

[SPORTS] In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

The glory on the gridiron most often goes to the player carrying the ball. Seldom is a linesman praised for his work, although his is the hardest task to perform. Dedicated fans of football know it is the linesmen who open the holes through which the backs carry the ball for the score. However, the average fan sees only the ball carrier and often misses some of the most interesting plays of the game.

With three wins under their belts, Louisburg linesmen are feeling good and rightfully so. The Franklinton Rams' linesmen have much to feel good about in their efforts last Friday night.

One has only to look at the jerseys of the Bulldog linesmen following any game to see who does the toughest job. Backs are constantly telling us to give the line the praise. We're glad to do so here. We've known all along who the real stars are.

Only two teams in the state hold a better record at this stage of the season than the Louisburg Bulldogs. Western Alamance and Union Pines have each won four straight. Twelve squads have won three, including the Bulldogs. Wakelon is the only other Tar River eleven with three wins and no defeats.

The Bulldogs are number ten among top scoring teams. Only Oxford Orphanage in the conference is ranked higher. Louisburg has scored a total of 77 points while Oxford (53-0 victors over Southern Nash Friday night) has scored 85.

Individual Bulldogs rank high in the conference standings with Phillip Robertson placing second in number of touchdowns (4). Neil McDonald and Norris Cooley each have two. Larry Fuller has thrown three TD passes, scored one TD and tossed two extra points. Charlie Hobgood joined the scorers Friday night.

Most Louisburg fans were surprised at the play of the Rams Friday. With a number of injuries and the fact that Franklinton had dropped the first two games, some were taking the Rams lightly. This came to an abrupt halt during the first half of play. The Rams were a delight to their fans as they controlled the game for the first two periods.

The Bulldogs kept battering away at the Ram guards and tackles and finally weakened the slots enough to send the backs through for sizable gains in the third and final period. The Rams did a good job on the Bulldog's passing game.

Charlie Adams of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association was on hand to see how the game was officiated. Adams came in response to criticism of Class A officiating published in this column last week. Ironically, the officiating Friday night was the best we've seen in some time. As witness, officials were calling the same infractions at almost the same instance. This has been seldom seen in recent years. Ten penalties were called against Louisburg and 11 against the Rams. The interest of the NCHSAA is gratifying. While the officials are sent out by booking agencies, the NCHSAA can see to it that each game has at least one experienced official.

The 32-7 dubbing of a strong William R. Davie team by the Warrenton Yellow Jackets Friday night will undoubtedly lead to a more intensive week of preparations by the Bulldogs. Davie lost to Norlina, 12-7 in the opener but handled defending Tar River champs Helena, 18-6 before falling to the Jackets. Warrenton lost their first two outings to South Hill, Va. 26-14 and Weldon, 32-7.

To Sponsor Dance Team

Douglas N. Hoyle, Commander of American Legion Post 52 in Franklinton, announced today that the Legion sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 530 would be host to the Oconeechee Council, Order of the Arrow Lodge, "Sun-ga-nie" Dance Team. The Indian Dance Team will perform at the American Legion Post Home in Franklinton at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 1968. Mr. Bob Lilley, Lodge Team Advisor from Raleigh, says the Indians will dance come Rain or Shine.

The Dance Team is composed of a number of Scouts and Explorers who are members of various units in several Districts in our Council. These boys are also members of the Order of the Arrow Lodge who have joined the Dance Team in an effort to take the message of Scouting to the public at large.

The members of the team have mastered many of the dances done by the American Indian in the days when America was young and growing. They tell the story of the American Indian through these dances as well as a story of Adventure.

The majority of the boys on the Dance Team are Eagle Scouts and Life Scouts. They are all honor scout campers who have put Service to

others before Service to themselves.

The Franklinton Rescue Squad and the Franklinton Volunteer Fire Department have joined in with Troop No. 530 to make this Scouting Expo a community event. Chief A. J. Perkinson of the Rescue Squad and Chief M. R. House of the Volunteer Fire Department have stated they will have a portion of their equipment on display. There will be personnel available to answer any questions anyone may have concerning these organizations or their equipment. The Scout Troop will also have several displays set up.

