

# Blue Devils Edge North Brunswick 14-12

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Clarkton played spoiler Friday night in the debut of Scorpion coach Clark Harrell as the Blue Devils took a 14-12 rain-mired win over host North Brunswick.

The Scorps played error-free football throughout the first two quarters but coughed the ball up twice in the final half—the first of which the Blue Devils turned into the game-winning touchdown.

"We left the ball on the ground too much," said Harrell on the Scorpions two miscues. "We also let Clarkton off the hook with useless penalties. We are a better team than we showed tonight and we are certainly going to be."

Trailing 12-6, Clarkton defensive lineman Wilbert Lennon recovered

Scorpion quarterback Keith Woodcock's fumble at the North Brunswick seven yard line with 5:43 to play in the third quarter.

Three plays later, Alfred Baldwin scored from the four yard line and also ran for the two-point conversion for the winning margin with 4:22 to play in the period.

"This is a tough game to swallow. Our offense sputtered and we failed to break the game open when we had the chance in the first half," continued Harrell.

North Brunswick took a 6-0 lead on its second possession of the game taking advantage of a Blue Devil fumble at the Clarkton 27 yard line.

Following Lanier Sloan's 20-yard run to the Clarkton three, Woodcock scored two plays later on a 10-yard keeper with 2:52 left with the Blue

Devils blocking the extra-point attempt.

Clarkton pulled even with 3:46 left in the half on a 61-yard, 11-play drive capped by quarterback Waymond McKoy's 20-yard scoring pass to Montreal Freeman on a key third-and-12 situation. However, the Blue Devils failed on the two-point conversion try.

Scorpion halfback Chubby Sanders gave the lead back to North Brunswick just minutes later on the longest scoring play of the game. On the third play of the drive, Sanders broke into the Blue Devil secondary and outran several Clarkton defenders 46 yards for the score. The extra-point attempt failed again but North Brunswick took a 12-6 lead with 2:40 left.

The Clarkton defense shut down North Brunswick's wishbone offense in the second half allowing the Scorpions a mere 32 yards in total offense.

Sanders, the Scorps leading rusher with 91 yards on 14 carries, could manage only seven yards in the final half.

Following the third quarter fumble that Clarkton turned into its final score, North Brunswick appeared to have one final chance to pull the game out in the final minutes.

Montreal Jackson and Clarence McKoy recovered at the Blue Devil 23 yard line with 1:25 to play.

The drive was halted three plays later on Woodcock's second fumble that the Blue Devils recovered at the 19 yard line.

Behind Sanders' 91-yard performance for the Scorpions was fullback Lanier Sloan who ran for 68 yards on 13 carries.

Curtis Neill led Clarkton with 31 yards on five carries while David Staton ran for 20 yards on five attempts.

North Brunswick travels to Dixon Friday as both teams seek their initial win of the season. Kickoff is at 8 p.m.

### THE YARDSTICK

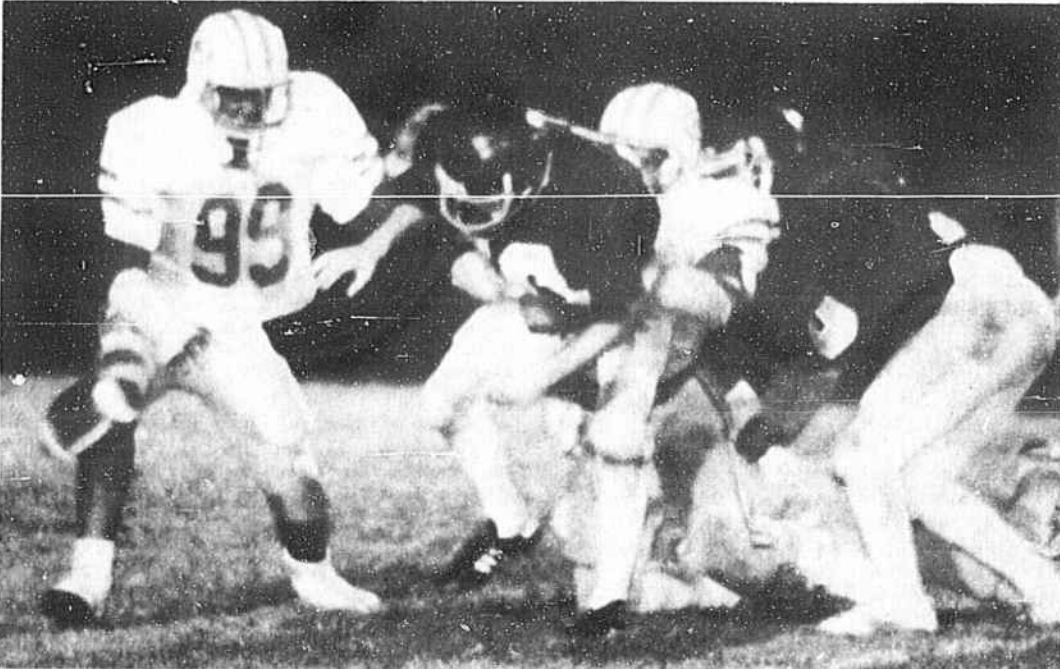
Clarkton	N. Brunswick
7	9
63	182
54	0
8-4	4-0
1	0
6-23	3-31
1	2
30	50

