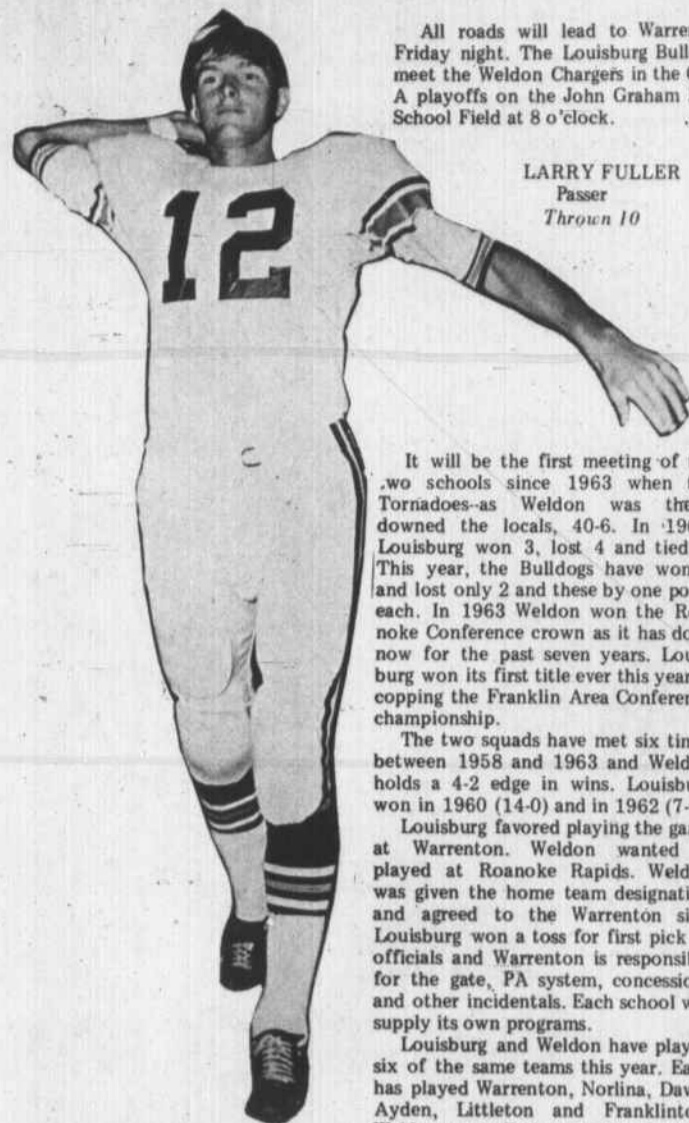


Bulldogs In Playoffs With Weldon Friday



LARRY FULLER
Passer
Thrown 10

All roads will lead to Warrenton Friday night. The Louisburg Bulldogs meet the Weldon Chargers in the Class A playoffs on the John Graham High School Field at 8 o'clock.

It will be the first meeting of the two schools since 1963 when the Tornados-as Weldon was then-downed the locals, 40-6. In 1963, Louisburg won 3, lost 4 and tied 2. This year, the Bulldogs have won 8 and lost only 2 and these by one point each. In 1963 Weldon won the Roanoke Conference crown as it has done now for the past seven years. Louisburg won its first title ever this year in copping the Franklin Area Conference championship.

The two squads have met six times between 1958 and 1963 and Weldon holds a 4-2 edge in wins. Louisburg won in 1960 (14-0) and in 1962 (7-0).

Louisburg favored playing the game at Warrenton. Weldon wanted it played at Roanoke Rapids. Weldon was given the home team designation and agreed to the Warrenton site. Louisburg won a toss for first pick of officials and Warrenton is responsible for the gate, PA system, concessions and other incidentals. Each school will supply its own programs.

Louisburg and Weldon have played six of the same teams this year. Each has played Warrenton, Nottola, Davie, Ayden, Littleton and Franklinton. Weldon won all six games, Louisburg

won five and lost a one-pointer to Ayden.

