Unbeaten Dudley holds off punchless Carver

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Greensboro Dudley continued its winning streak by beating Carver 7-0 last Friday night.

The Panthers, 4-0, are off to their best start of the decade.

But they barely survived the Yellow Jackets.

With 5:18 left to play in the third quarter, tailback David Craven put the Panthers on the scoreboard with an 18-yard run to the corner of the end zone for

"My line gave me some good blocking," Craven said. "When I turned the corner, I knew I had

The stingy Carver defense limited the Panthers to 75 yards rushing. Craven said that Carver was a hard team to exploit on the ground.

"It was tough running against them," he said. "They played well and did a good job stopping us throughout most of the game."

Panther Coach Willie Young said that he expected the game would be difficult and would come down to a single play.

"We expected a defensive struggle," Young said. "In a game like this, whoever gets on the board first is most likely to win it and that's what we did."

The Yellow Jackets produced only 97 total yards and five first downs. Carver Coach Jim Bovender said that his team needs to generate more offense.

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Last Week's Results
Davie County 27, Parkiand 19; Kannapolis Brown 16, Mount Tabor 0; West 28, North Davidson 12; South Rowan 17, Reynolds 8.

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but not on the offensive side of the ball," he said. "We've got to generate offense to do better."

Dudley held Carver to 21 yards rushing. Young said that his defense has played well so far this season.

"Our defense has been doing a good job," he said. "We are fortunate to have such a group."

"They we're sticking us pretty good," Bovender said. "They're really gave us a hard time."

The Yellow Jackets felt how hard the Panthers were "sticking them." Four Carver players -- offensive tackle Jeremiah Johnson, running backs James Gordan and Kenny King, and defensive tackle Johnny Johnson -- were injured during the game. Gordan, who was helped off the field with 2:49

to play in the second quarter, was the only Jacket unable to return to the game.

"He banged up his knee,"
Bovender said. "He's going to be
out for a while.

Carver tried putting more speed in the backfield by starting Dee Moye at quarterback. Bovender believed that Moye could turn the corner quicker if he had to scramble.

"Moye is faster than (J.T.) Witherspoon and would've been less likely to get trapped in the backfield," the Yellow Jacket coach said.

The lack of offensive production forced Bovender to play linebacker Rodney McKoy at fullback late in the third quarter. Bovender said he was trying to avoid playing McKoy both ways because of wear and tear.

"His ribs are bruised and we didn't want him playing offense," Bovender said. "We can't afford to lose him."

McKoy, who had eight solo tackles, immediately contributed to the offense, gaining five and six yards on his first two runs. However, the Panther defense tightened and stripped McKoy of the ball with 3:06 to play in the third quarter on the Carver 42-yard line. After the Yellow Jackets forced the Panthers to punt, Carver blocked the kick on its own 35-yard line.

Two long passes from Witherspoon in the fourth quarter made it appear that the Yellow Jackets were going to tie the score. Witherspoon found tight end Darren Daniels for 15 yards and fullback Smith Carter for 12. On fourth down and two, McKoy carried for an easy first down, but a penalty negated the gain and ended the drive.

Bovender said mistakes have hurt the Yellow Jackets, now 3-1-1, in such situations.

"We make too many costly mistakes," he said. "We made a lot against Mount Tabor and they are still with us."

With less than two minutes to play, the Panthers took over and grounded out the clock.

Carver takes this week off before opening their Metro 4-A campaign against North Forsyth next Friday night. That game will be played at Carver and will start at 8 o'clock.

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Injury-riddled Parkland falls to Davie County

By DAVID BULLA Chronicle Sports Editor

MOCKSVILLE - To borrow a phrase from a country boy named John Denver, football, like life, can be a funny, funny riddle.

A case in point is Parkland High School's football team, the defending Central Piedmont 4-A champion. Parkland opened defense of its conference championship with a pair of first-half touchdowns against Davie County last Friday night. The Mustangs were galloping along nicely thanks to the able-bodied prancing of tailback Mark "Fuzzy" Dunlap.

Dunlap scored twice in the first half and it looked as if the struggling War Eagles would have trouble corraling the Winston-Salem team. Indeed, he finished the first half with 11 carries for 87 yards.

But the 6-foot-1, 180-pound Dunlap injured his left ankle on his first run of the second half. As two teammates helped him off the field, they also carried off Parkland's most potent offensive weapon.

As Dunlap watched from the bench with an ice pack on his sore ankle, Davie County mounted a comeback behind fullback Johnny Riddle and quarterback Rodney Latham. They were the keys to a wishbone attack that enabled the Eagles to wrestle a 27-19 victory from the Mustangs.

"Parkland's a good football teams"

Davie Coach Mike Carter said. "When he

(Dunlap) went out, it limited what they

could do on offense. We were fortunate to

The junior tailback had carried the ball six times for 64 yards on Parkland's first scoring drive, capping it with a 26-yard run on a sweep to the left side. Chris Chaffee's PAT kick gave the Mustangs a 7-0 lead with 3:31 left in the opening period.

