

East Duplin Panthers Have Little Trouble With Pirates; Earn 39-14 Win

Jerry Simpson Connects on 9 Of 11 Aerials for 150 Yards

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Coach Irvin Dobson's East Duplin Panthers warmed up for their battle with undefeated James Kenan tomorrow night as they rolled over the Swansboro Pirates 39-14 in a game played last Friday on the Panther gridiron.

The Panther's triple-threat quarterback Jerry Simpson started the Panthers one-sided victory by scoring from the 10-yard line to clinch a 60-yard drive in the first quarter. East Duplin went on to score two more TD's and take a 19-0 first period lead. Fullback Guy Harper tallied on a screen pass from Simpson on a play that covered 30 yards. Alternate fullback Jimmy Kennedy scored from the six and Simpson ran the point to give ED a commanding lead.

In the opening moments of the second period Simpson scored head ED Swansboro fumbled three times in the first half and East Duplin scored each time on the Pirate miscues.

Just before the half Harper intercepted a Swansboro pass on East Duplin's 20 and returned it 70 yards before being brought down.

Halfback Ricky Simpson set up the next Panther score by racing off tackle 18 yards to the one and scoring on the next play. Billy Kennedy ran the point.

East Duplin's last TD came when Kennedy intercepted a Pirate pass and galloped 70 yards to score. Then he ran the point for the Panthers. Halfback Bobby Tyler returned a Panther punt 50 yards for Swansboro's first touchdown. Joe Ellington scored the second from the six to climax a 55-yard drive.

Simpson completed 9 of 11 passes for 150 yards. He has completed better than 40 per cent of his passes this season. The Panthers have scored 16 touchdowns and Simpson has figured in 12 of them.

Standouts for the Panthers against Swansboro were: Harper, Simpson, Cecil Houston, Jackie Creech, and Ralph Evans.

Coach Dobson, said this week, "we are playing the best when it comes to the Tigers." I can say right now we are going all out to beat JK."

| EAST CENTRAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS | |
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| SCORES LAST WEEK | |
| EAST DUPLIN, 39, SWANSBORO, 14 | JAMES KENAN, 20, RICHLANDS, 0 |
| MT. OLIVE, 47, | CHARLES B. AYCOCK, 6 |
| NORTH DUPLIN, 44, DIXON, 18 | WALLACE-RH, 20, BURGAW, 18 |

| GAMES THIS WEEK | |
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| MT. OLIVE AT NORTH DUPLIN | EAST DUPLIN AT JAMES KENAN |
| RICHLANDS AT JONES CENTRAL | HAVELOCK AT BURGAW |

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| JAMES KENAN | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| MT. OLIVE | 3 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| EAST DUPLIN | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1,000 |
| RICHLANDS | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1,000 |
| BURGAW | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1,000 |
| NORTH DUPLIN | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1,000 |

Panther Forward Wall



The East Duplin Panthers turned up for the undefeated James Kenan Tigers this Friday by downing the Pirates of Swansboro, 39-14. The strength of the Panthers will be built around the guards and center above; front row kneeling Lonnie Thigpen, center Ronnie Jarman, guard, and Don Mercer, guard. Back row; Donnie Mobley, guard Earl Brown, guard, and Glenn Williams, guard. Thigpen blocked an attempted extra point kick that could have turned a tie into victory two weeks ago against strong Roseboro. The ED Panthers face James Kenan this week in a very important East Central clash at Tiger Field.

Tigers Blank Richlands 20-0 For 9th Straight Win

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James Kenan's powerful Tigers handed Richlands their third East Central loss of the season Friday night in a contest highlighted by two long runs for touchdowns. The Tigers now sport a perfect 9-0 record.

Halfback Bobby Batts raced 60-yards for James Kenan's first TD as the unbeaten Tigers rolled past the Wildcats 20-0 in an important East Central clash. Batts dashed 23-yards in the opening moments of the second quarter and Billy Knowles added the extra point to give JK a 13-0 half-time lead.

The Tiger's brilliant quarterback Jimmy Dixon returned a Wildcat punt 51-yards for a JK second period touchdown but a clipping penalty nullified the beautiful run.

In the third period the Tigers marched up and down the field but failed to score. The Tigers marched 85-yards to their third tally late in the fourth quarter climaxed by Dixon scoring from the three. The drive was set up on the running of fullback Jimmy Strickland and halfbacks Jimmy Strickland and halfbacks Batts and Mickey Benton. Dixon ran the point to give James Kenan a 20-0 win.