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

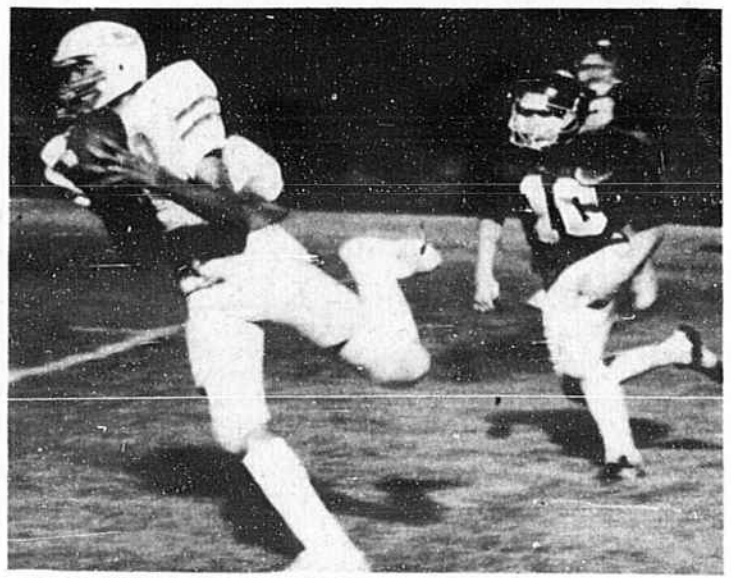
Clarkton	0	6	8	0-14
North Brunswick	6	6	0	0-12

### SCORING SUMMARY

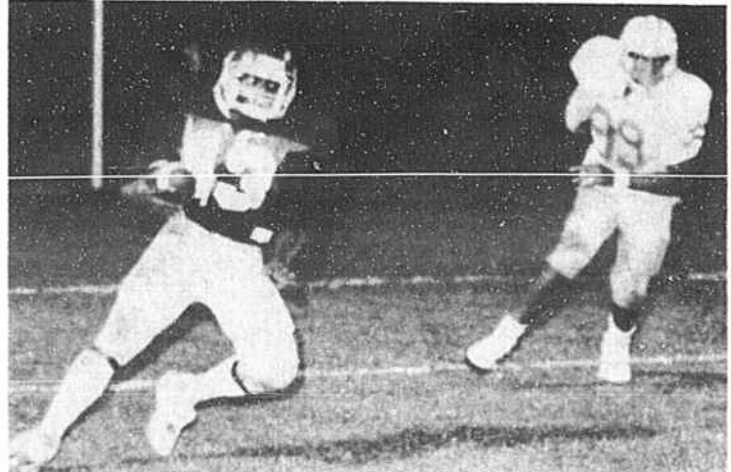
(NB) Woodcock, 10-yard run (kick failed).  
 (C) Freeman, 20-yard pass from McKoy (pass failed) Colson.  
 (NB) Sanders, 46-yard run (kick failed).  
 (C) Baldwin, 4-yard run (Baldwin run).



SCORPION FUMBLE—North Brunswick quarterback Keith Woodcock (10) is wrapped up by a Clarkton defender after fumbling during Friday's nonconference contest. Wilbert Lennon (99) pounced on the loose ball and Clarkton went on to score the game-winning touchdown just three plays later.



CLARKTON TOPS SCORPS—Clarkton receiver Reggie McKoy (with ball) hauls in a pass from Blue Devil quarterback Waymond McKoy during Friday's 14-12 win over North Brunswick. Closing in on the play is Scorpions defensive back Keith Woodcock (10).



