

# Bulldogs Host 2 - A Scotland Neck Friday

The Fighting Scots of Scotland Neck invade Louisburg Friday night as the Bulldogs take a crack at their seventh straight win. It will be the first time in modern

football that Louisburg has played outside its 1-A classification. The Scots are members of the 2-A Albemarle Conference with such grid powers as Edenton, Plymouth

and Gates County. Scotland Neck has lost five games this season while winning two. Both wins are over 1-A teams. The Scots downed the Murfreesboro Red Devils

in the opener, 16-7 and defeated Wakelon, 14-0. They have lost to Northhampton (12-7); Williamston (21-6); Edenton (21-7) and Gates County (33-0). Last week

they dropped their fifth loss to Ahoskie but no details of that game have been reported.

Excluding the Ahoskie game, fourteen touchdowns have been scored against the Scots. Of these, seven have been on passes and seven have been on the ground.

Murfreesboro's lone TD came on a 51-yard pass. Northhampton scored twice, once on a quarterback sneak after a SN fumble and later on a 50-yard drive. Williamston tallied on a 54-yard TD pass, a 2 yard plunge over center and a sustained drive. Edenton hit pay dirt on a 63-yard run, a 71 yard run

and a 27-yard pass play. Gates County used the air waves, scoring on pass plays of 4 yards, 32 yards, 50 yards and 14 yards and also scored on a four yard run following a blocked punt.

In the first four games, the Scots hit 14 passes out of 41 attempts and allowed opponents to complete 27 of 56 tries. In the same games, the Scots gained 525 yards on the ground giving up 367 yards. No figures are available on the Scots' last three outings.

Louisburg, rated No. 3 in the State in Class A, has six wins and no losses and has already clinched the Franklin Area Conference title. This

will be the first game between Louisburg and Scotland Neck since 1925 when the Scots beat the Louisburg Yellow Jackets, 13-0.

A report on the Scots says they "looked better than Edenton" in parts of that game. Scotland Neck Coach Herman Clark says he has only four lettermen back from last year. "We lost our entire backfield", he said and adds, "We're little and have very little speed."

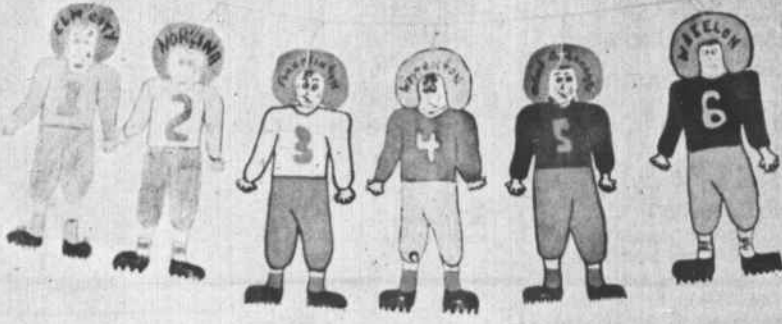
The Scots are small for a 2-A squad. Their ends are 160 and 165 pounders; the heaviest tackle and biggest man on the team is 200 pound Glen Whithead. Other tackles

weigh 170 and 125. The largest guard weighs 143 pounds and the center tips the scales at 160. Biggest man in the backfield is reserve quarterback Dave Shields at 159 pounds.

The Bulldogs, having already set a school record for most consecutive wins, will be anxious to maintain their winning streak. The Scots, hungry for their third win and a chance at a winning season, will be a real test. Game time Friday is 8 p.m.

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### [SPORTS] In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

Louisburg continues to be rated number three in the state in Class A football. Weldon remains in the top spot and Robbinsville is in second place. The Bulldogs are also third in the East ratings with Weldon and St. Pauls in second.

Grady Elmore, News and Observer sports writer, who has for years "been the only eastern ranker in the world", announced in his column today that he is leaving the field for another career. Grady will be missed. He has done a fine job of promoting high school athletics over the years and while he always asked that his rankings not be taken seriously, they were.

This column did not always agree with him, but we admired his efforts and we wish him well in his new venture.

Randy Seidel, out last week due to an injury, will be back in uniform Friday night against Scotland Neck, it was learned Wednesday. This will be good news for Bulldogs and Seidel fans.

Fox's Department Store and First Citizens Bank are feeding the football team tonight in appreciation of the showing the squad is making this year. Ben McIntyre of the local Chip's firm fed the group a couple weeks ago and the Boosters have also given them a feed. At this rate they may soon become the best fed Class A squad in the state.

The impact on a community enjoyed by a healthy football program is shown in a recent event at Enfield. The school there lost its coach a few days before it was scheduled to open and decided to abandon its football program this year. Last week, the high school youngsters chose up sides and had a football game of their own. It was well attended and points out that once it's gone, it is missed. And Enfield may find it hard to reinstate the program. They had a good one. It sent Sammy Rothrock on a four-year scholarship to Wake Forest.

It's been 44 years since Scotland Neck defeated Louisburg, 13-0 back in 1925. The Bulldogs will be going for win number seven Friday night, but also will be hoping to avenge the 44-year-old dubbing. A number of members of the 1925 squad still reside in Louisburg and some will undoubtedly be on hand Friday pulling for the Bulldogs.

## Rams Resume Grid Wars At Elm City

The red-hot Franklinton Rams return to the field of battle Friday night after a week's layoff. The Rams travel to Elm City for a meeting with the Vikings. The Vikings are 0-5 for the season, one game having been postponed due to trouble with the Elm City field lights. The Rams are 4-2, losing only to conference foes, Oxford Orphanage and Louisburg and having won three of their last four starts.

