

Defense Power Shown

Blue Knights Battle To Scoreless Tie With Maxton In Season Opener

By JIM HATCH
Last Friday night the Blue Knights of Southern Pines journeyed to Maxton to open their 1954-55 football season. Coaches Irie and W. A. Leonard's boys took the field against coach Wylie Steeds' red-clad team with victory in their eyes, but had to settle for a scoreless ball game. It has been called to our attention that this was probably the first time that Southern Pines has ever played in a scoreless ball game and we stop and think back and can't remember seeing this happen to the local lads. Those familiar with six-man foot-

ball over the state could not recall a scoreless game anywhere. The game was mostly a defensive one compared to the contest with this team last year. Last year's score was Southern Pines 38, Maxton 6.
First Quarter
Maxton lost the toss and Southern Pines elected to receive. Johnny Watkins took the Maxton kick on his own 12-yard line and raced the ball back to his own 30 before being brought down by a host of Maxton players. On the second play the locals fumbled and Maxton recovered. From the S. P. 30, the ball was moved to

the 22-yard line on the next play. From here Maxton tried its pass offense, but Bobby Cline knocked the pass down and the threat was over for a few minutes.
On the second play for Maxton, Al Green, a speedy little half-back, took the ball from the Southern Pines 30 to the Blue Knight 5 where the ball was finally lost on downs. After a few run attempts by Johnny Watkins, the Blue Knights were also forced to kick.
The Maxton team started to roll as Paul Sullivan took the ball and started to race back up the field. Then Garland Pierce came from nowhere and stopped him on the Maxton 35-yard line. Maxton gave ground as S. P. forced them back to their own 30.
Maxton was forced to punt and SPHS took over on their 12-yard line. Then the Blue Knights were penalized 5 yards for offsides after a drive back to the Blue and White 39. After several more plays, the quarter ended with no score.
Second Quarter
The second quarter started with a "bang" as James Humphrey raced the ball back for 10 yards from the first play of the quarter. John Watkins passed to Bobby Cline for 10 more yards and it looked as if the Blue and White were touchdown bound, but then it happened.
Southern Pines fumbled on the next play. Luckily, Garland Pierce recovered, but the boys still suffered a loss of yardage and the ball Maxton then tried its running offense, but suffered a bad loss as Kenneth Creech charged from his line position to make a beautiful tackle and give Maxton a headache. Bill Marley added to the headache by stopping the red team on its 38-yard line as it prepared for a goal line march.
Maxton decided to punt and the ball went out on the Blue Knights 35-yard line, but Southern Pines was later forced to kick and Maxton took over on her own 10. From here the college town boys raced to the 19. Then the fireworks really started. Maxton fumbled on her second play from scrimmage and "Big" Bill Cox picked up the pigskin and raced it back to the Red 10-yard line. James Humphrey ran the ball to the Maxton 8 and then to the 4-yard line, but fate was against the local lads as the quarter ended the first half of the ball game with no score.

found Bob Cline at the other end and the pass was good for 7 yards and a first down, but the time ran out and the game was still scoreless as the third quarter ended.
Fourth Quarter
The fourth and final quarter opened with the ball in S. P. hands on the Maxton 20-yard line, but the ball changed hands again as downs caught the Blue Knights. Maxton then started using the dreaded play of six-man football, the spread, trying several pass attempts from this spread but little yardage was gained. Lynn Van Benschoten once again charged in true gridiron tradition, and three Maxton for a 6-yard loss. From this point on out the ball game was nip and tuck and finally ended with no score for either team.
Lineups:
Maxton Southern Pines

*Al Green hb Tony Parker ce
P. Sullivan hb J. Watkins tb
P. Henderson qb *J. Humphrey wb
Gerald Phillips e John Ray c
Walter Ferrone e Bill Cox tb
Murphy McGirt c Bill Marley e
*Captain
In the opinion of the coaches the most valuable players for the game were:
Maxton: Al Green, Paul Sullivan
Southern Pines: Johnny Watkins, Bobby Cline
Defense: Moses Paul, Stanton, L. VanBenschoten
Other players for Southern Pines who saw action and distinguished themselves were: Joe Diggs, Don Walter, John Ray, Roger Verhoeff, Toni Parker, Bill Marley, and James Humphrey.
Officials: Bobby Jones and E. Stalvey.

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