

Scots Stop Bulldog Streak, 27-26

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The Bulldog bubble burst with six minutes, 24 seconds left in the game Friday night as the Fighting Scots from Scotland Neck edged the locals, 26-26. The unbelievable end to hopes for an undefeated season came off the talented toe of Scot halfback John Bryant. Missing the PAT kick twice before, Bryant made good his third attempt to give the visitors the one-point victory.

The Scots slapped the Bulldogs with three touchdowns in a period of only 6 minutes, forty-three seconds. The blitz left Bulldog fans stunned with disbelief. The Bulldogs saw a 26-6 advantage wiped out and victory snatched away.

Louisburg jumped out front at the 3:37 mark in the first quarter on a 32-yard romp by Randy Seidel. Seidel's run for the extra points was no good as Louisburg took a 6-0 lead.

As the quarter ended, the Scots had a second down and one yard to go on the Louis-

burg seven yard line. A clipping penalty moved the Scots back to the Bulldog 22 where Boo Boo Pergerson intercepted a Larry Harrison pass to kill the visitor's drive. Moments later Bulldog quarterback Larry Fuller scored on a roll out from the nine yard line and as the PAT run failed, gave the locals a 12-0 margin.

With 6:54 left in the first half, the Bulldogs drew a 15-yard penalty that gave the Scots a first and ten on the Louisburg 17. Halfback Tommie Woodard, a Bulldog thorn all night, romped for the first Scot TD. Bryant's kick failed and the score stood at 12-6 in Louisburg's favor.

With 2:38 left in the first half, Fuller hit Jimmy Wrenn with one of his many passes and Wrenn was stopped on the Scotland Neck one yard line. Seidel ran; Neil McDonald ran but it was Phillip Redmond that carried in for the score on third down. Fuller's pass to Seidel for the point after failed and the Bulldogs held an 18-6 lead.

Louisburg's Steve Perdue stopped a Scot drive with a

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blistering tackle on Woodard as the half ended with the visitors on the Bulldog 42 yard line.

The Bulldogs stopped the Scot drive again following the second half kickoff and at the 5:22 mark, Fuller hit Jimmy Wrenn again on the Scotland Neck nine yard line. On a well-executed halfback pass, Fuller pitched out to Wrenn and the left-hander hit Steve Perdue in the end zone for the fourth Bulldog tally of the night. Wrenn's run for the PAT was good and Louisburg led 26-6.

The beginning of the end came at the 4:43 mark in the third frame as Scotland Neck returned the kickoff to the Louisburg thirty yard line. Neil McDonald made a spectacular tackle on Mike Dickens and the Scots failed on two passing attempts after moving to the Bulldog seven. On fourth down, Harrison tossed to Gary Pittman who scampered in from the seven for the Scots second TD of the night. A fake kick for the PAT resulted in a successful pass play from Harrison to end Freddie Van to close the gap to 26-14.

The Bulldogs took the kickoff on their own thirty

yard line and were forced to kick for the first time in the game when they failed to pick up a first down. Larry Fuller's punt was taken on the Scotland Neck 45 by Tommie Woodard who raced all the way for another Scot touchdown. Bryant's kick was no good but Scotland Neck had moved within striking range at 26-20.

As the third period ended Larry Romero returned the kickoff to the Louisburg 35. Neil McDonald carried to the forty and was thrown for a loss on the second down play. Failing to pick up a first and ten, Fuller kicked to the Scots' 35 yard line.

Carey Pittman carried to the Scots 44 and a first down on the Scots 46. With 8:34 left in the game, Woodard picked up a first down on the Bulldog 40. Pittman carried to the Louisburg 37 where a personal foul penalty gave the Scots a first down on the Louisburg 18. Twenty-three seconds later, a holding penalty against Louisburg moved the Scots to the Bulldog eight yard line. Woodard carried to the five where another holding penalty against Louisburg moved the Scots to the 2 and a half yard line.

The Bulldog defense held Pittman on the first down, halted Woodard at the one on second down and stopped Harrison on a sneak on third down. An offside penalty

against the Bulldogs move the ball to the one-inch line where Harrison rammed over for the tying TD. It was here that Bryant became the darling of the Scots as he booted the all important extra point to give the Scots the 27-26 margin.

But the Bulldogs didn't say die. Larry Romero grabbed the kickoff on the Bul-

dog 22. Fuller hit Steve Perdue on the Bulldog 28 and passed to Robbie McDonald on the Louisburg 46 for a first down. Neil McDonald ran to the fifty and Randy Seidel picked up a first down on the Scots 45.

At the 4:11 mark Fuller hit Robbie McDonald again on the Scotland Neck 25. Seidel carried to the twenty

where another penalty moved the ball to the 25. Two Fuller passes and one by Jimmy Wrenn failed and the Scots took over at the 2:33 mark.

With 46 seconds left, Scotland Neck kicked to the Louisburg 33 yard line. An illegal procedure penalty against Louisburg moved the ball to the Bulldog 28. A 15-yard penalty threw Louis-

burg back to the 13 and Fuller, with 19 seconds left hit Randy Seidel and on the final play, with three seconds remaining, hit Jimmy Wrenn but Wrenn was tackled in his tracks as the Bulldogs experienced their first defeat of the season, 27-26 at the hands of 2-A Scotland Neck.

