

# Sentral derails Adair-Casey 3-peat

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COON RAPIDS, Iowa — Fenton Sentral muscled its way to a 46-43 win over Adair-Casey in double overtime Saturday in the semifinals of the eight-man playoffs.

The loss snapped the Bombers' 25-game winning streak, the second-longest in eight-man history, and dashed Bomber three-peat hopes.

"This is huge," said Sentral Coach Steve Ramer after a wild, on-field celebration. "To go against a team like that and win, it's a big thing."

Sentral (10-1) held Adair-Casey (10-1) to a 20-yard Connor Moore field goal in the second overtime.

On third-and-goal from the



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Fenton Sentral's Jeff Struecker lunges for the end zone for the winning touchdown. Struecker ran for 73 yards.

7, Sentral quarterback Jeremy Jensen (9 of 15, 152 yards, four TDs), scrambled to his right and found elusive tailback Jeff Struecker alone in the flat. Struecker made the

catch at the 5, spun to the 1 and stretched for the end zone, pushing the nose of the ball just past the plane and sending jubilant Sentral fans in a mad dash to the celebration in

the south end zone.

Struecker, who finished with a game-high 162 total yards (73 rushing, 89 receiving), said he didn't even bother to look for the official call.

"I just somehow knew," he said, "and I just got up and started screaming and cheering."

Bombers Coach Ron Peck, whose teams have gone 29-2 since joining eight-man, said the game's real key was the first overtime.

Sentral took the ball first and scored on fourth down with a 7-yard strike from Jensen to Eric Bruhn — his only catch of the day. Jensen came back with a successful two-point pass to Levi Thompson, who made a leaping, over-the-shoulder grab in the

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"We had them fourth-and-seven, and they hit that guy for the touchdown," Peck said. "We can't let them off the hook on fourth-and-seven in these kind of games."

Adair-Casey quarterback John Kesselring (91 yards rushing) scored for the Bombers in their turn in OT. He spun out of a dive fake to Jared Uhlman (58 yards) for a 2-yard dash around left end.

Zak Sheeder (41 yards) forced the second overtime with a dive into the end zone on the two-point conversion.

The Spartans blitzed the Bombers with three big passes in the first half, all touchdowns of 20 yards or more.

Jensen opened the scoring with a 33-yard strike to Dillon Meyer, then hit Struecker on a 55-yard middle screen early in the second quarter.

Jensen hit Meyer again late in the half from 20 yards out. Sentral converted all three two-point attempts to take a 24-8 lead into the half, the largest lead ever against the Bombers since they joined the eight-man ranks.

The Bombers, however, scored on their first three possessions of the second half. Kesselring scored on a 7-yard run, and then Moore booted his first



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Adair-Casey's Zak Sheeder and Jared Uhlman agonize over their team's first loss in 25 games.

field goal of the day, a 31-yarder.

Blake Wittrock (five carries, 66 yards, two TDs) gave the Bombers their first lead on his first carry when he broke three tackles at the line and broke loose for a 38-yard scamper. The two-point run attempt failed,

leaving the Bombers up 25-24.

Sentral's 235-pound fullback, Dustin Nerem (77 yards, one TD), put the Spartans back on top with 5:14 left in regulation when he plowed in from 3 yards out. The Spartans extended the lead to 32-25 with the successful

two-point conversion.

Adair-Casey took advantage of a failed inside kick and marched 40 yards in 2:21, capped by a 23-yard run off right tackle by Wittrock. Moore's kick knotted the score 32-32 with 2:49 left in regulation.