

Birds Win Two, Lose To Bulldogs

After whipping Wilmington 7-0, then dropping an 18-6 contest to the Bulldogs, the Blackbirds once more arrived at the winners circle trouncing little Washington 20-0. Sophomore reserves Bunny Bell and Ray Harper were the defensive spark plugs and chief ground-grabbers. It is unusual to find two such good backs doing so well as sophomores.

In Wilmington the Birds played flawless ball, flustering only at the Wilmington goal line. The Wildcats played hard but were badly out-classed as the smooth moving, hard running Blackbirds rolled over 323 yards. Only the repeatedly determined goal line stance of the Wildcats made the game exciting.

But "Mr. Fumble" donned a Blackbird uniform for the Fayetteville clash. Each fumble served as a stepping stone to pay dirt and the Bulldogs made the most of advantages. However, the backfield was not the real cause of defeat, but the pitifully weak defensive effort of the Blackbird line. This came as both a surprise and disappointment as the Bulldog guards made bowling pins of Blackbird linemen.

Let it be remembered, however, that it was not the same in the Washington game as "Operation Sophomore", in which underclassmen starred, proved highly successful.

Ray Harper hit pay dirt late in the opening quarter for the first score, and minutes later a Pam Pack punt was blocked by Smokey Lancaster and recovered in the end zone by Baxter Savage for the second. Then Bunny Bell's third quarter, 45 yard touchdown scamper wrapped up the game.

Durham Whips Birds In 41-0 Rout

Sports Review

With
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Rocky Mount's hopes for a state championship in football seemed to be crushed when the Blackbirds were defeated by Fayetteville, October 9. This game put Rocky Mount into third place in the conference with a 2-1 record.

Later, while the locals were handing the Pam Pack a 20-0 defeat, Durham whipped Fayetteville, putting Rocky Mount back into the conference race. The Birds took to the field Friday night knowing that a victory for them would throw the conference lead into a three-way tie. But a defeat at the hands of Durham would definitely eliminate any chance of winning the championship.

Ever since the opening game with Oxford Orphanage, public enthusiasm has been dropping steadily. Not only is the crowd in the grandstand smaller but things also seem to have quieted down on the student side of the field. The attendance at the Washington game was the poorest yet. Between five and seven thousand fans saw the Birds whip the Wildcats in Wilmington. What's the matter with Rocky Mount?

Duke University seemed to be heading for national honors winning all of their games, but a heart breaking 14-13 Army victory hurt the Blue Devils. However, they may still be one of the nation's top teams at the end of the season. Carolina, another big four team, is enjoying its first good season in years under Coach Barclay, who replaces Carl Snively. Three victories in a row gave Tar Heel fans something to talk about in spite of a 26-0 loss to Maryland.



Johnny Warrick (36) carries the ball for 12 yards in the game with Durham. Blocking Markham (36) of Durham is Ed Nelms (55). Photo by Killebrew

Durham rolled to a 41-0 victory to gain first place in the Eastern AAA conference Friday night. The one sided score was a surprise to both players and fans.

In the first quarter, Durham took the opening kickoff and drove down deep in Rocky Mount territory. A TD was called back because of a clipping penalty, but two downs later the score was made good. Durham converted and the score was 7-0. After a long run by Warren, Durham recovered a Blackbird fumble and scored on a long pass to Pulley. Again the point was good.

During the third quarter the Bulldogs struck again. Another long pass was completed for a touchdown. The point was good and the score at halftime was 21-0.

In the third quarter Durham recovered a fumble on kickoff and Hunnicutt carried the ball over on a long run. The kick was no good and the score moved to 27-0. Again in the third quarter the Bulldogs ran the ball over for another TD and again Durham converted. In the final frame the Birds were pinned against their own goal. A Bird punt was blocked and run over for the final score of the game. The extra point was kicked and the ball game ended at 41-0 with Durham on top.

After the game, Coach Adkins remarked "I didn't know they could do that to us." Later he said that Warren and a couple of others played a pretty fair game but as a whole the playing was very poor.

Three Players Hurt

Injuries, the fear of coaches and plague of teams, has severed the playing services from three Rocky Mount high school athletes. Those so relieved are Jimmy Lancaster, Theo Pitt, and Joe (Smokey) Lancaster.

Jimmy, former first string quarterback, was first injured. A bad knee carried over from last season was the cause. It was in a practice scrimmage that Pitt's injury, a broken thumb ended his playing for the season. His position was end.

Smokey, whose defense ability, as well as offensive ability, was a tremendous asset to the Blackbird cause, suffered a ruptured blood vessel in the Washington affair. It should be noted that all three boys were hot basketball prospects. Whether or not their injuries will omit them from play is in doubt.

Do You Know?

1. Between what two teams was the first intercollegiate game played?
2. Directly from what English sport does football come?
3. The Rose Bowl is played in Pasadena, California. Where is the Cotton Bowl played?
4. A traditional college classic is played at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia. What is it?

Answers

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2. Rugby
3. Dallas, Texas
4. The Army-Navy game

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