Davie County countered with an impressive drive to the Parkland 21. There Mike Bethea attempted a 38-yard field goal, but Ron Fields and John Young burst through to block the kick.

The Mustangs took over at the War Eagle eight-yard line and proceeded to march 92 yards in 11 plays. Fields had a dazzling 51-yard bolt on a isolation play up the middle, cutting to the left sideline and nearly scoring before being run down at the Davie 19. Dunlap put the finishing touches on the impressive five-minute, 35-second drive with a three-yard scamper.

But Parkland botched the PAT kick and an attempted pass went incomplete.

Davie County replied with a 12-play, 72-yard drive that featured the hardnosed running of Riddle and a 19-yard pass from Latham to Mark Wharton. Bethea provided the PAT kick for a 13-7 Parkland advantage with 1:07 left in the half.

The drive also featured the game's most controversial play. On second and six at the Parkland 12, Riddle bulled his way for a short gain, but the Mustangs forced a fumble and recovered.

However, an official threw a flag, detecting the Mustangs with having too many men on the field. In fact, Fields, who plays linebacker, had been replaced by Dunlap on the play, but he was off the field before the snap.

Parkland Coach Homer Thompson called timeout and pleaded his case with the referee, to no avail because the referee had his back to that side of the field. The official who threw the flag was on the opposite side of the field from the Mustang bench.

Riddle's two-yard TD late in the half gave Davie County confidence, something that was needed after back-to-back losses to Statesville and East Forsyth.

"We moved the ball well against East, but we completely self-destructed," Carter said. "The first time we had the ball against East, we drove 80 yards and fumbled on their 10-yard line."

The War Eagles, who didn't have one turnover against Parkland, started the second half with a methodical march downfield. Riddle and Bruce Bullock did most of the work, with Riddle's two-yard plunge capping the 63-yard, 13-play drive. Bethea's kick

gave Davie a 14-13 edge.

Aided by a 15-yard late-hit penalty, the War Eagles started their next drive at the Parkland 46-yard line. Riddle, Bullock and Mike Collins ran with ease behind a college-sized line that averaged 246 pounds. Bullock's four-yard run and Bethea's kick gave the War Eagles a 21-13 cushion.

"I haven't seen a larger team around here," Thompson said. "Look at ours in comparison. They just overpowered us and they just manhandled us."

But William "Bam" Bitting, Parkland's quarterback, wasn't about to go down without a fight. The 6-3, 180-pound senior engineered an exciting 76-yard drive after Bullock's score. He completed five of 10 passes on the drive for 46 yards, including a 13-yarder to reserve wingback John Malloy for the touchdown. On that play, three War Eagles had Bitting in their grasps but could not wrestle him to the ground.

The two-point conversion pass failed, but the Mustangs forced Davie County to punt after three runs on its next possession. However, Johnny Fleming turned a poor punt into a roller that skipped past Arthur Davis and rolled 46 yards to the Parkland 10.

Following an interference penalty that gave the Mustangs a first down at their own 25, Davie County's Joey Deal got the first of his two fourth-quarter interceptions.

The War Eagles then covered 36 yards in seven plays. Although Bethea missed the PAT kick, they held a 27-19 advantage

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Deal's second interception came with 1:48 left and sealed the verdict.

"People don't realize how thin we are,"
Thompson said. "We're injury-riddled and
we're having to throw people in there with

Parkland was already playing without allcounty fullback-linebacker Jacques Bitting, out indefinitely with a bruised thigh. Thompson said Dunlap could nurse his ankle back into playable shape.

But Thompson warned: "If we don't get some people back, we're going to struggle."

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Proposition 48: A Sherman tank ripping through daffodils

By BARRY COOPER Syndicated Columnist

You've seen the commercial that says, "Tell your headache to take a powder."

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Proposition 48, now known as NCAA Bylaw 5-1-(j), is as effec-

tive as a Sherman tank ripping through a field of daffodils -- at least for Division I black colleges.

When the news broke that more than half of B-CC's freshmen class had failed to meet the bylaw's minimum academic requirements, calls from distraught alumni poured into Little's office.

"At least we still have a foot-

ball team," Little joked last average and 700 Scholastic Apweek. titude Test score), but clearly

But Little isn't joking when he says Division I black colleges may have to go back to Division II. Both the Southwestern Athletic and Mid-Eastern Athletic conferences lost 29 percent of their 1986 football recruits to the new standards.

The standards don't seem all that high (2.0 grade-point

average and 700 Scholastic Aptitude Test score), but clearly many high school students are promoted for their athletic, not their academic, skills.

Still, once the dust settles, Bylaw 5-1-(j) won't seem like such a bad rule. Chances are the players will adjust and college programs will only suffer in the early years of its enactment.