



Captain Danny Talbot, far right, gives pre-season instructions to Blackbird gridders at a scrimmage prior to Rocky Mount's opening 1962 football clash. (Left to right) Coach Don Stallings, Wayne Bullock, 52, Brent Milgrom, 88, Russell Hall, 26, Ivan Bunn 20 and John Alexander. (Photo by Killebrew)

# WRENNIE PITT LEADS BIRDS TO WIN IN SEASON OPENER

## STATISTICS

	RM	H		
First Downs	17	10		
Net Yards Rushing	268	98		
Net Yards Passing	57	73		
Total Net Yards	325	171		
Passes Attempted	6	8		
Passes Completed	4	4		
Passes Int. By	1	0		
Fumbles Lost	2	0		
Punts	1-48	3-27		
Yards Penalized	25	30		
<b>SCORE BY QUARTERS</b>				
Rocky Mount	7	7	7	0-21
Henderson	0	0	0	0-0

The Rocky Mount High School Blackbirds, who came so close to becoming the North Carolina state 4-A football champs last year, may have decided to make this the year to go into the Rocky Mount football records.

Rocky Mount, which ran up a brilliant 8-1-1 record last year only to lose in the state semi-finals, has made a terrific start this year to improve that record and become the state champs as they opened their 1962 football season in Henderson Friday night, sweeping a 21-0 victory over the Henderson Bulldogs behind the flashy running of senior halfback ace Wrennie Pitt.

Pitt who lettered last year, although out most of the season because of injuries, raced across the goal line for all three Rocky Mount touchdowns Friday night in runs of 34 yards and 17 yards and a 12 yard pass play from quarterback Danny Talbot.

Pitt's flashy running set up most of his touchdown runs as the senior star refused to be stopped by the Henderson linemen.

Rocky Mount coach Chris Carpenter used his entire squad in taming the Bulldogs, as his three offensive backfields ground out 268 yards, while his aerial attack was good for 57 yards.

Team Captain Talbot, who was all-state quarterback last year, enjoyed a fine night completing four passes in six attempts, and was also a running star along with teammate Pitt.

Henderson, which has a fine offense, managed only 98 yards rushing against Rocky Mount's rugged defense, that was led by linebacker Marion Barnes, end, Brent Milgrom, tackle, John Alexander and guard Wayne Bullock.

Rocky Mount's first quarter score came as Pitt capped a 53 yard drive with a 34 yard run into Henderson's end zone.

Once again it was Pitt in the second period, who capped a 73 yard march, this time receiving a 12 yard pass from Talbot for the score.

The Blackbirds ended their scoring in the third quarter

as Pitt raced for his third touchdown on a 17 yard sprint. Talbot kicked the extra point for all three touchdowns.

The Blackbirds play their first home game of the season this coming Friday night, meeting the Kinston Red Devils. After Kinston, Rocky Mount opens its Eastern 4-A Conference, clashing with the Goldsboro Earthquakes on September 21.

## SPORTS

### Blackbirds Have Fine Looking Forward Wall For '62 Season

Before any team can come up with a good football team, a strong line is needed and the Rocky Mount Senior High School Blackbirds seem to have just that kind of line.

Rocky Mount's forward wall will not be loaded with weight, but the Birds will field a fast, experienced line that should stir up problems for the Rocky Mount challengers, both offensively and defensively.

The Birds have 10 lettermen linemen returning and every one of them were starters at one time during last season, either on offense or defense.

End seems to be the squad's strongest point as it is loaded with four lettermen. Junior Billy Warren and senior Dennis Newell give the Birds two fine pass receivers, while senior Marion Barnes and senior Tom Parrish will handle most of the defensive end problems.

Other ends that should see action are senior Bob Sides, juniors Brent Milgrom and Skip Thompson, and senior Butch Ferguson.

The Blackbirds will have two strong starting tackles in junior John Alexander and senior Bobby Jones. Alexander, 210 pounds, and Jones, 195 pounds, are backed by junior Julian Fenner, seniors Allen Wester and Marvin Pike, junior Do Bennett, and two promising sophomores, Jerry Lundy and Jimmy Clack.

Butch Clayton and Steve Wright lead the guard candidates. Both were starters last year, when the Birds enjoyed a fine 8-1-1 season.

Wayne Bullock is the only letterman at center, while Parrish will see a lot of action at this position.

Other linemen that are counted on by Carpenter are Tommy Cheshire, David Parker, Wes Ballou, Jep Rose and Joe Phillips.

### Danny Talbot Heads Backfield Composed Of Three Lettermen

Senior Danny Talbot heads the Rocky Mount High Blackbird's backfield, along with lettermen Wrennie Pitt and Craig Quick and a host of bright looking prospects.

Talbot, who stands 6-0 and tips the scales at 180 pounds, is the leading quarterback in the state and will be the main target for the ten teams that meet the Blackbirds in the grid season.

All conference and all-state last year as a junior, Talbot is known for his terrific passing ability, while his football talents are also outstanding in the kicking, defensive, and running fields.

Blackbird grid coach Chris Carpenter plans to work his offense around star Talbot and Rocky Mount's other lettermen in the backfield, Pitt and

Quick. Pitt, who was out most of last season due to an injury, is the speed demon on the Blackbird squad. Quick is no. 2 quarterback.

Halfback Pitt is a 165-pounder and from his past records, the flashy ball carrier should be among the leading backs in the conference. Quick should help the Bird's running attack, along with being the no. 2 signal caller.

After Talbot, Pitt and Quick Carpenter has junior fullback Wayne Daughtride and promising sophomore Darrell Johnson and Digit Laughtride.

Other leading backfield hopefuls are junior Steve Kelly, junior Ivan Bunn, senior Russell Hall, senior Buddy Elmore, junior Mike Branch, junior Bill Bonner and senior Robert Bridges.

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