Defensive lineman Billy Byrd intercepted a Richlands pass to give the star center four for the season. Tackle Walter Bostic recovered a Wildcat fumble to set up a Tiger touchdown.

Other standouts for the Tigers along with Byrd were Bostic, Allen Fountain, and Johnny Pridden. Offensively the sparkplug were; Strickland, Batts, Dixon and Benton. Benton play one of his better games against the Wildcats.

James Kenan lead in net yards rushing 205-60. The Tigers completed 4 of 9 passes for 76 yards and the Wildcats completed 1 of 11 for 8 - yards.

North Duplin Raps Dixon 44-18 Friday

The North Duplin Rebels rapped past the Pirates of Swansboro, 44-18 this Friday in a non-conference game. The Dixon team scored first on a 64-yard run by back Peter Koonce to give the Pirates a 8-0 lead.

In the same quarter, halfback Tommy Tucker intercepted a Dixon pass and raced 39-yards for the tying touchdown. North Duplin's Benny Grady intercepted another Dixon pass and galloped 41-yards for the second TD of the quarter.

In the second period the Rebels recovered a Dixon fumble and scored in three plays from the 30, with Speck Byrd going over from the three. Moments later the ND Rebels marched for another tally with fullback Gerald King scoring from the seven. After an exchange of punts Rebel speedster Grady raced 40 yards straight up the middle for ND's fifth touchdown.

Alternate sophomore quarterback Jimmy Rackley hit Doug Guy on a 32-yard pass for North Duplin's sixth TD and Tackle Rufus Bennett scored North Duplin's final TD on a 35-yard punt return.

Football Briefs

An awards banquet is being planned for sometime in the near future for the James Kenan football team. Hope all J-K fans will help promote this. Details will be announced later.

James Kenan has rolled up 218 points this season to 21 for opponents. They have averaged over 128 yards per game to only 48 per game per opponent.

The Panthers have lost the services of their outstanding tackle

Charlie Lomer with a hand and shoulder injury. Lomer was injured in the Roseboro game last week.

Colin Quinn of Warsaw a former Tiger great has been switch from offense to defense in the East Carolina attack. Colin recovered a fumble this past week in the game with Appalacian.

The All-Conference banquet will be held on Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 o'clock. The banquet will be held at the Country Squire. The speaker for the banquet will be coach Ernie Williamson from the University of North Carolina.

Glenn King a former Rebel from North Duplin has worked his way up to the starting unit at Frederick.

The Council of the East Central Conference will meet in Warsaw at the Junior High School on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 p. m. to select All-conference teams. A twenty-two man squad will be selected. Line-men will be selected by positions. Backs will be selected without regard to positions.

Bill Rollins a former Tiger has been doing a good job for Chowan as a starting tackle. Bill has worked real hard and should become an outstanding lineman.

Rackley, the Rebels' new star, completed 7 of 7 passes for 104 yards. North Duplin gained 273 yards rushing to Dixon's 177.

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Deaths

BARBARA SUE KOONCE
Barbara Sue Koonce, two month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Koonce died in her sleep early Tuesday morning.

Graveside funeral services were conducted in the Graham Family Cemetery near Beulaville on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. Richard Estelle of Warsaw.

In addition to her parents she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs; her paternal grand mother, Mrs. Etta Koonce Whaley; her paternal great grand mother, Mrs. Fannie Koonce all of Beulaville; and her maternal great grand mother Mrs. Maggie Langston of Kenansville.



Panther Signal Caller

Quarterback Jerry Simpson of the Panthers, has carried them to third place in the strong East Central Conference. Simpson has scored 7 touchdowns and passes for five to lead East Duplin this season. The Panthers have scored 16 times and Jerry has figured in 12 of them to still remain the number one Panther to watch this Friday at Tiger Field as he brings the points to James Kenan.



Rebel Leader

Halfback Jimmy Byrd, better known as "Speck" leads all Rebels in the ground gaining department. Speck galloped 41-yards to a tally and then scored three more times to lead the ND Rebels to a one-sided non-conference win over Dixon, 44-18. Byrd will be at top speed this week against the strong Mt. Olive Panthers. The Rebels lost a real heart breaker last year to Mt. Olive, 13-12.

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