

Patriots Drop Opening Game 21-7 To Powerful Enka Team

The Madison Patriots opened the 1979 football season at O.E. Roberts Stadium last Friday against Enka, losing to a heavier team by a score of 21-7.

The Patriots played a hard and spirited game, but the

decisive difference was the running, kicking and tackling of a one-man team named Bob Baldwin, Enka's talented junior halfback. Time after time, Baldwin bulldozed through the Patriots' defensive line for 5- and 10-yard

gains. He also did the punting and made a number of sure tackles.

The Enka line outweighed Madison on both offense and defense at times moving the Patriots almost at will. Again and again the right side of

Enka's offensive line battered holes for Baldwin to plunge through. Baldwin, weighing 182, would then reach the secondary at full steam where the Patriot defensive backs, most of them weighing 150, would have to wrestle him to the ground.

Madison's touchdown came on a clean breakaway by quarterback Tim Wilde in the third quarter. Wilde, seconds after entering the game to replace senior Phil Bentley, sprinted untouched through the right side of the line for 50 yards to the end zone. Hensley's point-after was good.

Following this dramatic play, however, the Baldwin machine, aided by sophomore halfback Kevin Trantham and senior fullback Scott White, resumed its pressure on the Madison defense, grinding to the 5-yard line with eight minutes to play. Bob Baldwin built up steam for the TD but was stopped on the two on a superb shoestring tackle by Tim Merrill. Enka scored on the next play, however, and the Patriots could not come back despite several good runs by Mike Hensley.

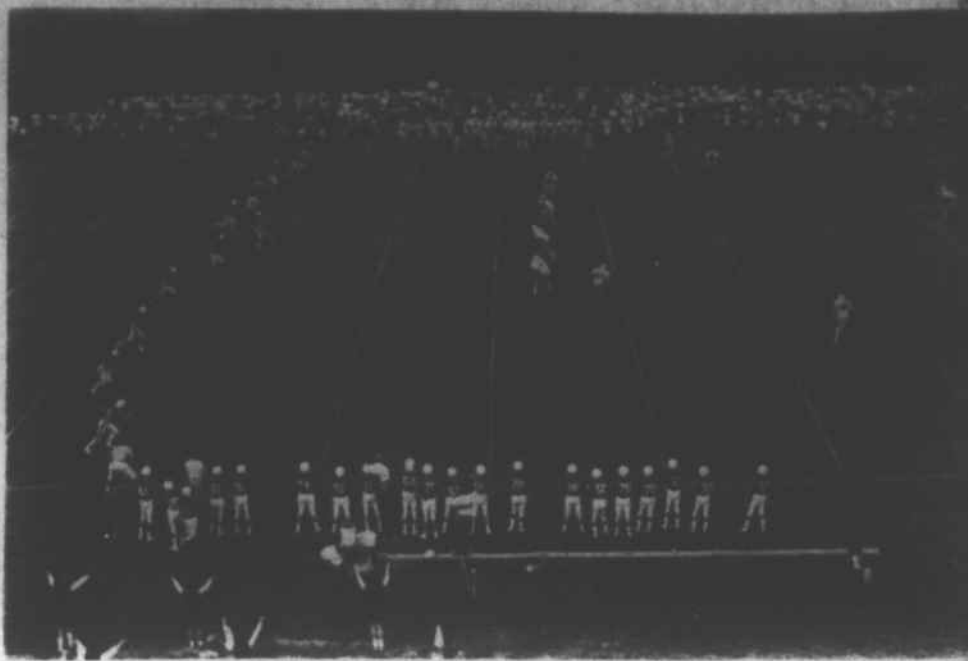
With four minutes left Enka began another march: Baldwin to the right for 15;

Baldwin up the center, untouched until met by 145-pound Tim Wilde; Baldwin to the 23; Trantham finding a hole to the 13. Then, with just 18 seconds left, quarterback Jeff Andrews lobbed a pass over the line to 6-foot-3 end Bill McElrath for a third touchdown.

Enka used a right shift in their backfield on nearly half their plays, concentrating their running attack time after time on the left side of the Patriots' defense. For the first eight minutes of the game, every play went to the right.

Noseguard Greg Meadows played an outstanding game on defense despite frequent double-teaming as did defensive back Lee Hoffman. Dwayne Buckner, Lorne Maxwell, Steve Adams, Tim Merrill, Kevin Barnette, Phil Bentley and Mark Fox also did an effective job at preventing the hard running Baldwin from breaking away for any long gains.

Mike Hensley's kicking was outstanding; his punts were high spirals that held the Enka Jets to short runbacks. Lee Hoffman had several good runs, including a 20-yard kickoff return to open the second half.



