

Pirates smash Gates, 24-0

The Perquimans Pirates' season opening football game at Gates County Friday night started out as a real yawner and stayed that way for most of the first half.

The two teams would trade possessions, each thumping into the other's line for short to no-gain running plays, throwing ineffective passes that gained little yardage.

Both teams were sluggish on offense, and strong on defense.

But with a couple of minutes left in the half, Perquimans shook off a case of opening game sluggishness and went on to route the Barons, 24-0.

Pirate quarterback Donnie Parker began to connect on fair passes, which opened up the running game, and the Pirates began a quick march down the field.

Parker snuck across from

the two yard line and James Banks added the two point conversion on a run.

The second half was all Perquimans.

On its second possession of the half, the Pirates began a penalty-marred drive that consumed most of the third quarter.

Keys were two consecutive pass plays of 32 and 33 yards to wingback Johnnie Frierson and the running of Robert Banks and Tyron Eason.

Robert Banks scored from the left side on a six yard run and a scrambling Donnie Parker jumped into the air to connect with Johnnie Frierson for the two point conversion.

Early in the fourth period the Pirates had a spectacular touchdown run nullified on a clipping penalty. Robert Banks had exploded into the

Baron secondary from the 50 yard line, was grabbed by a Baron defender who held on to his shirt for a ride of several yards, then tore away and cut towards the right side of the field and into the end zone.

But Perquimans came back to score again on a drive from their own 23 on a one yard surprise sneak by Parker. Parker took the snap from center before the rest of the team had even gotten into their stances, and scored easily.

The drive had nearly fizzled when a pass interference call on a fourth and 14 play from the sixteen yard line gave it new life.

End "Ike" Skinner had contributed to the drive with a diving grab in a third and long situation near mid-field.

The game was a first for the Pirates under new head coach

Pat Morgan, and he was tickled with his team's performance. "It was a good start. I was real pleased," Morgan said.

He attributed the slow start to the first game jitters. Better blocking by the line and a quarterback who gained confidence throughout the game finally overwhelmed a slower Gates team.

Parker connected on nine passes in thirteen attempts for 168 yards. Frierson and Skinner caught three passes each.

The running attack was led by James Banks with 58 yards in 15 carries.

Defensive back Stanley White and linebacker Mark Lindsey led a hard-cracking Perquimans defensive unit that kept the Gates County offense in wraps all night.

Hunters should look before firing

The fall hunting season is at hand once again. Hundreds of thousands of Americans are taking to the fields and woods this fall in search of game.

The American Medical Association reminds hunters that guns can kill. The paramount safety rule for the hunter is a simple one - before you pull the trigger, know what you're firing at.

Sporting arms, from a single-shot .22 calibre rifle to a heavy big game weapon to a fast-shooting automatic scattergun, are designed to kill birds and animals. They also can kill or wound humans.

Each fall some hunters return from hunting outings via hearse. Others return with a load of bird shot or a rifle bullet to be dug out. Behind almost every hunting accident is one cause: carelessness. The hunter who blazes away at everything that moves runs a big risk of bagging a fellow hunter.

Never cross over or through a fence or climb a tree with a

loaded gun. It might fall and discharge. Unload first and reload after crossing. Don't shoot at a hard, flat surface. Ricocheting bullets can carry long distances with killing power.

Keep guns away from children. Never leave a weapon unattended without unloading it. Store guns and ammunition beyond reach of youngsters, preferably under lock and key.

Always carry a gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle even if you stumble. Keep the safety catch on until ready to shoot. Always be sure the barrel is clear. A barrel clogged with mud or snow may burst.

Guns and alcohol don't mix. If you like a nip around camp, wait until you're through hunting for the day and all weapons are unloaded and cased.

Even a small-bore rifle has considerable range. Know where your bullet will stop before pulling the trigger. Treat guns with respect at all

times. They may be loaded, despite all precautions. Never point a weapon at something unless you plan to shoot it.

Dismal Road Rally set

"The Great Dismal Road Rally," sponsored by Nathan S. Hurdle Realty Company and K-94 radio will take place Nov. 1-2.

The weekend rally will begin in Elizabeth City and wind up the first night at the Armada Inn at Nags Head, where a rally party and

lodging await two-man teams.

The course will continue Sunday to the final checkpoint where prizes and trophies will be awarded. Rally masters for the event will be Art and Ginny Beckwith.

Further information may be obtained by calling 919-335-2225.

