A determined and hungry Holyoke Dragon football team took the field at Platte Canyon High School Saturday, Nov. 3.

For the seniors on the team, it was a goal of theirs to reach the playoffs, now it was time to win. And win they did.

It was Holyoke celebrating on the field when all was said and done. The Dragons beat previously undefeated Platte Canyon 42-20 on a chilly Saturday afternoon in the mountains.

Gathering with their parents and fans in a huddle on the field after the game, coach John Zilla voiced his praise for the seniors picking up a playoff win. He said the victory was a team effort. “You’ll never forget this,” the coach added.

“We’re not done,” coach Merle Powell told the group.

Zilla expressed his appreciation towards the fans and parents who made the long drive to Bailey for the game.

“Looking up, I think we had as many fans as they did. And that’s very good for the kids,” Zilla said Monday morning.

The win evened the Dragons’ record at 5-5 on the season. They will advance to the state quarterfinals and host Wray Saturday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. at Max Bernard Field in Holyoke.

Wray beat Byers 46-7 Saturday to advance to this Saturday’s quarterfinal round.

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