifua 2-8, Jeremiah Evans 4-(-8).

PASSING: Brighton – Jensen 11-16-2-182 yards. AF – Evans 7-17-2-89 yards, Riley Smith 0-1-0-0 yards.

RECEIVING: Brighton – Kaufusi 3-102, Tyson Reid 2-19, Parker Owen 2-17, McCloy 1-29, Thompson 1-8, Brad Wallace 1-4, Chandler Gee 1-2. AF – Brandon Eldredge 2-44, Chris Boone 2-18, Katoa 1-15, Blake Harmon 1-6, Nate Heaps 1-6.

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17 passes for 89 yards. Kaufusi and Alec McArde stopped Cavemen drives with interceptions. AF didn't score until late when Fili Tuifua found the end zone on a 6-yard run.

For the game, American Fork had 198 total yards. Brighton didn't have much more, but the Bengals were able to make the game's biggest plays. Kaufusi caught three passes for 102 yards.

The win improved Brighton's record to 4-0 with homecoming, and then the start of the Region 3 season quickly approaching.