

Rams Host Gaston In Opener Friday Night

The Franklinton Rams open their 1969 football season Friday as they play host to the Gaston Rebels. Since the contest will be the first for both squads, little is known about the strength of two. There have been no published reports on the Rebels and very little on the Rams.

Gaston had a 3-6-1 record last season, winning over Franklinton 26-6 in the season finale. The Rebels also staged wins over Norlina (7-6) and Littleton (7-6). They fell to Enfield (7-0); Weldon (21-13); Murfreesboro (26-19); Warrenton (47-7) and were slaughtered by Ayden, 73-0. The sixth loss was not reported. The Rebels tied William R. Davis 0-0.

Franklinton finished the

season last year with a 1-8 record, the win coming over the Elm City Bears. The Rams fell to Wakelon (12-0); Louisburg (26-6); Littleton (20-6); Helena (32-12); South Granville (52-6); Norlina (13-0) and Gaston (26-6). The Rams downed the Bears, 45-0.

This will be the fourth meeting between the two squads. In 1962 they played to a 19-19 standoff and in 1963 the Rebels won, 55-0 which means the Rams have yet to win a game over Gaston.

The Rams will be led Friday night by All Conference Cliff Williams, 6 ft., 197 pound halfback. Williams was named All Conference and in 1967 and All Conference cen-

ter last year. Other lettermen returning to bolster Coach Jimmiv O'Neal's charges in-

clude quarterback Glen Phelps, halfback Tim Leonard, wingback David Thomp-

son, who missed last season with a broken leg, guards Bobby Kearney, a converted halfback and Donnie Beckham and Mike Johnson. Also returning lettermen are tackles Stuart Eakes, Al Sandling and Everett Frye.



CLIFF WILLIAMS
to lead Rams

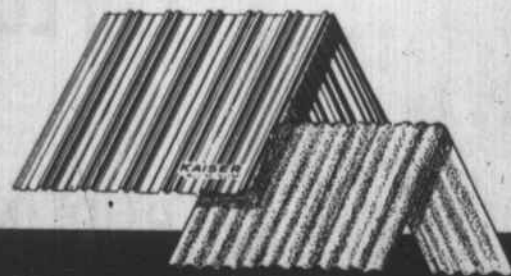
Franklinton Rams Roster

ENDS			
	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class
xWarren Collins	6-2	191	12
xDonnie Beckham	5-10	158	11
xRoyal Pergerson	5-11	142	10
David Strickland	5-11	135	9
Danny Clapton	5-9	125	9
TACKLES			
Jasper Wilson	5-9	142	9
xBuck Pearce	5-11	217	10
xStuart Eakes	6-1	180	12
xAl Sandling	6-0	250	12
GUARDS			
xBobby Ayscue	6-1	151	12
George Ruffell	5-7	125	9
Tommy Honeycutt	5-5	137	9
Buddy Barefoot	5-6	139	10
xGlen Phelps	5-10	150	12
xDanny Preddy	5-8	130	11
Gary Murray	5-4	130	9
Jeff Kearney	5-4	130	9
CENTERS			
xSpencer Strickland	5-11	214	12
Mark Bennett	5-6	120	9
xEverette Frye	5-8	150	12
QUARTERBACKS			
Jerry Simmons	5-10	135	11
David Thompson	6-1	180	11
HALFBACKS			
xCliff Williams	6-0	197	12
Mike Goodwin	5-11	176	9
xBobby Kearney	5-8	162	12
Ronnie Dement	5-6	126	10
WINGBACKS			
xTim Leonard	5-10	147	12
Steve Pace	5-2	91	9

x - lettermen

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It took McCullough of the Lions just six of the fourteen regular season games to earn Rookie of the Year honors during the 1968 season.

At posh Cranbrook School, a private institution tucked away 23 miles from Detroit, the slender receiver recalled his dismay when learning of his selection.

"I was surprised. I say that because of two things. Mel Farr got it the year before and he's also from Detroit. I didn't think they'd pick two in a row from the same team."

The second reason was Earl's self-admitted poor play during the remainder of the season. He had caught five TD passes in the first six games, but was held scoreless in the next eight. He was said by Lion brass to be bumped, double-teamed, and tripled. He was said to be veering off his patterns and inexperienced, but a certainty for stardom.

No one said he had played the entire year, including the exhibition season, with a broken wrist. No one found out about it until March, when he had to have a bone graft.

He had also suffered a leg injury in game number eight. "I don't know if the injuries had anything to do with my poor play," he offered. "There was no doubt I was picked on my first half-season performance, because I was very disappointed with the rest of the year. I hope to do better this year, a lot

better."

The Lions lost their pre-season opener to strong Kansas City of the AFL, but McCullough has started out just like last year. He hauled in a TD pass from Greg Landry against one of the toughest defensive secondaries in the game.

McCullough, who gave up a certain gold medal during the Olympics in Mexico for a pro-football career, isn't sorry about the decision.

"It's all a matter of money," he noted. "There's none for a track man, and if you're good there's a whole lot for a football player. I don't think I'm a complete receiver now, but I hope to be. Some players have goals. They know when they feel they should be in their prime. Different people say a different number of years. I hope to do it by this year."

"In college I was faced with only two or three basic defensive patterns. Now there are five or six. It is much more complicated. Here the backs are more versatile. Like Baltimore, they all know where they are supposed to be and work so well at it. It's hard to shake free. It's like moving from checkers to chess, going from college to pros."

In street clothes, the wiry speedster makes you wonder about the boasts of pro-football, the ones that infer it's a "Man's game." He is skinny, small, and light. How could he withstand the brutal challenge of the NFL?

"When he catches the football," says coach Joe Schmidt, "they won't be saying he's heavy or light. They'll be saying damn, he's fast."

"My smallness helps," McCullough insists. "When they take a shot at me, they take their best. If they miss, I may be gone. But if they hit, I'm okay. I might be a little skinny (5'11", 175 lbs.), but I'm not brittle."

McCullough has already proven his after-burners are as good as the best of the NFL. He slipped by Herb Adersley, the prototype of cornerbacks in pro-football, and Bob Jeter, a near equal if not a carbon copy, in the same game for TD snafus. And he wasn't even a pro yet, but a starter on the '69 all-star team.

Being able to jock and outrun the best defensive speedsters around puts McCullough in a class with only one other player. There's an inevitable comparison to the little guy and Dallas' Bob Hayes, who did get a gold medal at Tokyo in '64.

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Can McCullough out-leg Hayes?

"Yes and no," wisely relates Earl. "I can beat him running the hurdles, but in sheer speed, he's probably faster."

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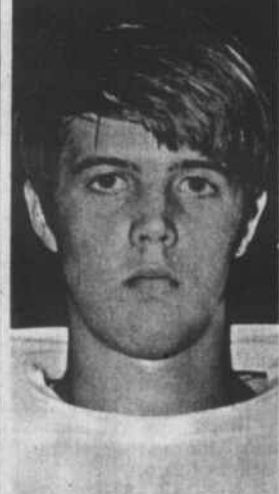
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freshman quarterback



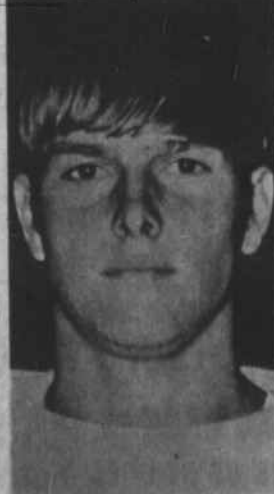
JOE DANIELS
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