SCORPIONS DROP OPENER—North Brunswick halfback Chubby Sanders (43) looks upfield for running room while being pursued by Clarkton's Wilbert Lennon (99). The Scorpions, who suffered a 14-12 season-opening loss to Clarkton, travel to Dixon Friday in search of their first win.

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## Pender Rolls Past South's Cougars, 28-6

South Brunswick got a rude awakening to the new prep football season Friday as Pender routed the visiting Cougars 28-6.

The bigger Patriots, runners-up in the Three Rivers 3-A Conference a year ago, broke from a scoreless first quarter to score four times in the second and third periods to blow the game open.

Pender took advantage of a pair of Cougar turnovers in the second quarter for its first two scores.

Pat fullback Kevin Penigar (5-10, 220) scored the first Pender touchdown with just over a minute played in the second quarter following Ricky Carr's recovery of a fumble by South Brunswick's Quentin McCracken. Four plays after the turnover, Penigar went in from the 20 while Dean Herring added the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Later in the quarter, Pender's

Maurice Simpson intercepted Cougar quarterback Glyn McCuen's pass to set up the Pats next score.

Two two plays following the miscue, Penigar scored again on a two-yard dash and Herring added the extra point for a 14-point halftime lead.

Pender took a 21-0 lead with 8:24 to play in the third quarter on Thomas Smith's 50-yard run with Herring kicking the extra point.

With 1:57 to play in the period, Sean Lewis scored on a 66-yard run and Herring added his fourth extra point for a 28-0 spread.

South Brunswick prevented the shutout with 5:12 to play when McCuen connected with Darius Wise on a six-yard scoring pass to highlight a 65-yard Cougar drive.

Penigar led the Patriots with 102 yards rushing on 16 carries.

South Brunswick visits Hoggard

Friday in next action while Pender hosts West Brunswick. Kickoff for both games is 8 p.m.

### THE YARDSTICK

S. Brunswick	Pender
8	11
234	121
0	95
0-3	20-10
0	1
5-31	6-38
3	4
75	84

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

South Brunswick	0	0	0	6-6
Pender	0	14	14	0-28

### SCORING SUMMARY

(P) Penigar, 20-yard run (Herring kick).  
 (P) Penigar, 2-yard run (Herring kick).  
 (P) Smith, 50-yard run (Herring kick).  
 (P) Lewis, 66-yard run (Herring kick).  
 (SB) Wise, 6-yard pass from McCuen (pass failed).

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## Rains Plague Prep Openers

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Although only one game was postponed because of Friday's downpours, most prep coaches were far from pleased with their teams' opening play. It seemed the slopy and inconsistent play by area teams went hand-in-hand with the adverse weather conditions last weekend.

Two of three Brunswick County teams opened last week with neither the Cougars or Scorpions making a successful debut.

South Brunswick probably faced the toughest opening opponent of anyone in Pender. The huge Patriots simply overpowered smaller South Brunswick, 28-6 although the Cougars lost four of eight fumbles.

North Brunswick was the only county team to open at home as the Scorpions dropped a disappointing 14-12 loss to Clarkton. The Scors wishbone offense worked to near-perfection early but two turnovers in the second half proved to be disastrous.

The first turnover proved to be the most costly as quarterback Keith Woodcock fumbled deep in Scorpion territory. Clarkton had little problem in scoring just three plays following the miscue and North Brunswick could never muster another scoring drive.

South Robeson opened on a successful note with a 20-12 win over

Saint Pauls. The Mustangs, coming off a 6-4 season last year, look to be the choice to land one of the Waccamaw Conference's three playoff spots according to a number of league coaches.

The only game involving an area team was West Columbus' opener at Acme-Delco. The contest was played on Saturday but West Columbus had little problem in outmaning the 1-A Trojans, 41-6.

The opening win by such a convincing score, regardless of the opponent, has to be a big boost to Viking coach Dave Pless. West Columbus is rebuilding after a 2-8 season in '84 in which the Vikings came within a game of finishing in the Three Rivers Conference cellar.

Both North and South Brunswick continue nonconference play Friday while East Bladen, West Brunswick, Fairmont and Whiteville take the field for the first time.

East Bladen visits Clinton. Whiteville hosts Bladenboro. Fairmont entertains Orrum while West Brunswick travels to Pender.

Both North and South Brunswick travel Friday in search of first wins. North Brunswick visits Dixon while South Brunswick meets 4-A Hoggard.

West Columbus and South Robeson both have an open date before returning to action next Friday.

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