

Paslay, Manns lead Birds to big win over Miners

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GILLESPIE – Southwestern’s **Ryan Paslay** and **Josh Manns** had their best games of the season Friday night at **Gillespie**.

Paslay powered his way at the Gillespie defense, rushing 27 times for 170 yards. He scored Southwestern's first touchdown on a 10-yard reception. Josh Manns scored two rushing touchdowns for the Piasa Birds. Dakotah Corby and Michael Nolte also each added a rushing touchdown.

Zack Seymour added a 15-yard touchdown reception to the Piasa Birds' scoring column.

"We finally put a full four quarters together in all three phases of the game," said Southwestern coach Aaron Fricke. "We could still reduce the penalties, but winning the turnover battle was a key to winning.

"We had a great week of practice and it showed. The started defense only allowed seven points, easily the best they have played all year."

Southwestern bolted out to a 14-7 halftime lead and finished strong in the second half for a 40-13 victory.

The Piasa Birds went to 2-2 on the season.