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Lahey guides Falcons to Holy Bowl win

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Smothering defense

Christian Brothers High School thought the futility of its annual Holy Bowl battle with Jesuit was over last season.

Saturday night at Hughes Stadium, in front of 16,000 boisterous fans, the Falcons ended a seven-game winless streak in the series.

Decisively.

Behind the passing and running of Michael Lahey; the rushing of Corey Crowder, Aaron Terrell-Byrd and Julian Winters; and a run-smothering defense, the No. 19 Falcons (2-1) defeated No. 20 Jesuit 21-6.

It was the Falcons' first Holy Bowl victory since 2001. And it led to a huge celebration in which thousands of CBS rooters stormed the field.

Last season, Jesuit scored two late touchdowns to win 20-19 and continue its dominance in the annual battle of the two area parochial schools.

But Lahey, a senior, completed 13 of 19 passes for 163 yards and a touchdown and he rushed 12 times for 61 yards and a touchdown to lead the Falcons over their bitter rivals.

"Pretty much my whole life I've been a CB fan," Lahey said. "I've had at least 20 family members who have come through this school. I can tell you right now we did this for the alumni, for all the people thinking about coming to Christian Brothers and for all those people sitting in the stands.

"We also did it for our team, for coming out with pride and ready to play."

CBS scored on its first possession of the game, a 56-yard, 10-play drive, capped by Lahey's four-yard touchdown run.

The Falcons went ahead 14-0 on the opening series of the third quarter, driving 70 yards in

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