Rams Wallop Vikings, 40-6

The Franklinton Rams geared up their steamroller Friday night and ran right over and through the Elm City Vikings in capturing their third straight win in a 40-6 romp.

Big guns for the Rams were quarterback Jerry Simmons and fullback Cliff Williams. Simmons scored twice and Williams tallied three times as the Rams rolled up 212 yards rushing and 160 yards passing while holding the Vikings to eight yards on the ground and 92 yards in the air.

The Rams opened their 28-point first half show with a 40-yard march ending in an 11 yard romp by Simmons for the TD. The junior quarterback passed to Tim Leonard for the two point

conversion. In rapid succession, the Rams struck three times in the second period. They marched 50 yards with Bobby Kearney carrying from the 14 for the second six-point of the game.

Following this, Simmons hit Williams on a pass good for twenty yards and another Ram TD. Then, Simmons found Williams on a pass good for 68 yards and still another Ram score. At the half Franklinton led, 28-0.

At the start of the third quarter, Simmons threw the last of his TD passes of the night as he hit Royal Pergerson who romped 23 yards for the TD after the Rams had sustained a forty-yard drive.

Elm City gained its lone score in the third frame when quarterback Greg Farmer passed to end Sam Williams on a second and ten situation. The play was good for seventy yards and a Viking TD. The PAT failed.

Cliff Williams closed out the scoring in the final period, capping a sixty-yard Ram drive with an 18-yard dash for pay dirt to give Franklinton the 40-6 victory and hand Elm City its sixteenth straight loss.

Several Ram defenders were singled out for their

performances. These included linebacker Donnie Beckham and safety Royal Pergerson. Cliff Williams, David Thompson at the defensive end; Bobby Ayscue and Stuart Eakes at the guards and Buck Pearce and Al Sandling at the tackles were also praised for their work. Reserve guard Percy Cooke was also mentioned for his efforts.

Simmons completed 8 of 14 passes for 180 yards and carried five times for 45

	EC	F
First Downs	4	10
Yards Rushing	8	212
Yards Passing	92	160
Passes Att.	23	10
Passes Comp.	3	7
Passes Int. By	2	1
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Penalties	90	90
Punts	8-29.9	2-39

SCORE BY QUARTERS

ELM CITY	0	6	0	6
FRANKLINTON	8	20	6	40

yards. He was selected by the Durham Morning Herald as Back of the Week in the Franklin Area Conference. The Rams, rated 15th in the East last week, play at Norlina Friday night.

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In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

The Louisburg Bulldogs had the Scots all tied up Friday night but let them get loose. Fans were elated when the locals held a 26-6 lead over the first 2-A team they'd ever played. Then the roof caved in. Nobody seems to know exactly what happened but the Bulldogs will replay that disastrous six minutes as long as they live.

Ironically, it was the defense that allowed the Scots to score three touchdowns in a little over six minutes. The offense played perhaps its best game of the year. However, one must remember that it was the defense that saved the Wakelon game—and the conference title—when the offense couldn't score.

The loss emphasizes the importance of having a place kicker on a team. Louisburg scored four touchdowns but were able to connect on only one point after conversion. Scotland Neck's kicker John Bryant toed the point difference.

Even so, the Bulldogs moved the ball very well and it looked for a time as if the locals would salvage the win. Penalties, coming at most inopportune times killed this hope. What should have been a simple offside was ruled unnecessary roughness against Louisburg and broke the Bulldogs back. Nobody here will ever believe that Charlie Hobgood has ever been unnecessary rough. There isn't a nicer kid around anywhere. The boys in stripes missed that one by a mile.

The Franklinton Rams continue to be a delight to their fans as they made mush out of the Elm City Vikings. The Rams' fine quarterback Jerry Simmons was named Back of the Week in the Durham Herald for his performance. The junior field general tossed for three touchdowns and scored a fourth as the Rams won, 40-6. Cliff Williams tallied twice in the game. Oxford's Danny Narron was Linesman of the Week for having caught a James Earp pass for the winning TD in a tight contest with William R. Davie. The Red Devils won, 22-20 on Narron's catch.

Ayden—the biggest name in Class A football—is the next foe for the Bulldogs. The Tornadoes come here Friday night after having lost a 22-20 squeaker to powerful Weldon, rated No. 1 in the state. Even though Ayden lost two backs who accounted for 40 touchdowns, they are still very tough.

The Tornadoes have lost by five points to 2-A Greene Central; by 4 points to 2-A Swansboro; by 2 points to seventh ranked Manteo; by one point to eighth ranked Grifton and two points to No. 1 Weldon. They beat Camden 6-0; Manteo beat Camden 62-8. The only sizable loss suffered the whole season by the Tornadoes was a 28-6 beating at the hands of 2-A Farmville.

If Louisburg is to get back on the winning track, they'll have to put together an outstanding offensive and defensive game Friday night.



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