

Bulldogs Win County Crown From Rams



Louisburg 20
Franklinton 12

It Went On All Night

Louisburg ball carrier (hidden in the mass) is snowed under by the Franklinton defense in the rain-soaked contest Friday night. Players shown are: Larry Fuller (12) and "Boo-Boo" Pergerson (62) of Louisburg and Royal Pergerson (85) and Spencer Strickland (52) of Franklinton. Others in the pile-up are unidentified. This went on all night as the two squads battled for a conference win and the County Championship. Louisburg outlasted the Rams, 20-12.

SPORTS In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

The Rams proved to be Louisburg's most formidable foe thus far Friday night. They were the first squad to score on the Bulldogs and came the closest this year to upsetting the locals.

Franklinton showed some real improvement over their showing against Gaston in the opener and if the Rams can avoid injuries to their key players, this could be the strongest unit put together at Franklinton in years.

The Bulldog front line continued to show their toughness as they stopped the Ram charges all night. The lone TD through the line came after a gallant effort had stopped Franklinton for five tries. Penalties gave the Rams six tries from inside the Bulldog one-yard line.

The Bulldogs missed Neill McDonald, who going into the game was leading scorer in the conference. He was passed Friday by Tim Jones of Oxford Orphanage who now has eight TD's and 8 extra points and a whopping 56 total points.

Donnie Beckham was selected as Linesman of the Week by The Durham Morning Herald for his defensive play and for his scoring one of Franklinton's two TD's. Tim Jones of Oxford was chosen by the Herald as Back of the Week for his showing against Southern Nash Friday night.

Louisburg has four players among the top scorers in the league and the Rams have three. Jones leads with 56, Neill McDonald is second with 32 and Bobby Kearney is third with 30. Robby McDonald leads in pass reception. He has snapped three this far this season. Larry Fuller is second in TD passes. James Earp of Oxford has five Fuller has four. Louisburg continues to hold second place in the top scorers in all classifications. 4-A Goldsboro gave over first place to Wilson Fike and the Bulldogs remain in second place. Wilson has 112 in two games; Louisburg has 110 in three and Goldsboro has 102 in three.

Robby McDonald tied all Louisburg players in most TD receptions in one game Friday night when he grabbed his second one of the game. Others catching two TD passes in one contest include: Richard Marshall in 1958 from Frank Freeman in the Siler City game; Terry Nash in 1965 when he hauled in two Jimmy Geddies tossed against Norlina and Mike Wrenn in 1967 when Geddies threw two to him in the Wakecon contest. The record for one season is three, jointly held by the same threesome and the career record for the twelve years of football here is four held by Nash and Marshall.

Fuller tied Frank Freeman, Geddies and Mike Wrenn for the most TD passes in a single game with the two tosses Friday night. Randy Seidel joined Marshall (1958) and B. T. Rowe (3 times) in second place for the most TD's scored in a single game with three against Norlina. The record for the most TD's in a single game is held by Bill Williamson who scored four against Warrenton in 1964.

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The traditional Franklin family scrap was played out Friday night in a drizzle of rain that, like the Franklinton Rams, never let up. Louisburg won the game, 20-12 and since the Bulldogs have done this twelve out of thirteen times, the outcome is secondary. It is not who won or lost, but how the game was played.

And if you like your football rough and tough, this was your kind of game. The Rams held the offensively-potent Bulldogs to less than half their season scoring average and showed a spark as the game ended that killed any celebration the Bulldogs might have had in mind. The Bulldogs walked from the rain-soaked field and one had to know the final score to decide which squad had won.

The Bulldogs, playing without the conference's leading scorer, Neill McDonald, out with an injured elbow, and with Back of the Week Randy Seidel slowed by a leg injury, found their ground game left something to be desired. The drizzle and the Ram defense almost stopped the Bulldog passing offense but not before Robby McDonald hauled down a couple of Larry Fuller passes for touchdowns. Phillip Redmond ran the third TD to ice the win.

The Rams got into the scoring act with a controversial plunge from the one-foot line and a spectacular pass play with no time left in the game. The Rams-like the rain-just never let up. Neither, however, did the victorious Bulldogs.

Louisburg won the toss but was

unable to get a drive going and Franklinton held the best offensive lineup in 1-A scoreless for the entire first quarter and for a minute and nine seconds of the second.

It was at the 10:51 mark that sophomore quarterback Larry Fuller found junior flanker Robby McDonald open in the flats and tossed a 35-yard pass earmarked TD. McDonald ran the extra point, a penalty flag was dropped against Franklinton, the Bulldogs declined and led 8-0.

As though they were repeating in case some fans came late, at the 2:50 mark in the second quarter, Fuller passed from the 34 to McDonald with the same result. The Bulldogs had an unintentional assist on the play as an unidentified Ram tapped the ball up in the air, allowing McDonald to grab it and race in for the score. Jimmy Wrenn's run for the point after was no good and Louisburg led, 14-0.