Comparative scores show little indication as to which is the stronger team. Weldon does have a 178-164 scoring edge against the six. Louisburg gave the six 53 points and Weldon allowed 52.

Even the other four opponents are easily matched up. Weldon lost to a larger school, Franklin, Va., 23-20;

Louisburg lost to 2-A Scotland Neck, 27-26. The next strongest team the Chargers have faced was Murfreesboro, unrated. Louisburg downed Oxford Orphanage, rated most of the year and this week is No. 9 in the state. Weldon beat one-win Southern Nash and Louisburg beat no-win Wakelon. The Chargers beat Gaston, 46-0 and Louisburg beat Elm City, 40-0.

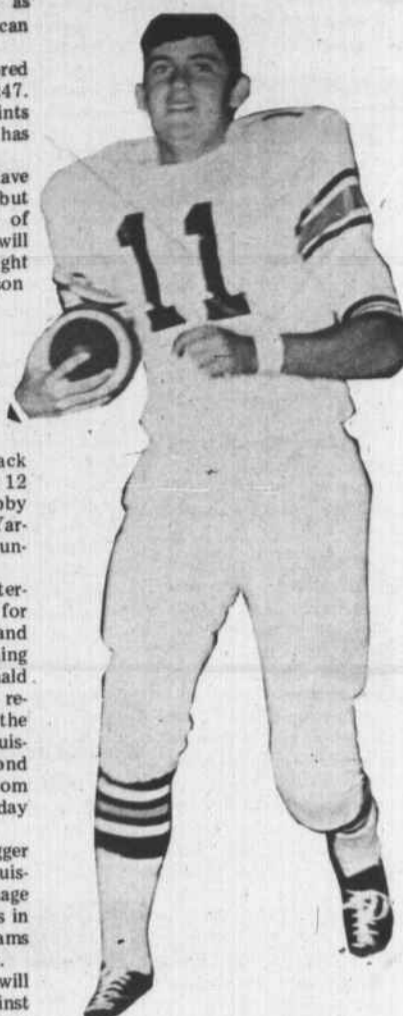
Except that Weldon missed the

state championship by one point last year, there is too little difference in the record for the Chargers to be rated five notches above the Bulldogs. Most observers believe the teams are as about as equally matched as they can be.

In all ten games, Weldon has scored 298 points; Louisburg has tallied 247. Louisburg has allowed only 85 points scored against them and Weldon has given up 95.

Both teams will probably have some surprises for the other but basically, Coach Tommy Twitty of Louisburg and Coach Dick Elmore will stick with the plays that have brought them to this stage of the season

night at an unannounced site. The location for the November 21 semi-final game will be chosen by Friday's winners next week.



