

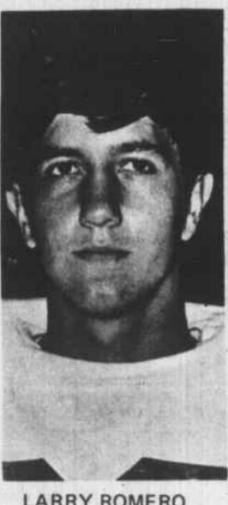
Bulldogs Down Wakelon, Take Title

By Clint Fuller
Times Sports Editor

The Louisburg High School Bulldogs are champions of the Franklin Area Conference. For the first time in its 12-year football history, Louisburg is undisputed champion of its league. And for the first time ever, the Bulldogs have won six and lost none.

The championship came Friday night as the Bulldogs edged Wakelon, 8-0 to complete its domination of conference foes. The winning punch came not from the highly publicized offensive stars but from an unlikely, however deserving, source.

With the speed of light and a hearty "Hi O, Bulldogs", senior reserve Larry Romero, having seen limited action over his four-year stint, came flashing out of the bunch on the opening kickoff and raced—full steam—into the Wakelon end zone and glory. A whole lot of water will flow over the dam before Louisburg forgets Romero and his dash for the crown. And those who came late and missed the run, might as well stayed home. That's all there was. That's all that was needed. That and a stellar performance by the Louisburg defense.



LARRY ROMERO

Wakelon, far better than its 0-5 record indicated, lost the toss and kicked off to Louisburg. Romero took the kick on his own 15 yard-line and raced 85 yards for the TD. Phillip Redmond, filling in for the injured Randy Seidel, raced around right end for the two-point conversion to give the Bulldogs an 8-0 lead.

Louisburg was forced to kick midway the second period after a number of exchanges between the two squads failed to result in a score for either. With 3 minutes left in the first half, Robby McDonald intercepted a Wakelon pass on the Louisburg 15 yard line but Louisburg possession was short lived. Wakelon intercepted a Louisburg pass at the 2 minute mark on the Bulldog thirty. With 38 seconds left, Wakelon's Earl Bunn made a spectacular catch of an Andy Draughton pass on the Louisburg 15. Draughton pitched out to Jim Alford who moved the ball to the Louisburg five with 24 seconds left in the half. Holding a first and goal

on the Louisburg three, Wakelon moved to the Louisburg one foot line with 11 seconds left but time ran out before Wakelon could get the play off. Louisburg had been saved by a stubborn defense and a timely clock.

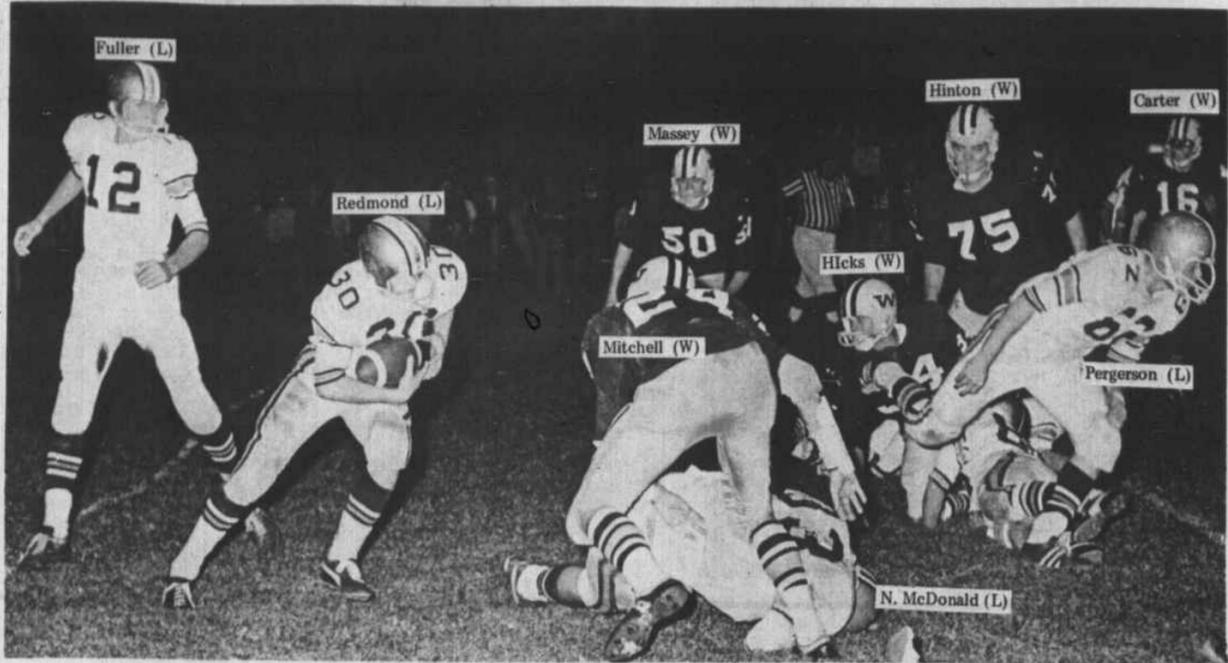
As the third quarter ended, Louisburg had the ball on the Wakelon 13 yard line but the visitors picked off the second pass interception of the night to kill the drive.

