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## European Div. III football: Well-rested London Central downs Rota

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ROTA, Spain — The long layoff didn't hurt London Central in Friday night's 31-14 victory over Rota in Division III-North high school football.

It might have helped.

The Bobcats had not played for nearly three weeks, but they showed little rust. Two weeks ago, the team canceled its home game against Brussels because it could not get officials. Last week, it collected a forfeit from Menwith Hill, which suspended its football program.

"It was good for our guys to get back on the field," London Central head coach Fredo Ontiveros said. "We put in a lot of strong work the past three weeks."

It showed.

Junior running back Daniel Coleman led the Bobcats with 18 carries for 217 yards behind the blocking of fullback Sean Daly.

Senior quarterback Michael Clark was sharp, completing 10 of 16



*Scott Schonauer / S&S*

**London Central running back Daniel Coleman tries to get past Rota senior lineman Chance Howland Friday during the first half at Naval Station Rota, Spain. London Central beat Rota, 31-14.**



*Scott Schonauer / S&S*

**London Central quarterback Michael Clark runs the ball as offensive lineman Arthur Bond looks for a block.**

passes for 169 yards. Clark also ran eight times for 54 yards, scoring three touchdowns.

Clark scored his first TD on a keeper around the right side with 5:15 left in the first half.

Rota defensive back Frankie Rodriguez rushed to the goal line to make the stop, but Clark lowered his shoulder and delivered a crushing blow that popped off Rodriguez's helmet. Clark plowed into the end zone for the score, giving the Bobcats a 12-0 lead.

They would never trail.

In the third quarter, Clark scored after nearly getting sacked. On third and 11 with 2:40 left, he scrambled down the left side, broke a tackle and dove into the end zone for a 14-yard TD and an 18-0 lead.

The Admirals — playing without five of their starters — struggled most of the game on offense. Six players were suspended for stealing seatbelts and life vests from an Iberia flight last weekend from Brussels. They were seen wearing the safety equipment in school the week prior to Friday's homecoming game.

Rota junior Andre Ausmer led the way for the Admirals. He scored two touchdowns in the second half, including a 95-yard run late in the fourth quarter.

Both teams agreed to call the game with 28 seconds left after London Central fullback Daly went down with an injured neck. After a 30-minute delay, an ambulance took him to the base hospital for X-rays. No further information was available at presstime.

### **Aviano 12, Vicenza 7**

VICENZA, Italy — Kevin Cardoza crashed over from the 3-yard line with four minutes remaining Friday night to boost the Saints over the Cougars in a III-Italy game.

After Spencer Harris had run 41 yards to put Aviano up 6-0 in the first quarter, Vicenza answered with a three-yard TD run by Jeff Hoey. The Cougars then took the lead on Sean Penhallegon's PAT kick, a lead that held up until the fourth-quarter score.

Aviano's victory left all three Division III-Italy teams tied with 1-1 conference marks. The Saints are 1-2 overall and host Sigonella Saturday.

Vicenza (1-3) has the week off before playing at Aviano on Oct. 12 and at Sigonella on Oct. 19.

### **Baumholder 34, Hohenfels 22**

HOHENFELS, Germany — Quarterback Matt Calabria and running backs Desmond Isadore and Olando Square led unbeaten Baumholder to victory Friday in the the first of two likely elimination games it will face in quest of the III-South title.

Calabria, a senior, completed seven of 14 passes for 114 yards and two TDs, one of them a 12-yard scoring pass to Josh Holman.

Square had six receptions, one for a 20-yard touchdown, rushed seven times for 81 yards and returned a punt 41 yards for a TD.

Isadore ran the ball 22 times for 143 yards, two touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

Hohenfels had TDs from Josh Rivera, Patrick Davis and an 80-yard kickoff return by Perry Helton.

The Bucs (4-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference) host unbeaten Ansbach on Friday in the second of the conference elimination showdowns. Should they win that game, they will need a victory at Bamberg on Oct. 19 to move into the European Division III semifinals against the III-North champion.

### **Bamberg 14, Giessen 12**

GIESSEN, Germany — Bamberg took a 14-0 lead and held on for the Division III-South victory.

Bamberg scored on TD runs of 21 and 14 yards by Darryl Wiley and Matt Russell's decisive two-point conversion run, before Giessen mounted a comeback on Michael Moore's 64-yard burst to pay dirt with 3:33 left in the third quarter and Michael Krabbe's 60-yard TD pass to Jerrell Connerly with 4:48 to play.

Moore then fell on a Bamberg fumble at midfield to give the Griffins life with three minutes left, but Bamberg stopped the drive on the final play of the game.

Bamberg (2-1 overall and 1-1 in III-South) travels to London Central on Saturday. Giessen (1-3, 0-2) hosts Hohenfels on Saturday.

### **Brussels 42, Sigonella 0**

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Andrew Isbell ran for 198 yards, two touchdowns and a two-point conversion Saturday as the unbeaten Brigands blanked Sigonella in a nonconference game.

Isbel scored on runs of 23 and 42 yards, the second one the game-ender with 2:20 remaining because of the 40-point mercy rule.

Kyle Cox also rushed for a pair of TDs. His first, a 45-yarder, gave Brussels a 22-0 halftime edge; the second was a 12-yard dash in the third period.

Lonnie Ruffin opened the scoring in the first quarter when he hauled in a 19-yard TD pass from Kevin Nicholson. **Marc Silos** ran five yards for another first-half score for Brussels, which had a pair of safeties on coming from sacks in the end zone by Travis Keeton and Yuriy Moskvitin.

Sigonella's Shawn Crawford, who gained nearly 300 yards the previous week, was held to 77 yards rushing by Brussels. Sean Gilbert led the Sigonella defense with 11 tackles, one of them a sack.

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