

Children's Home Ekes Out 10-6 Victory Over Wilkesboro Ramblers

STATE'S TOP SCORING HI SCHOOL ELEVENS PLAY THRILLING GAME IN MEMORIAL PARK MONDAY NIGHT

Children's Home eleven, rated as North Carolina's top football team, barely eked out a 10 to 6 victory over the Wilkesboro high school Ramblers in Memorial Park Monday night before a crowd estimated to number 3,000, or more. It was by far the best and most-exciting football game played in this section of North Carolina in years.

Children's Home came up from Winston-Salem with one of the finest records racked up by a high school team in North Carolina, having won 37 games without a defeat in regular season play over a period embracing the past four years. Their wins were against some of the larger AA teams in the state, as well as A teams; also strong elevens in the South Piedmont conference.

Wilkesboro entered the contest Monday night the underdog by several touchdowns, but soon after the Ramblers kicked to the Children's Home boys it was evident that Coach Marvin Hoffman had done a marvelous job getting his boys ready for their toughest assignment of the season. The Children's Home boys were somewhat shocked when their backs charged the Wilkesboro line and got nowhere. Soon they had to punt and then followed an exchange of punts by Ray Triplett and Red Smith during the first

quarter with neither team able to score.

In the second period Ray Triplett, Wilkesboro's triple-threat back and candidate for all-state honors, sent a booming punt to the Home's 10. Bill Proctor returned to about the seventeen and fumbled. Bill Byrd then passed to Tony Emerson behind the goal line for a touchdown which was nullified by a penalty. In two plays, Triplett ran to the one-yard marker, then raced over left end for the first score of the close football game. His placement kick was low, and the score was: Wilkesboro 6; Children's Home 0. There was no further scoring during the first half with both teams playing a fine defensive game.

Second Half

Children's Home kicked to Wilkesboro at the opening of the second half, and the Ramblers started a touchdown parade only to have three successive penalties called, making their scoring chance too difficult to overcome.

The turning point of the game came about midway the fourth period. Ray Triplett kicked to the Children's Home four-yard line, only to have his splendid punt nullified by a penalty. He kicked again, and this time "Red" Smith garnered in the ball and after several Rambler tacklers had been stiff-armed and side-stepped, ran 81 yards for a touchdown. This was the most spectacular play of the game. Smith attempted to kick the extra point from placement but again the Ramblers were a victim of a penalty for being off-side. This penalty was for five yards and the ball was placed near the Rambler goal line. Smith, on a run around left end, plunged over for the extra point.

The Ramblers came back, and again carried into Children's Home territory, but lost the ball on downs. Children's home then

put on their hardest-driving attack of the game and carried to the Rambler 12-yard line. The Ramblers held like a stone-wall, but on fourth down a field-goal play was called. Smith dropped back and sent the ball squarely between the uprights which added three points to make the score: Wilkesboro 6; Children's Home 10.

Home Has Outstanding High School Eleven

Wilburn Clary, coach of the Children's Home eleven, brought one of the finest teams in the state to North Wilkesboro. The Home win ran their successive victories to 33. But Smith did not do all the work himself. He had some of the best downfield blocking seen here in years to get him away on his long, touchdown run. Bill Proctor also did some good ground-gaining for Children's Home.

Following is the fine record made by Children's Home during the 1949 season prior to the Wilkesboro game:

Children's Home 7, Kinston 0; Children's Home 28, Harding 7; Children's Home 14, Gray High 12; Children's Home 26, Barium Springs 6; Children's Home 54, Statesville 6; Children's Home 27, Thomasville 6; Children's Home 38, Concord 13; Children's Home 40, Raleigh 18; Children's Home 33, Lexington 6.

Ramblers Rise To New Heights

In holding the Children's Home team scoreless for more than three periods, outplaying them in every department of the game except passing, the Ramblers rose to new heights in football glory with the wonderful game they played Monday night. Children's Home team was unable to make any appreciable gains through the Rambler line until late in the fourth quarter; their end runs were cut down, and most of their yardage was made in the air. The Ramblers held "Red" Smith to 22 yards rushing during the game, and the other Children's Home backs could not gain on the ground. Most everyone has only the greatest praise for the Rambler type of play Monday night. Daniel Linney and

Harold Dancy did some fine running for the Ramblers. Ray Triplett gained more yardage, himself, than all the Children's Home backs put together.