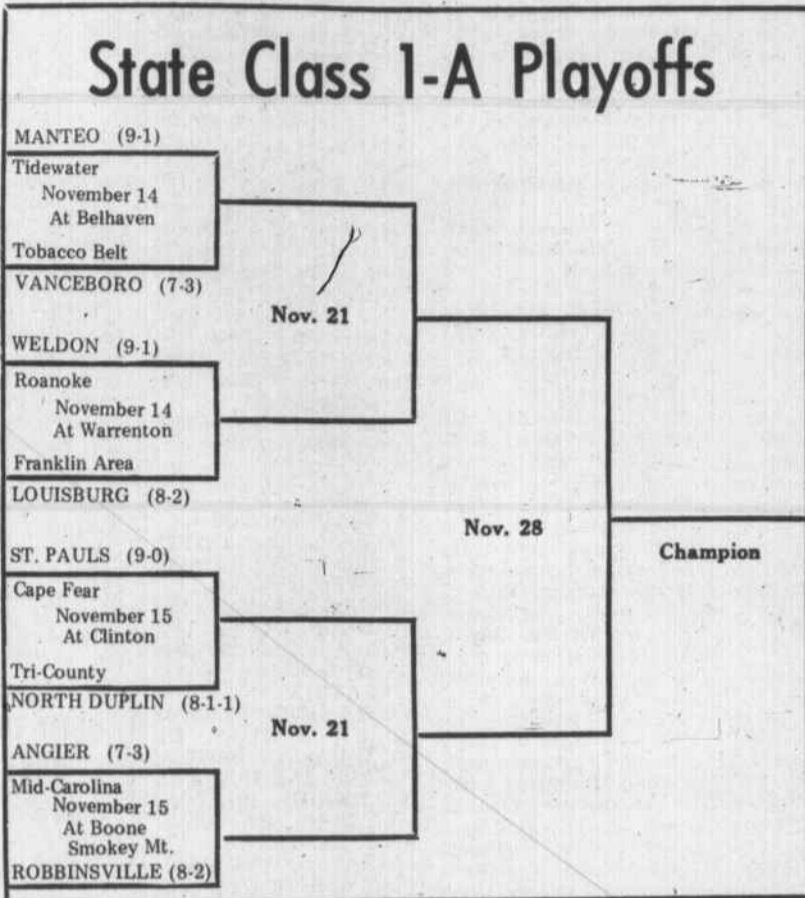
ROBBY McDONALD
Receiver
Caught 6

Elmore's chief threat is quarterback Mike Edwards who has passed for 12 touchdowns and his receiver Bobby Johnson. Fred Frazier and Frank Yarbrough do most of the Charger running and both are good.

Twitty's chief threats lie in quarterback Larry Fuller who has thrown for 10 touchdowns and scored five and Randy Seidel one of the best running backs in Class A. Robbie McDonald who leads the conference in pass receptions and his brother, Neill, add the additional scoring punch. Also Louisburg weapons are Phillip Redmond and Charlie Hobgood, both of whom have helped the Bulldog get to Friday night.

Defensively, the Bulldogs are bigger and stronger. Weldon is quicker. Louisburg has played Oxford Orphanage which has one of the quickest lines in Class A and Weldon has played teams with lines bigger than theirs all year.

The winner of Friday's contest will play again next Friday night against the winner of the Manteo-Vanceboro game which will be played Friday



SPORTS In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

We're not believing there are six football squads better than the Bulldogs. This week's State ratings have them listed in seventh place just ahead of Red Springs (lost to St. Pauls 22-6), Oxford Orphanage (slaughtered Wakelon) and Angier (won Mid-Carolina title 22-20 over Lillington).

Our questions arise from some squads rated better than Louisburg. We can't argue Robbinsville's no. 1 rank. They may be that strong. Weldon's No. 2 rating may also be right. This will be decided Friday night by the Bulldogs. No. 3 Manteo is Tidewater champ but their only claim to fame is a 14-12 victory over Ayden. No. 4 St. Pauls is undefeated and won their conference title. The Redskins beat Hope Mills and Pembroke, a pretty good season's work. No. 5 Mars Hill is certainly questionable. The Wildcats lost the title to Robbinsville, the first strong team they met all year. No. 6 North Duplin won the Tri-County crown but lost to the strongest team they played, James Kenan. The Rebels hold a win over Eastern Wayne, a power in their area.

One thing is certain, however, teams not involved in the playoffs cannot hang on to top ratings after Friday night. There are only going to be four Class A squads left and if the four aren't rated at the top, the newspapers might as well fold up the rating sheet and go home.

If Louisburg deserves better than seventh place, the Bulldogs can show it Friday by knocking off the No. 2 team, Weldon.

Louisburg's Larry Fuller was picked Back of the Week by The Durham Morning Herald for his play against William R. Davie last Friday night. The Bulldogs have fared extremely well in this type honor this season. Fuller has been chosen Back of the Week once by The Herald and once by The Raleigh Times. He has also been placed on the Greensboro Daily News' All State list.