It's Kick Off Time!

MIKE HENSLEY KICKS OFF in against Enka at O.E. Roberts the Patriots' opening game Memorial Stadium.

Help Available For Cover Crops

With the harvest of burley tobacco and other crops under way and soon to be completed, this brings a need for winter cover crop to protect the land from winter erosion.

W.B. Zink, county executive director of ASCS, has announced that government cost-sharing is available

through ASCS for winter cover crop and requests may be filed anytime.

"Cost-sharing is limited to seedbed preparation, seed and the seeding operation, at the rate of \$4 per acre," said Zink. "It is not authorized for designated set-aside acreage or volunteer stands."

The seeding must be performed in accordance with good farming practices, which include a well prepared seedbed, a full seeding of adapted seed and the application of lime, and phosphate and potash where necessary to assure a good stand and good growth, Zink said.

Pasturing consistent with good management may be permitted, but none of the growth may be harvested for hay or seed. A good stand and growth must be obtained and kept on the land until Feb. 15 for rye and March 1 for all other seeds.

Zink also said that a limited amount of funds are available for other government cost-sharing practices, such as permanent vegetative cover establishment and permanent vegetative cover improvement.

Assistance and complete details for these practices are available at the ASCS Office. Any farmer desiring cost-sharing should visit the office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers estimates that more than 50 million persons participated in recreational boating in 1976.

Mars Hill Lions Play Season Opener Sept. 8

The 1979 season begins for the Mars Hill Lions Sept. 8 with a home game against Liberty Baptist of Lynchburg, Va.

The Lions were expected to have an extremely strong defense, with nine of 11 starters returning from last year's team. But end Greg Plemmons died in an off-season auto accident, cornerback Admiral Webster transferred elsewhere to architecture, and noseguard David Harrison has been suspended for five games because of a dormitory rules infraction. Nevertheless, Coach Claude Gibson feels there is still good defensive strength in his returning lettermen and new recruits.

On offense, Gibson says there is still no quarterback firmly established in the position, and also that more offensive line depth is needed.

Mars Hill finished seventh last year in the eight-team South Atlantic Conference, with a 2-5 conference record. The team was 5-7 overall, however, and even this record does not indicate the team's strength. The defense led the SAC-8, holding opponents to a field goal or less four times. And the Lions lost four games by a total of 10 points. This year Coach Gibson is expecting that the Lions will raise their standing on this basis — even if they simply play as well as they did last year.



ALVIN WILSON and the Happy Valley Boys entertained the public with first-rate bluegrass in Hot Springs Sept. 1. Goose Gosnell, at left, emceed the event. Wilson says his base player, far

right, is the only one-armed man he knows of to slap a string bass — and he says there is none better than he's heard. The music was sponsored by the Trail Cafe.



A LION-HEARTED dart thrower aims for six target balloons at the

Lions lawn fair on the site of the old hotel in Hot Springs.

Hot Springs Fair

(Continued from Page 1) plays guitar in Nashville with Jim Ed Brown.

"We play just about all the traditional bluegrass songs," he said, raising his voice against a passing Southern Railway coal train. "We were doing 'Orange Blossom Special' a few minutes ago when along came a train and joined right in, waa-a waa-a waa-a. We can't compete with that!"

One unusual aspect of Wilson's band is the string bass player, who has only one arm. He lost the other to gangrene years ago after a bad burn. He lays the fiddle flat, plucking with his right hand and "fingering" with his left foot. Wilson says he doesn't know of a better bass player anywhere.

A leading attraction of the Lions lawn fair was the half-mile float trip down the French Broad, organized by Rich Wist, the owner of Smokey Mountain River Expeditions. For \$1 kids and adults alike got to paddle and

splash from the raft company's headquarters downriver to the old hotel site. "It was great," said one dripping 10-year-old boy after reaching dry land. "There's this one real good place where you just go straight down, like, and it seems like you're just falling, and then you come back up again."

According to Wist, the float company charges \$22 per person for a day-long river trip, from Barnard to Hot Springs; Madison County residents go at half fare. Next year he will charge \$25 for non-residents and \$15 for residents.

On the 80-acre grounds of the old brick hotel, the Lions' fair was going strong, featuring a hayride, flea market, games, concessions, grilled burgers and franks, and bingo, as well as the river rides. "The turnout has been good," said Bernie Pfeifley, the Lions' president. "Things will really be humming after dark when we get ready for the fireworks. We're very pleased."

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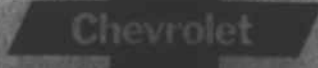
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