Franklinton holds a 2-1 edge in the three-year series with the Vikings, having won in 1967 (35-0) and in 1968 (45-0). The old Bears took the first game in the series, 37-27.

Franklinton boasting one of the conference's best running backs in Bobby Kearney

and a good quarterback in Jerry Simmons will be favored to grab win number five. The Vikings have had their troubles this year although they are stronger than last season.

The Vikings suffered a 27-0 defeat at the hands of Grifton-tenth ranked in the east-last week. The Tobacco Belt 1-A leader gained 207 yards on the ground while holding Elm City to only 26. The Vikings completed only two of 25 passes against the Grifton Bulldogs and could not take advantage of four Bulldog fumbles.

The Rams, on the road against Wakelon two weeks ago, will travel for their next three games, returning home for the season finale with Oak Ridge.

## Franklinton Bowling Results

Standings		HIGH TEAM GAME	
Tom Cats	16 8	Police Dept	876
Police Dept	15 8 1/2	Sterling Cotton Mill	854
Sterling C M	15 9	Police Dept	846
Fire Dept	13 11	HIGH INDIVIDUAL 3 Games	
Alley Cats	12 12	Johannie Jones	596
Chargers	9 15	Andy Hobson	556
Pin Busters	8 16	Johannie Jones	553
Rescue Squad	7 1/2 16 1/2	HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME	
HIGH TEAM 3 GAMES		Andy Hobson	225
Police Dept	2373	Lec Edward	220
Fire Dept	2371	Audy Hobson	217
Police Dept	2365		

## What Makes The Bulldogs Tick?

# A Man Named Twitty

By Clint Fuller  
Times Sports Editor

The Louisburg Bulldogs were picked in early season forecasts to finish no higher than third in the newly formed Franklin Area Conference. Comments by some sports writers implied that even this would be just shy of a football miracle.

But here it is, six games later and the Bulldogs have an unblemished record, have clinched the conference championship and are ranked number three in the entire state. So, what happened?

What makes a potential third-place finisher into a champion? How is a 3-6-1 record rebuilt in one season to rank among the top teams in the state? What changes a perennial loser into a feared powerhouse? New recruits? Not hardly. The Bulldogs lost some fine players from last year. Sure, they gained an equally fine running back and a year's experience. Has talent made the difference? Well, you might say that. Truly, the Bulldogs have talent but are they that much better than players in past years? Maybe. Maybe not.

It is true that Louisburg has a player at every position getting the job done. In past years, while some have been outstanding, there were always some weak spots. This could account for some of the changes.

But, perhaps more importantly, it is mental attitude and a team spirit. An attitude and spirit built and nurtured by the Bulldog coach. Whatever else might be a contributor to the Bulldog success, the difference is a man named Twitty.

Tommy Twitty came to Louisburg in the fall of 1967 looking a job. Fresh out of East Carolina University, the young Warrenton native wanted to coach. Louisburg was looking a basketball mentor and the former John Graham High School athlete got the nod. He also was given the unheralded position of assistant football coach.

Wanting to coach football, Twitty took on the almost impossible task of rebuilding the seventh-eighth grade program. The remnants of the year before were hardly enough to warm a



COACH TOMMY TWITTY

new coach's heart--the team went winless.

With the eagerness of a new broom, Twitty started sweeping aside habits of past years. His charges won their opener from Wakelon, 20-0 and walloped South Granville, 35-0 and when Twitty's Pups slapped Oxford Webb in their third game, Louisburg fans came alive. Twitty had a thing going. Unaccustomed to winning, Bulldog supporters gathered behind the Pups as they hit Wakelon again and slayed Rolesville, 54-6 before falling in the Oxford Booster Bowl in the last minute.

In 1968, the former halfback, moved up to varsity coach. He took up where he had left off the year before and the Bulldogs galloped to three straight wins. Then the roof fell in. With the loss of an outstanding All East griddier in Thomas Finch, the Bulldogs lost game four to Warrenton,

mustered a tie with Oxford and lost five in a row.

But suddenly it was 1969. There was a clean slate. A chance to start over. Twitty went to work rebuilding. He collected some able assistants and somewhere along the line he and his staff instilled in this year's crop the thought that they could win. He told them so and they believed him. And, they still do.

In September of 1962, Coach Charles (Preacher) Parker of Warrenton was quoted as saying, "I expect a great deal from... senior halfback Tommy Twitty." Parker might not have had this year in mind, but his expectations were well founded. Twitty was a reserve behind such standout high school backs as Clint Neal, Steve Clark, the late Gordon Haithecock and Billy Mitchiner--a more fearsome backfield has not been seen in class A ball. Twitty, at 105 pounds, was lucky to make the team. That year, Twitty's team cost Louisburg a championship when they dumped the Bulldogs, 28-19. It is ironic, but highly proper that this year Twitty has brought to Louisburg its first title.

Twitty lost his father a few years ago and before moving to Louisburg, lived with his mother, Mrs. Louise Murphy Twitty, a school teacher in Warrenton. Mrs. Twitty is a native of Franklin County and once taught in the county schools.

Coach Twitty married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Hawks last December and both teach now at Louisburg and live here.

Quiet and unassuming, Twitty is not one to waste words nor is he likely to single out one boy over another. Ask any member of his team and they'll say they like him and mostly they'll say this is because he is always fair.

One Bulldog summed it up when he said, "If Coach Twitty told me to run through that brick wall, I'd try it although I know I couldn't do it."

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