Randy Seidel has been named Back of the Week three times, twice by The Herald and once by The Times. Johnny Pernel was Linesman of the Week once in the Herald picks and Edward Pergerson has made the list three times and missed a fourth when another player was credited due to a mixup in jersey numbers. There may have been others including Robby McDonald the week he grabbed three TD passes. If he wasn't selected, he should have been. It all speaks well of the Franklin Area champs.

Now we get down to the nitty-gritty. For twelve years, Louisburg has struggled along with a football program. Some years were better than others but none rates with this one. For the first time, the Bulldogs have a chance at all the marbles.

There seems little necessity to remind the squad of the importance of Friday's meeting with Weldon. Every member knows this already. They know there is no tomorrow if they lose Friday. They can take some consolation in a successful season, but they know there is more in a district championship, more still in an eastern crown and all there is in a state title.

They are ready. The spirit is high. Now all that's needed is for as many as can take the trip to Warrenton to cheer them on. Oxford, Franklinton and Wakelon will be there pulling for their conference. It may not mean anything, but Louisburg has hauled its own bleachers to Warrenton for Bulldog fans. Weldon will be the home team and their followers will sit on the south side of the field. Louisburg fans will sit where they usually do when Louisburg plays at Warrenton.

Game time is 8 P.M. and we suggest you get there early. It should be one whale of a football game.

By Clint Fuller
Times Sports Editor

Football, they say, is a game of inches. Practically every boy or man who has donned a pair of cleats will agree to this. Football is planning and exercise and skull sessions. It is practice, practice and more practice. It consists of instruction, scouting reports, game films and more instruction. But in the final analysis, when the whistle blows, it's all up to the eleven men on the field.

Two of the best Class A teams in the state will meet Friday night at Warrenton. Weldon has been rated No. 1 or No. 2 in the state all year. Louisburg was rated as high as No. 3 for awhile. Both have outstanding personnel. On paper they appear to be about equal in strength. Maybe a search of player ability will aid in setting the stage for Friday night's playoffs.

Weldon has MIKE EDWARDS at quarterback. He is a junior, stands 5'11" and weighs 145. He has thrown for 12 touchdowns but the record does not disclose that he has run for any. He is known to have had a bad knee which sidelined him for a couple of games and because of this EDWARDS passes from the pocket. His favorite target is big BOBBY JOHNSON, 6' 203 pound end and defensive standout. But EDWARDS will throw to FRED FRAZIER 155 pounds or FRANK YARBOROUGH 140 pounder.

Louisburg has sophomore LARRY FULLER at quarterback. He has thrown for ten touchdowns and run for five more. While he throws mostly from the pocket, he has been known to scramble. His favorite target is junior ROBBY McDONALD, who has caught five TD's. JIMMY WRENN another receiver is out with a broken collar bone and halfback CHARLIE HOBGOOD, who has scored three TD's will take his spot. FULLER 6'1", 170 pounds, has been known to throw to running back RANDY SEIDEL, FRAZIER, YARBOROUGH and fullback CRAIG WILLIAMS present a fearsome threat for the Chargers. FRAZIER has tossed several TD passes this season and fills in at quarterback when EDWARDS is out. Louisburg's backup quarterback CAREY WRENN has seen very little action this year. WRENN has played a great deal on defense, however.

FULLER AND EDWARDS will present quite a

match-both depending on their passing for scoring. SEIDEL will match up with FRAZIER and the results should be interesting. YARBOROUGH will match with ROBBY McDONALD and WILLIAMS will try to stay with NEILL McDONALD.

The two teams seem to be about comparable in their offensive backfield.

The Weldon line is smaller than Louisburg's but quicker. Quickness has been the Charger trademark this year. Toughness, however, has been Louisburg's bag. ROY WHITAKER at 170 is the Weldon giant. The other tackle, JIM HARRELL weighs in at 140. End NATE HARRIS is 165 and guards KENNY CLARK is 145 and GREG TILLERY is 155. BRAD PHILLIPS, the Weldon center weighs 140.

