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St. X sophomore Tutwiler has surgery on neck

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St. Xavier High School sophomore football player Lucas Tutwiler had surgery Sunday to repair two fractured vertebrae in his neck, Tigers coach Mike Glaser said.

"Everything's going well so far," Glaser said after the five-hour procedure at Kosair Children's Hospital.

Tutwiler, a 6-foot-1 216-pounder, was injured on the opening kickoff during the Tigers' 32-7 victory over Trinity on Saturday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. The game was delayed about 10 minutes while medical officials stabilized Tutwiler on the field.

No information was available about Tutwiler's projected recovery time from the surgery.

"We have a prayer chain going ... and we're keeping the team informed through that," Glaser said. "Lucas' spirits are well, and the family is holding up well. This is what team and family is about, and we're just trying to be there for them. This just puts it in perspective that it's just a game."

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