

# Shallowater capitalizes off Estacado turnovers for 21-14 win

Ogle leads Mustangs with 107 rushing yards, two touchdowns

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Shallowater's Chris Contreras (18) and Kolton Rexrode look on after scoring a touchdown against Estacado Thursday in Lubbock.  
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Although they started the season with a shootout win against Levelland and a comfortable victory against Greenwood, there were still partial question marks surrounding the Shallowater.

Its veteran team from last year — including two players that graced the cover of Lone Star Varsity Football Fever — was gone, taking with it nearly the entire starting lineups on both sides of the ball.

What replaced it has nearly answered all of those questions, particularly in the area of how Kyle Maxfield's team stacks up physically, in a 21-14 win at Estacado (2-2) in which the Mustangs (3-0) scored all of their points off turnovers.

"(Shallowater is) not as big in stature as they have been in the past, but they play just as big," Estacado coach Danny Servance said. "Last year was a senior-laden team. Now, they're kind of having to reload and coach these young kids up and kind of pass the tradition down and the expectations for the program."

Estacado trailed 21-14 with 1:33 left and faced a fourth-and-5 that turned into a fourth-and-10 inside the Shallowater 30 after a delay of game penalty. Matadors quarterback Jalen Tennison lofted a ball into air that Kenaris Jackson could not reel in, ending Estacado's comeback chances.

Cooper Ogle led Shallowater with 107 rushing yards and two touchdowns and quarterback Chris Contreras completed eight passes for 127 yards and ran for a score.

Maxfield said before the game that he saw Tennison grow over his previous two seasons as a starter and that the senior has grown to handle more responsibility since the graduation of standout running back Robert Johnson — except David Smith, not Tennison, was the focus of Estacado's attack.

Smith, a lithe junior, made a late debut in the playoffs last season and has gotten an increased work load with injuries to Ukedrian Anderson and Craig Busby, finishing with 136 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

After Estacado forced a Shallowater punt on its first possession, the Matadors took over inside their own 10-yard line and handed off to Smith for a 22-yard gain.

The next play was a swing pass to Jacobye Bracy that picked up six yards before he fumbled and gave Shallowater possession on the Matadors 29 yard line and started a Mustangs drive that culminated with a 3-yard touchdown run from Cooper Ogle.

After a missed 42-yard field goal attempt from Shallowater's Sammy Mitchell early in the second period, Estacado took over and David Smith took off for an 18-yard gain crossing midfield.

Just after his first contact with a defender, Smith was stripped of the ball and Shallowater's Preston Scaff scooped it up. Chris Contreras finished off a drive with a 1-yard touchdown drive.

Estacado answered with a 79-yard play action pass from Tennison to Smith that made the score 14-7.

Jacob Duenes intercepted a Tennison pass late in the third quarter that disrupted a dominant Estacado drive and it led to an 8-yard Ogle score, putting Shallowater up 21-7.

Smith closed the scoring with a 10-yard touchdown run off an option pass with 6:17 left in the fourth.

The two teams, which split their last four meetings, go in opposite directions on their schedule after this game: Estacado faces Lubbock, a team it is favored over, while Shallowater gets another physicality test when it hosts Idalou.

## **Shallowater 21, Estacado 14**

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### **First Quarter**

SHA — Ogle 3 run (Mitchell kick) 7:40

### **Second Quarter**

SHA — Contreras 1 run (Mitchell kick)

EST — Smith 79 pass (Manzay kick) 2:53

### **Third Quarter**

SHA — Ogle 8 run (Mitchell kick) 7:09

### **Fourth Quarter**

EST — Smith 10 run (Manzay kick) 6:17

### **Sha Est**

First downs 10 10

Rushes-Yards 45-151 26-166

Passing 127 163

Comp-Att-Int 8-16-0 9-13-1

Punts 4-36.25 2-37

Fumbles-Lost 2-0 4-2

Penalties - Yards 4-20 4-20

**RUSHING** — SHA — Ogle 24-107, Hall 1 – minus 4, Contreras 16-31, Andres Castillo 1-3, Jake Johnson 2-10, Ran Johnston 1-4; EST — Tennison 10-27, Smith 15-136, Cobbs 1-3.

**PASSING** — SHA: Contreras 8-16-127; EST: Tennison 9-16-163.

**RECEIVING** — SHA: Scaff 3-56, Johnson 2-32, Smith 2-19, Ogle 1-20; EST — Bracy 3-34, Bascus 1-2, Smith 1-79, Dreary 3-36, Thomas 1-12.

**RECORDS** — Shallowater 3-0, Estacado 2-2.