Mr. Guy Corn, Scoutmaster, and Mr. Leon Kearney, Assistant Scoutmaster, says the public is invited and request that everyone come on out to see just how good Scouting contributes to a community. Honored guest for the evening will be Mr. C. Ray Pruette, Chairman of the Saponi District, Oconeechee Council. Mr. Pruette will make the presentation of awards and rank.

It is fine to think you are usually right, as long as you can keep it a secret.

Those who established the United States would be amazed at what it is today.

Bulldogs Down Stubborn Rams, 26-6

The Franklinton Rams were more than the Bulldogs could handle in the first half Friday night, but Louisburg played a fired up second half to take its third win of the season, 26-6.

Ram sophomore Jerry Simmons ran over from the Louisburg 15-yard line with 4:07 left in the second period to put the visitors in front 6-0. The Rams thwarted the Bulldogs offense and took the lead into the dressing room at halftime. Neil McDonald blocked the Ram PAT kick.

At the start of the second half, Louisburg kicked to Franklinton then topped the

Ram offense to gain ball possession and the show was over for Franklinton. With 2:23 left in the third frame, Bulldog quarterback Larry Fuller ran a sneak from the four to tie the score. Robbie McDonald's kick was short and the 6-6 stalemate held until the final frame.

As one of the largest crowds ever to see a football game in Louisburg looked on, Louisburg sent halfback Phillip Robertson over for a touchdown from the 17 yard line with 10:37 left in the game. Fuller's pass to Pernel was no good and the Bulldogs led 12-6.

With 3:06 left, Robertson again tallied, this time from the Franklinton twenty yard line. Robertson's pass to Steve Perdue for the extra point failed and the Bulldogs led 19-6.

Johnny Pernel, who averaged 38.7 yards in four punts, intercepted a Simmons pass with 2:27 remaining in the game to set up the final Louisburg tally. With :53 seconds left, Fuller passed to halfback Charlie Hobgood for the TD and the Bulldogs took a 25-6 lead. Robbie McDonald's kick was good and placed the final score at 26-6, Louisburg.

Again it was the Bulldog's devastating ground game that spelled the difference with 301 yards gained rushing. Robertson, Hobgood, Neil McDonald, Norris Cooley and Fuller aided in the rushing department with Robertson leading. He had 128 yards in 19 carries for an average of 6.7 yards. McDonald had 74 yards in 15 tries; Hobgood rushed 74 yards in nine attempts. Cooley had 33 yards in 6 tries and Fuller gained 19 in five tries.

Cliff Williams led the Rams with 66 yards in 14 attempts. Dennis Carter had

48 yards in 12 tries, Simmons had 23 for 5 and Mack Beckham gained 12 yards in two tries. Simmons completed four passes out of 15 attempts for fifty yards. Fuller completed two of ten for Louisburg for 20 yards. Cooley threw completed one of two for 33 yards and Jimmy Wrenn threw a PAT pass to Steve Perdue. Al Sandling paced the Rams kicking with an average of 35 yards in five punts.

Coach Tommy Twitty singled out Edward Boo-Boo Pergerson for his defensive work along with Steve Perdue. Pergerson made 22 tack-

les and Perdue did an outstanding job at end. Pernel also played a good game in filling in for the ailing Thomas Finch as linebacker.

Dennis Carter and Brooks Bennett were singled out by the Bulldogs as the toughest Ram defensive men.

The Bulldogs have now won three games in a row and are undefeated thus far in the season. The Rams, plagued with a number of injuries have lost their first three games. Louisburg travels to Warrenton and Franklinton goes to Littleton Friday night in non-conference tilts.



CLIFF WILLIAMS



BROOKS BENNETT



DENNIS CARTER



CHARLIE HOBGOOD



PHILLIP ROBERTSON



LARRY FULLER

Ram Defensive Stand-outs

Bulldog Scorers

Tar River Conference

	Conference		Overall	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Wakelon	2	0	3	0
Louisburg	1	0	3	0
South Granville	1	0	2	1
Oxford Orphanage	1	1	2	1
Helena	0	1	1	2
Franklinton	0	3	0	3

Prices Up On Leaf Market

Flue-cured tobacco prices rose Monday on markets of the Eastern Belt and the South Carolina-Border North Carolina Belt, held steady on the Middle Belt and were steady to lower on the Old Belt.

