

# Offense leads LJHS football team

Warriors beat Beaver Creek last week, 28-26, for their fourth consecutive win.

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Lebanon's eighth-grade football team is scoring points in bunches — and wins are following.

The Warriors beat Beaver Creek last week, 28-26. It was their fourth win in a row and moved their record to 4-1 after a season-opening loss to Fairborn.

"I'm pleased," head coach Brian Kindell said. "I've noticed that we've gotten better each week.

"We want to improve on two or three things each week and we seem to accomplish that," he said.

During the team's four-game win streak, the Warriors are averaging a little more than 37 points per game.

The bulk of the scoring has come from tailback Aaron Abbott, who has scored 15 touchdowns in five games. But the Warriors are not a one-man band.

"I think the development of quarterback Brady Burns has been the key to our recent success on offense," Kindell said. "We didn't want to be a one-dimensional team, and we are now a threat to throw the football. Brady has had over 100 yards passing in each of the last three games."

Burns' top targets are Nick Esposito and Brad Temple, along with Luke Romick and Adam Baxter.

Defensively, the Warriors



Aaron Abbott has scored 15 touchdowns in five games to lead Lebanon's eighth-grade football team to a 4-1 record this season. Staff photo by Linda Weisenborn

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have been led in tackles by linebacker Brandon Machen, with Ben Riffin, Seth Gilbert, Kameron Maupin, Dylan Francis, Zach Mullins and Skyler Duncan also contributing to the success. Lebanon also got

a huge game last week from Landen Brown, who defended the pass and run from his cornerback position in the win over Beaver Creek.

The defense preserved the win against the Beavers. Leading 28-26 in the final moments, Lebanon stopped a Beaver Creek drive to walk away with its fourth win.

"We want to finish the

season strong and continue to win football games," Kindell said. "We're extremely excited about the opportunity to play a rivalry game at Springboro — who is also having a good season — in the finale."

Lebanon finishes the junior high season Wednesday at Springboro.

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