

While Revere controlled ground, vaunted Rider offense sputtered

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from an interception. And it took them four or five plays to get it in from the 18 yard line.

"They would drive the ball well but they really only had two other scoring threats the whole game. One of those they missed a field goal of about 24-25 yards and the other was in their last drive in regulation play. They drove down to about the five-yard line and on third down they fumbled and we recovered on about the three.

"Other than that, they drove and controlled the ball, but there weren't any real scoring threats. They got a lot of yardage on a lot of series, but no real scoring threats.

"In the first half, we played a real good game both ways, except we didn't get a lot going offensively. We were missing a block here, or blocking the wrong guy there, or we didn't quite hit with a pass; but I really felt we played pretty well.

"In the second half offensively, we didn't do anything, our defense was on the field too much.

"But again, like I said, the only score they got came off that interception in regulation. I really think that in their last

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play-in-overtime they were just trying to get to the middle of the field to get set up for a field goal, but the kid broke it and took it in."

So despite the radical difference in yardage between the two teams, it really could have gone either way.

"No question about it. They had a drive right at the end of the game, their last regulation drive. It started with about five minutes left. They drove it down to about the three or four yard line, fumbled and we recovered. At that point it was anybody's ball game.

"Then we went into overtime and they won the toss and elected to go on defense which is what you should do. We ran one play and didn't gain much. Then we tried to throw a pass in the end zone and they intercepted it.

"After a couple plays they got a first down. Then they got down to the third and 12 and broke it for the touchdown. That's how they beat us.

"We were right in the game the whole time. We had as good a chance as they did to win it, but we just didn't quite get it done.

"You can't take anything away from our kids, though, they just played great.

"Most of them took the loss pretty hard. They had their goals set. It's something they'd dreamed about for years; a state championship. It would be rough on anybody, but these kids worked real hard to get there. Most people can't appreciate how hard these kids did work to reach that goal, but they're class kids and they'll be alright.

"They'll bounce back."