There was 8:23 left in the third frame when Louisburg's sophomore fullback Phillip Redmond galloped for 34 yards to give Louisburg its third score of the night. The run for the PAT was no good and the Bulldogs had what appeared to be a safe, 20-0 lead. But, the Rams were yet to come to bat.

Franklinton recovered a Louisburg fumble deep in Bulldog territory and on two plays had moved the ball to the Bulldog two-yard line. A penalty against the Bulldogs moved the ball half the distance to the goal line but the down was never changed. Instead of third and one on the Louisburg one,

the Rams had a second and one. The run across the middle was stopped by a stubborn Louisburg defense and on the third down, a Ram jumped off-sides. This action caused a Bulldog to counter and the officials called a dead ball foul on Louisburg moving the ball to the Louisburg one-foot line. The defense held again but on the sixth try from inside the Bulldog one, Bobby Kearney tallied for the Rams. The Bulldog defense had played 134.02 minutes without allowing a score.

The Franklinton run for the extra point failed and the Bulldogs held a 20-6 lead.

The Rams cranked up again with :46 seconds left in the game and with only two seconds remaining Jerry Simmons threw to Donnie Beckham on a 35 yard scoring pass and Beckham scored after all the time in the game was gone. The PAT try was no good and the game ended with Louisburg on top, 20-12.

The two Ram touchdowns, coming in the final ten minutes of the game, stunned the Bulldogs and left them with little joy as they trucked off the muddy field. Ram fans were delighted --not at losing-but at the way their charges had played.

The win tied Louisburg with Oxford for the Franklin Area Conference lead. Both downed the Rams and the big game between the two powers will be played at Oxford two weeks from now on October 3. The loss eliminated Franklinton from any chance at the championship for this year.

Wheless Takes First Jaycee Golf Title

Louis Wheless, Louisburg golfer who recently won the Kerr Lake Invitational Tourney at Henderson, added the championship of the first annual Louisburg Jaycee Tournament here Sunday edging

G. M. (Buddy) Beam by a stroke.

Wheless trailed Harry Ostander of Wake Forest at the finish of the nine-hole qualifying round played Saturday in a downpour of rain. Ostander shot even par 35 in the curtailed round; Wheless fired a two-over 37. Ostander rocketed to a 43-42 Sunday to finish with a 120 for the 27-hole tournament. Wheless won with 112 stroke effort.

Beam, shooting a five-over 40 in the rain Saturday, settled down Sunday to a one-over 36 on the front nine and almost overtook Wheless who scored par on the first nine but took 40 to get in on the back nine.

Seventy one golfers participated in this first tournament sponsored by the local Jaycees. Green Hill Club Manager Louis Wheless, Sr. said the golfers expressed favorable comment on the event and said they enjoyed it-even in the rain.

Winners, runnerups and third place finishers are as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Louis Wheless	37-35-40-112
2. Buddy Beam	40-36-37-113
3. Jim Walker	38-40-36-114
1ST FLIGHT	
1. Tommy Byrne	40-39-37-116
2. Roger Hamm	41-36-42-119
R. G. Curran	40-40-39-119
2ND FLIGHT	
1. F. H. Allen	43-36-37-116
2. Bob Howell	42-37-38-117
3. Frank Freeman	42-41-38-121
3RD FLIGHT	
1. Jay Taylor	44-37-38-119
2. Karl Parnell	44-40-39-123
3. Stuart Finch	44-46-37-127
4TH FLIGHT	
1. Pete Meddows	45-35-39-119
2. Wilbur Green	47-40-38-125
3. Don Broadwell	45-48-42-130
5TH FLIGHT	
1. Ricky Green	48-39-38-125
2. Clifford Joyner	48-42-20-130
3. Dan Gupton	49-41-40-130
6TH FLIGHT	
1. Harry Scallone	49-46-44-139
2. Donnie Griffin	50-46-44-140
3. Charlie Raynor	50-44-47-141
7TH FLIGHT	
1. Conrad Sturges	50-41-39-130
2. George Murphy	53-44-45-142
3. Ed Pittman	51-44-50-145
8TH FLIGHT	
1. D. O. Jones	55-41-40-136
2. Ricky Raynor	53-39-46-138
3. Norman Smith	53-45-40-138



Rams Break Bulldog Defense Streak

The end to the Bulldog defense's hopes for further glory came as seen above at the 9:58 mark in the fourth quarter Friday night. Until Franklinton's Bobby Kearney rammed over from the one-foot line, the Bulldog defense had not allowed a score in 134 minutes and 2 seconds of football which took in two complete games and three quarters and 2:02 of a third. Rams shown are Donnie Beckham (80) who scored the Rams' second TD as the game ended; Tim Leonard (34) and Al Sandling (79).

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