

SOUTH ROBESON WINS OPENER-South Robeson defensiveman Greg Blue wraps up North Brunswick quarterback Keith Woodcock just as the ball is releas-

ed. Closing in for the Mustangs is Michael Deese (20) and Herbie Huggins (51).



MUSTANGS PREVAIL-South Robeson's David Leggett (54) and Valentino Odum (33) pressure North Brunswick quarterback Keith Woodcock (10) during

last Friday's conference opener. Woodcock and the Scorpions were guilty of six turnovers as South

South Robeson Edges Defensive Scorps 12-7

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

There's an old football adage that says a good defense will always beat a good offense.

Almost always

North Brunswick's defense, which stopped South Robeson three times on fourth down and held the Mustangs to only two second-half first downs, shone even brighter than the Friday night full moon.

But even the brilliant North Brunswick defense couldn't overcome five Scorp fumbles as South Robeson took a 12-7 win in both teams' Waccamaw 2-A Conference

"If you play defense nearly the whole game, you will eventually have a breakdown somewhere," said North Brunswick coach Clark Harrell. "Our pass defense was great but we just flat beat ourselves with the turnovers. Very few teams will beat anybody losing five fumbles the way we did tonight."

After North Brunswick opened with an early lead, South Robeson scored in the final two minutes of the first half and the opening minutes of the second to pull away with the vic-

"Our defense did a great job. The defense has held our opponents to less than 100 yards rushing the past two games and they did it again tonight," said South Robeson coach Russell Stone

"James McArthur did an excellent job punting for us and kept North Brunswick up against the wall in key situations. Jesse Reaves (running back) also had a great game although this is the first time this

SCORPIONS STOPPED-North Brunswick fullback Lanier Sloan (40) is stopped by South Robeson's Lee McIntyre (37) for a short gain in last week's Wac-

season he has been held for less than

North Brunswick turnovers gave

the Mustangs the ball on the Scor-

pions first three possessions in-

cluding two fumbles and a pass

The Mustangs threatened only

once after the second North

Brunswick fumble but the Scorps

defense came up with the big play.

100 yards," Stone added.

reception.

12-7 in both teams' league opener. Sloan gained 30 yards on eight carries despite the loss.

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camaw 2-A Conference contest. South Robeson won

dash to the Scorp 15 yard line on the first play of the half.

Three plays later Hunt connected with Mark Baker for his second eight-yard scoring toss with 10:05 to play in the period. The two-point conversion failed but South Robeson held a 12-7 lead.

North Brunswick fumbled away three of its next four possessions while managing to recover a Mustang miscue late in the quarter.

However, McArthur began to take over for South Robeson as he backed up the Scorps to their own three yard 14-3 line following a 54-yard punt in the opening minutes of the final quarter.

After the two teams traded possessions, McArthur again backed up North Brunswick. This time, following a 44-yard punt, the Scorps found themselves on their own 12 yard line and were unable to move the ball.

North Brunswick managed to drive the ball to the Mustang 35 yard line in the closing seconds but the Scorps came up short and lost the ball on

Sanders led the North Brunswick

second half. Reaves set up the offense with 46 yards rushing on nine Mustangs winning score on a 36-yard carries while Lanier Sloan ran for 30 yards on eight attempts.

Reaves led South Robeson with 56 yards on the ground and 13 carries.

Both teams continue Waccamaw 2-A Conference action Friday as North Brunswick (0-1, 2-2) travels to rival South Brunswick while South Robeson (1-0, 3-1) visits West Colum-

THE YARDSTICK

S.Robeson N.Brunswick First Downs Rushing Yardage Passing Yardage 24 33 Passes Att.-Comp. 9-3 Passes Int. By Punts (No. Avg.) 4-34 Fumbles Lost Yards Penalized 33

SCORE BY QUARTERS South Robeson 0 6 6 0-12 North Brunswick 0 7 0 0-7 SCORING SUMMARY

(NB) Sanders, 7-yard cun (Williams kick)

(SR) Reaves, 8-yard pass from Hunt (kick failed)

(SR) Baker, 8-yard pass from Hunt

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(run failed)

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three yard line where the North Brunswick defense held two straight plays and junior defensive end Steve Mintz sacked Mustang quarterback Jerome Hunt on fourth down to end the threat. After a brief North Brunswick possession, the Scorps were forced to

South Robeson drove to the Scorp

punt but South Robeson fumbled the return. Mintz recovered near midfield for the Scorps to keep the drive Eleven plays later, Chubby

Sanders scored on a seven-yard run with 7:50 to play in the half and Chris Williams added the extra point for a

South Robeson closed the gap just before halftime on a 12-play drive that covered 48 yards and was kept alive on three Scorpion penalties.

Hunt threw for the first of two touchdown passes with 2:08 to play on an eight-yard scoring completion to Reaves to cover the final distance. The extra point attempt failed and the Scorps held a 7-6 halftime lead.

South Robeson wasted little time to take control of the game early in the

Boosters Meet Is Rescheduled

The October meeting of the West Brunswick Boosters Club has been rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the high school, said spokesman Rex

Plans for a bus caravan to an away football game will be discussed

The meeting, normally held the first Monday night of each month, was rescheduled because of other planned meetings at school.

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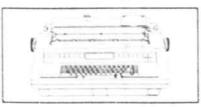
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