With ten minutes left in the game, Louisburg's Johnny Pernel intercepted a Draughton pass and carried it to the Wakelon 15 but the visitor's defense held as they smothered Louisburg quarterback Larry Fuller back on the Wakelon 22 on fourth down to regain ball possession.

Wakelon then drove to the Louisburg 19 yard line with 4:30 left but a timely tackle of Jim Alford by Steve Roberson halted the drive. Robby McDonald again saved Louisburg when he batted a Wakelon pass on the Louisburg 22 at the 3:37 time mark. Louisburg took over at that point. Neill McDonald moved the ball to the Louisburg 31; Phillip Redmond carried to the 37 but an illegal procedure penalty brought this Louisburg effort to a halt. Fuller kicked to the Wakelon 42 with 1:41 left. Still in Louisburg territory, Robby McDonald grabbed another Draughton pass with one minute left in the game. A flag after the interception moved Louisburg to a first and ten on their own 35-yard line with 57 seconds left. Fuller was chased out of bounds as he attempted a sweep to run out the clock and Neill McDonald ate up some time running the next play. With 22 seconds remaining, the Bulldogs just waited at the huddle for the end.

The end came and the locals had won a championship. The joy was somewhat dampened by a feeling by the players that this had not been their best game. The Wakelon defense saw to that. But then, the Louisburg defense was tough enough to hang on for the entire game and make the eight points hold up. It was the defense's brightest hour. The Fighting Scots of 2-A Scotland Neck are next in line of those hoping to break the Bulldog's six-game win streak. The Scots come here Friday night.

We never harbor ill feelings against individuals who disagree with our views, although we often regret that so many people can be wrong.



After Romero Run Redmond Roms For Two Points



Players, Cheerleaders, Fans Jubilant With Title Win

SPORTS In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

The Bulldogs carried Larry Romero off the field on their shoulders Friday night and rightfully so. The fine young senior came through in great style with his 85 yard kickoff return that won the ball game and gave Louisburg its first championship ever.

Romero's performance points out what many believe is the secret to the Bulldog success this year. They have a well-balanced attack. The youngster, not a starter even, played the part of a giant. Wakelon was his thing.

Against Elm City in the opening game, it was Neill McDonald's running and Larry Fuller's passing. Against Norlina, it was Randy Seidel night. At Franklinton it was Fuller's passing and Robby McDonald's catching and Warrenton was another Seidel night. The win over Oxford belonged to linesman Steve Roberson with key fumble recovery by Boo Boo Pergerson and Wakelon belonged to Romero.

It appears that when the opposition bottles up one Bulldog threat, others break out all over. It's difficult to cover everybody and therein lies the secret to the Bulldog success—a well balanced attack.

In the twelve years of Louisburg football, there have been only three opening kick off returns for TD's, including Romero's stunt Friday night. Romero's 85-yarder is the longest opening kickoff return in Bulldog history. William Rowe's 98 yard return of a kickoff following a touchdown in the Norlina game in 1962 is the longest of all returns. Others are: Norris Cooley's 77 yard return last year against Elm City on the opening kickoff; Richard Marshall's 75 yarder after a TD kickoff against Helena in 1957 and Bill Williamson's 65 yard return against Wakelon on the opening kickoff in 1964.

Romero's feat also places him in fourth place for the longest touchdown run. William Rowe's 98-yard return leads the list followed by his brother, B. T. Rowe, who ran 95-yards from scrimmage against Siler City in 1958. Bill Williamson's 86 yard pass interception return against Warrenton in 1964 is third and Bob Hobgood's 82-yard dash against Franklinton in 1962 is fifth dropping behind Romero.

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strongly resented by our people. I believe most of us see the need for a Census. Since the first Census in 1790, much of the information has been highly useful. Many have established their eligibility for Social Security by getting their ages from the Census Bureau. Under many Federal programs, distribution of funds to local and state governments and planning for the future are based on data obtainable only from the Census Bureau. State and local governments also need the information. Our private enterprise system makes good use of the information published by the Bureau of the Census. Much of it ultimately benefits the consuming public. To insure that only proper questions are asked in the

future, the bill provides that three years before the 1980 Census, the Secretary of Commerce must submit the questions proposed for that Census to the Post Office and Civil Service Committees of the Congress for consideration. After being publicly studied for one year, the Committees will notify the Secretary of approval, rejection or revision of the proposed questions. This enables the duly elected representatives of the people to express their will. Even though a Census of population and other important items is needed and will still be taken every ten years, the personal and constitutional right of privacy of our people will and must be protected. We need less Governmental snooping—not more.

A young girl was debating whether to keep a date with a rich, old bachelor. "Don't you think he is too old to be considered eligible?" she asked her mother. "My child," said the mercenary mother, "he is a little bit too eligible to be considered old."

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