Louisburg's defensive line matched against these Chargers shapes up like this. Ends, NEILL McDONALD (180) and STEVE PERDUE (165); tackles JOHN KORNEGAY (185) and STEVE ROBERSON (180); guards, JERRY HOLMES (155) and DAN HAYES (185); linebackers, JOHNNY PERNEL (180), EDWARD PERGERSON

The Bunn girls won their second game of the season by downing the Rock Ridge girls 41 to 19. Bunn gained a big lead in the opening minutes of the game, and the girls from Rock Ridge were never in contention. Ethel Crudup led the girls in rebounds off both boards. Marsha Winstead led in assists. Jean Hagwood once again led the Bunn girls with 18 points.

The Bunn boys pulled a tight one out with the help of Glenn Cone's 17 points and 16 rebounds. Only their constant defensive hustling kept the team alive to their 55 to 43 victory.

GIRLS - Jean Hagwood 18, Marsha Winstead 8, April Chamblee 2, Esther Bowden 5, Ethel Crudup 4, Kathy Cheves 0, Connie Pearce 0, Albertine Walker 0, Diane Koenck 1, Gloria Dunston 3, Ann Green 0, Lynda Winstead 0, Peggy Smith 0, Vickie Mann 0, Marsha Beddingfield 0, Deborah Hopkins 0, Rock Ridge - P. Deans 2, C. Barnes 7, W. Williamson 3, B. Liles 2, K. Bunn 4, P. Nichols 1, M. Morris 0, J. Nichols 0.

Score by quarters:
Bunn 11 10 14 6-41
Rock Ridge 6 8 4 1-19

(175) and MIKE LEONARD (165) and safeties CHARLIE HOBGOOD (165), CAREY WRENN (130) and EDDIE EDGERTON (145). Louisburg will have a decided weight advantage when the Chargers are on offense.

Since both squads use about the same personnel both ways, the Bulldogs will also have an advantage weight-wise when they are on offense. Louisburg will add ROBBIE McDONALD (165), JACK VERSTEEG, center, (165), RANDY SEIDEL (160), PHILLIP REDMOND

Gold Sand Splits

As reported by Fred Tharrington

The Gold Sand High School cagers opened the new basketball season Tuesday night, splitting a double-header with Lucama. The Blue Devils won, 64-39 but the Gold Sand girls fell, 33-18.

Sweeney Wright took up where he left off last February and led the Blue Devil scoring with 20 points. Bobby Ragland was second with 13. Lucama was paced by Jerry Godwin with 12.

(150) and LARRY FULLER (170) when on offense. They will keep PERDUE, PERNELL, PERGERSON, LEONARD, KORNEGAY and NEILL McDONALD.

FULLER, SEIDEL and ROBBY McDONALD are the fastest Bulldogs now that JIMMY WRENN is out. The Bulldog line is not fast. It is, however, big.

Weldon beefs up its line on defense with LEWIS GARNER (230) and JAMES TUCKER (180) and STEVE GARNER (160) AT THE END. KENNETH CLARK (140) is the key linebacker

for the Chargers.

So, in a nutshell, the Chargers appear to have a slight edge in the backfield in scoring punch and at one end in JOHNSON. The Bulldogs have a decided edge in size in the line. The personnel, based on available records, leave no indication of Friday's outcome and this, perhaps, is as it should be.

Score by quarters:					
Gold Sand	4	7	12	18	
Lucama	11	12	21	33	
Gold Sand	8	31	41	64	
Lucama	7	14	24	39	

When The Whistle Blows It Boils Down To The Players

Bunn Downs Rock Ridge

BOYS: Bunn - Glenn Cone 17, John Wheelis 15, Wayne Horton 4, James Horton 10, Jerry Strickland 4, Artis Crudup 0, McCray Thorne 5, Rock Ridge - W. Boyette 12,

H. Rentfron 11, D. Boyette 8, P. Lucas 5, C. Finch 7, C. Hinnant 0, L. Baker 0.
Score by quarters:
Bunn 20 6 14 15-55
Rock Ridge 5 14 10 14-43

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