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Yellow jerseys, homecoming vibe lift Crean Lutheran past Sage Hill, 56-6

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Crean Lutheran's football team celebrated its homecoming with a 56-6 victory over Sage Hill in the Academy League opener at Irvine Stadium.

The Saints (5-2 overall) came out wearing yellow jerseys that were designed just for the Oct. 8 homecoming game.

"It was a fun night," said Crean coach Brett Mertens. "We run more than we throw, but we can throw when we need to.

"We got to continue to get better. We have some very difficult games coming up. We can't be satisfied here. Hopefully we can continue to get better and stay healthy, good things will continue to happen."

After a scoreless first quarter, Crean Lutheran's Daniel Ruiz changed the tone of the game when he returned a missed field goal 95 yards for a touchdown on the third play of the second quarter.

"Everyone kind of stood around, it was really strange," Mertens said. "The first quarter was kind of strange and then we kind of got on a roll after that."

Garrett Cox scored on a 5-yard touchdown run and then on the following series, he scored on a 4-yard touchdown run following an interception by Ruiz.

Quarterback Gavin Folsom tossed two touchdown passes in the second half and Cox added a pair of touchdown runs.

Cox wound up with 110 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

The Crean Lutheran defense was tough all night against Sage Hill (1-6, 0-1).

Robert Briones led Crean Lutheran in tackles.

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