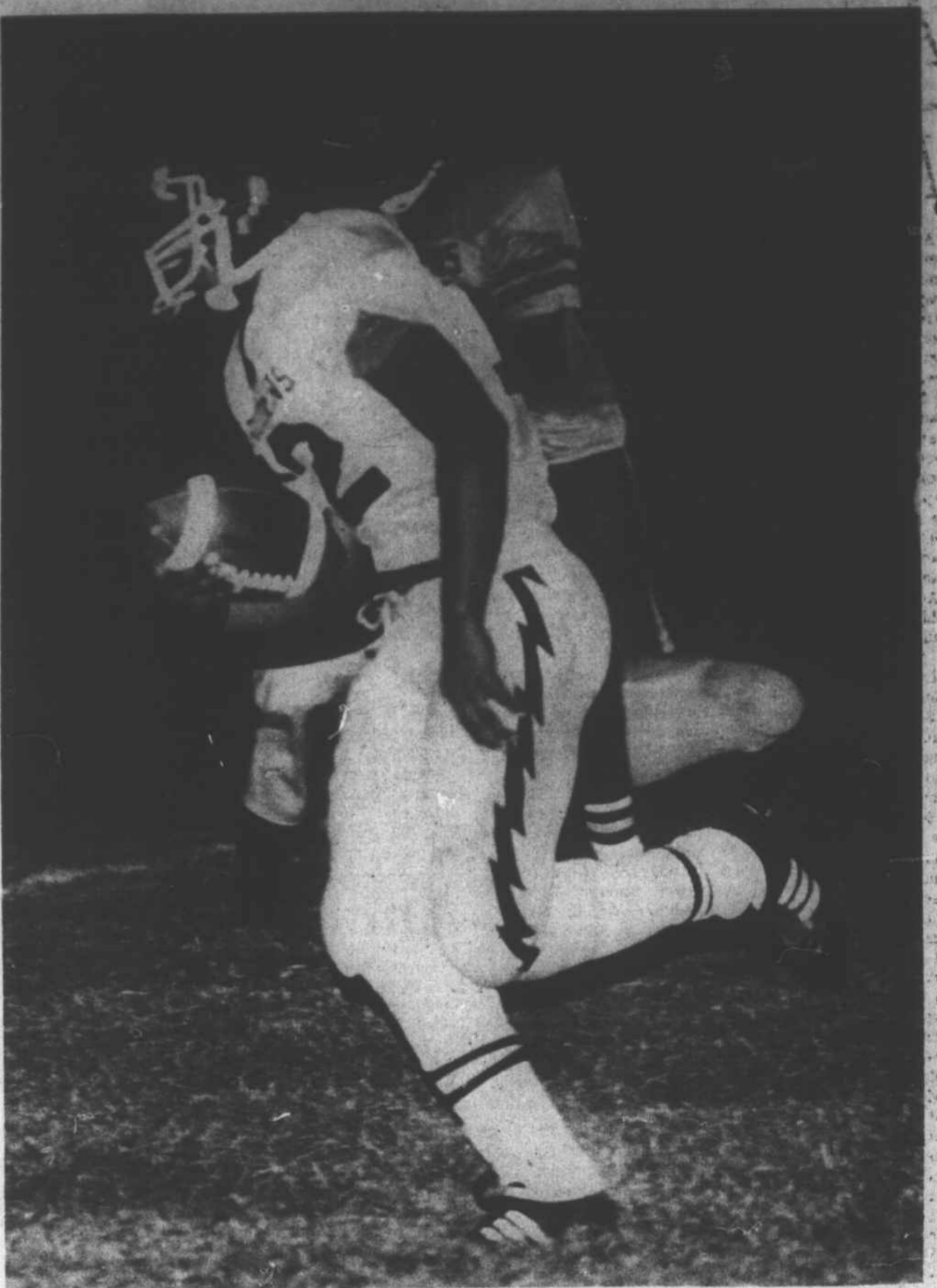


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Rounding the corner

Donny Parker rounds end in a Friday night. Parker completed 9 of 13 passes for 168 yards besides displaying a flair for running with the photo by JIM REID

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PERQUIMANS PIRATES, 1980

ROSTER: (Random Order) Joseph Griswold, Jr. B; Donny Parker, Jr. QB; Stanley White, Jr. QB; Danny White, Jr. B; Danny Baker, Jr. B; Robert Banks, Sr. B; Joseph Coston, Jr. B; Billy Badgley, Jr. B; James Bunch, Sph. B; Tyron Eason, Jr. B; James Banks, Jr. B; Bill Hall, Sr. B; Larry Johnson, Sph. B; Johnny Frierson, Jr. B; Manuel Miller, Sph. B; Mark Lindsey, Sph. C; Eric Cohoon, Sr. C; Thomas Harrison, Sr. C; Eric Tilley, Sr. G; Eddie Pierce, Sr. G; Troy Edwards, Sph. G; Melvin Coston, Sph. G; Chris Wharton, Jr. G; Linwood Moore, Jr. T; Todd Wagner, Jr. T; George Bryant, Sr. T; Gerald White, Jr. T; Danny Boyce, Sr. T; Derrick Johnson, Jr. T; Ike Skinner, Sr. E; Tim Hulet, Sr. E; Ronnie Hite, Sph. E; Terry Lightfoot, Jr. E; James Riddick, Sph. E; Pat Morgan, Head Coach. Assistant coaches: Anthony Downing, John Lovezzo, Joe Winslow, Sid Eley, Don House, Roy Perkins.

PIRATE SCHEDULE

Sept. 5, Scotland Neck	Home	*Oct. 10, Northampton	Home
Sept. 12, Edenton Holmes	Away	*Oct. 17, Murfreesboro	Home
Sept. 19, Plymouth	Away	*Oct. 24, Gumberry	Away
Sept. 26, Open		*Oct. 31, Gates	Home
*Oct. 3, Currituck	Away	*Nov. 7, Camden	Away

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