By Don Chipman

Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over 'till it's over." Well new head coach Tyler Buhlig and his BHS Tigers reiterated, "It ain't over 'till it's over," when they scored twice in the final two-minutes of the fourth quarter to post a thrilling come-from-behind 28-21 victory over Lewistown.

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The Indians, ranked No. 12 in the Class 1A pre-season Prep Poll, jumped out to a 7-0 lead, scoring on their first possession on a six-play drive thanks to two BHS penalties that kept their drive alive. They scored on a 30-yard pass from Colton Johnson to Roman Frakes with 8:25 left in the first period.

Beardstown would answer back with a touchdown of their own on an eight-play drive which culminated when Alex Myles raced in from 16 yards out on a gaping hole on the right side at the 5:00 mark of the opening frame. The PAT by D'Ante McWilliams tied it at 7-7.

Lewistown took the ensuing kickoff and eight plays later dented the Tiger goal line when junior running back, Brian Kruzan, raced 33-yards to daylight untouched down the far left sidelines to make it 14-7 with 1:13 left in the opening period of play. The drive was highlighted by a spectacular diving 33-yard catch by Matt McCoy on a third and long 22.

Beardstown answered swiftly when Gus Vermillion hooked up with Jon Kramer on an inside bubble screen that turned into a 75-yard "bomb" on the fourth play from scrimmage at 11:15 of the second period. Again the PAT by McWilliams was good and the two teams were tied at 14-14.

On the Indians' next possession, the Tigers held when Wes Icenogle broke through and sacked QB Justin Burdess for a huge 10-yard loss on third down forcing a Lewistown punt.

It appeared that the Tigers might take the lead as they drove from their own 32-yard line following the Lewistown punt. A 62-yard pass from Vermillion to Myles was nullified by a block in the back. The locals moved to the Lewistown's 20-yard line where they fumbled the ball with the hosts recovering.

BHS received the second half kickoff, but two big penalties stalled the opening drive, as they were hit with an illegal block in the back that nullified a 35-yard completion to Alex Schultz. Vermillion was sacked for an 11-yard loss, and a holding call forced a punt from the Tigers nine yard line.

It took Lewistown seven plays to score as Brady Hardesty pounded in from three yards out following a defensive pass interference call on the O&B, to take the lead at 21-14 with 5:11 left in the third frame.