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A late score with 11 seconds on the clock lifted the West over the East, 26-19, in the 37th annual West Nebraska All-Star Football Game Saturday night in Scottsbluff.

Chase County 2014 graduates, Khristofer Kuhlmann and Justus Wallin, played on the victorious West Team.

Both former Longhorns started for the West, Kuhlmann on offense as right guard and Wallin on defense as linebacker.

Wallin also received the West Team's Sportsmanship Trophy.

Sidney's Logan Lewis, who finished as the game's offensive Most Valuable Player, scored the winning TD. The Defensive MVP went to Cozad's Tanner Evertonson.

According to the Scottsbluff Star Herald, what really won the game was the West's defensive play in the second half, which held the East's offense forcing six punts and a fumble.

The West trailed 19-6 early in the fourth quarter, but scored 20 unanswered points to take the all-star game win for the first time in three years.

The West finished with 143 yards rushing and 186 passing, compared to the East's 90 yards rushing and 72 yards in the air.

Prior to this year's battle, the East had won 22 games and the West, 13, with one tie since the series started in 1978.

For the third year, all veterans attending both the all-star football game and earlier volleyball game received free admission. A special on-field ceremony recognizing the veterans was held before the football game at Bearcat Stadium.

Points by quarters:

East 6 7 0 6—19

West 6 0 0 20—26