An Outstanding Game

People came from all over northwest North Carolina to witness the gridiron contest between the Ramblers of Wilkesboro high and the Children's Home boys. The game, as predicted prior to the contest, was in all probability the best game played in high school football circles in North Carolina this fall. The sporting event brought to Memorial Park the largest crowd of fans in the history of Wilkes county.

Teams Would Look Great In Piedmont Bowl Game

Wilkesboro will likely succeed Children's Home as the top scoring high school team in North Carolina. Their present rating, as shown by the Greensboro Daily News yesterday, was: Children's Home 272 points; Wilkesboro 258 points. Wilkesboro is yet to play Spencer and North Wilkesboro on its 1949 schedule and it may be that the Ramblers will have enough scoring margin in these games to go ahead of Children's Home.

Children's Home and the Ramblers would give fans a great game in the Piedmont Bowl in Winston-Salem. It would bring together again the top scoring North Carolina high school teams and give fans the opportunity of seeing a team (Children's Home) with the double wing formation, and a team (Wilkesboro) with the split-T formation which would mean plenty of action on the gridiron as was seen here Monday night.

Coach Clary Praises Ramblers

In a telephone conversation Tuesday afternoon with a representative of The Journal-Patriot, Coach Clary of Children's

Home praised Coach Red Hoffman's team, saying that "it gave his team the toughest game of the season and that Wilkesboro deserved to win the game here Monday night."

The Lineups

Pos. C. Home	Wilkesboro
LE—Holder	Edwards
LT—Witherspoon	Eller
LG—Stutts	Staley
C—Clayton	Parker
RG—Hall	Story
RT—Holland	Prevette
RE—Boyette	Emerson
QB—Schrader	Byrd
LHB—Williams	Triplett
RHB—Smith	Dancy
FB—Proctor	Linney

C. Home	0	0	0	10	—10
Wilkesboro	0	6	0	0	—6

Children's Home scoring touchdown—Smith. Point after touchdown—Smith (scrimmage). Field goal—Smith (placement).

Wilkesboro scoring touchdown—Triplett.

Substitutes: Children's Home —Brigman, Holleman, B. Hall, Atkins. Wilkesboro —Garwood, Joines, Mathis, Brewer, Terrell.

Statistics of Game

Individual statistics for Monday night's Children's Home-Wilkesboro game:

Rushing		No Gross Net Aver-	
		Carries	Gain
Smith	7	23	22
Proctor	10	26	23
Williams	4	23	21
Schrader	1	0	0
Wilkesboro			
Triplett	19	95	91
Dancy	5	13	13
Linney	4	19	19

Totals: Wilkesboro high, 123; Children's Home, 66.

First Downs: Wilkesboro 9; Children's Home, 8.

Yards gained forward passes: Wilkesboro, 45; Children's Home 94.

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Mrs. Bettie D. Key Dies At Ronda Home

Funeral service for Mrs. Bettie Denny Key, 72, of Ronda, Route one, was held at two p. m. Tuesday at Macedonia Baptist church. Elders O. J. Denny, Gilmer Denny and the Rev. Lloyd Pardue conducted the service. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Key died Sunday afternoon at her home after an illness of one week. She was a daughter of the late Elder C. B.

Denny and Ellen Gordon Denny. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist church.

Survivors include the husband, George A. Key; two sons, Herbert A. Key of Ronda, Route 1, and Elmer Key of Mount Airy, Route 1; two daughters, Mrs. R. G. Eaton of Winston-Salem and Miss Marjorie Key of the home; 23 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four brothers, S. J., Gordon, Leonard and George Denny, all of Pilot Mountain and two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Key of Ronda and Mrs. James McKinney of Pinnacle.

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