Sales on the Louisburg market totaled 234,866 pounds Monday for an average of \$67.87. William Boone, Sales Supervisor reports that total sales on the local market through last Thursday's sales total 3,210,167 pounds. The leaf brought \$2,155,522.09 for an average of \$67.15.

On the Middle Belt, price changes of \$1 to \$3 per hundred pounds were about evenly divided between gains and losses. The practical top price was reported at \$79 per hundred with selected baskets of choice lemon leaf bringing \$82 per hundred. Quality improved as less poor tobacco and nondescript was offered.

Questions

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sented around \$200,000 expenditure on the part of local taxpayers.

The News and Observer, referring to these children as "victims" also carried an extensive quotation from the Attorney General's ruling in support of the Franklin action. The Raleigh Times reported that Wake County charges a tuition for North Carolina residents who do not live in the district. The cost in Wake County is \$50 and \$75 while in Franklin the charges are \$40 and \$50. A number of Franklin citizens have paid the Wake fees where in past years their children have attended Wake schools. Franklin makes no charges for children living in the county, although some have parents living outside the administrative unit in the Franklinton district.

Epsom Plans Private School

Formation of a private school in the Epsom community of Vance and Franklin Counties is being planned, and details will be discussed at a meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Liberty Vance Christian Church, it was announced today by leaders in the movement.

A notice signed by "interested citizens" invites "all white people in Vance, Franklin and Warren counties" who would be concerned with es-

tablishment of the school to attend the meeting. The private school would be located near Epsom and would begin operations at the start of the 1969 school year.

The statement said it is hoped the proposed school can be operated at less than \$300 per year per pupil. The advance notice said the meeting Tuesday night would determine whether there will be a private school next year.

Criminal Session Ends

The case involving Elvis Gladstone Hicks, on trial for murder, resulted in a mistrial last week, before Superior Court Judge Leo Carr.

Other cases handled during the one-week criminal term included the following:

David Perry Brantley, speeding. Not guilty.

Willie Gray Mitchell, speeding. Not guilty.

Charles H. Pippin, speeding. Not guilty.

Norwood Yarborough, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury not resulting in death. Two years in jail. Notice of appeal; appeal bond set at \$150,000; appearance bond set at \$2,000.00.

Bobby Harold Brown, false pretense (3 cases); Melvin Bass Hicks (3 cases). 15 months in jail on first charge; 2nd and 3rd cases consolidated for judgment. Two years in jail, said sentence to begin at expiration of

sentence imposed in first charge; execution of sentence suspended on condition that defendant not violate any law for three years from the time he is released from sentence imposed in first case and on further condition that within 12 months after this suspended sentence begins, he pay into office of CSC \$400,000 to reimburse persons who sustained loss by reason of misrepresentations made by him in connection with all three cases. Defendant will have to pay only one half this amount if the co-defendant pays a like amount.

George Mack Tant, operating motor vehicle intoxicated. 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$150.00 fine and costs.

Billy Munn, Jr., motor vehicle violation and prearranged racing. Motion to quash is allowed.

John Clifton Griffin, Jr., motor vehicle violation and prearranged racing. Motion to quash is allowed.

Wanted: Snake Snitcher

Boston — Police are looking for a youth who snatched a 3 foot boa constrictor while it was on display at a zoo. John O'Connell, a zoo attendant, chased the thief, but he disappeared in the crowd.

Thinking usually means less talking.

Quick-Thinking

Chicago — When Kenneth Wagner, 16, and two friends saw a man smash a window in a drugstore, he quickly made this recording on his tape recorder: "This is the police. Would you come out with your hands up, please." They placed the recorder near the entrance and replayed the tape loud. The intruder came out and the boys held him for the police.

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