Parkland Edges Glenn

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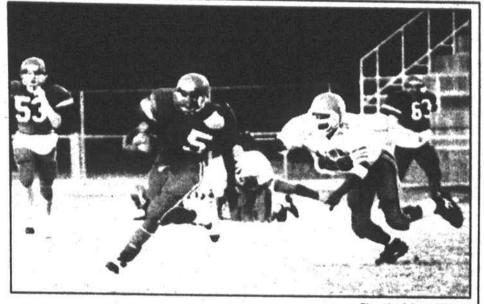
first overtime. Glenn lost three yards on three plays from the 10 on its ensuing possession, resulting in a 27-yard field goal attempt by Shawn Morrison that was on-line, but short, forcing a second OT with Parkland taking over at the 10.

The Mustangs hit paydirt on second down when Shaun Williford outjumped the defensive back in the end zone to grab quarterback Mike Farrar's 24yard (the Mustangs were penalized back to the 24 on first down) pass and give Parkland an 18-12 lead. The PAT kick was blocked.

Glenn faced four downs from the 10 to score and either win the game or force another overtime. They did the latter when Darnell Payne scored on fourth down from the three on a tremendous second effort when it appeared he might be stopped short by Lamont Wilson. Morrison's kicked for the winning extra point was no good, sending Parkland to the 10-yard line for the third overtime.

A pass interference penalty in the end zone gave the Mustangs the ball on the five and Farrar bolted into the end zone on a sneak for a 24-18 lead. He on another sneak.

The Bobcats kept their hopes alive when Lamonte Stephens scored on a controversial 6-yard sweep on fourth down to pull Glenn within 26-24. It appeared Stephens never broke the plane of the end zone and if he did the ball never crossed the goal line, but the line judge ruled otherwise and the touchdown counted, setting the stage for the crucial extra point



Parkland's Ronald Cook (5) can't shake William Miller of Glenn.

attempt.

was stopped by Julian Moore and James Rumph as the Parkland players bolted onto the field in celebration while Stephens sobbed face down on the turf surrounded by dazed teammates.

"They had success off tackle and on the sweep, so we brought our safety on the blitz and made the running back go deeper than he wanted on the extra point attempt," said a relieved and jubilant Scott Humphrey, Parkland's head coach. "The safety didn't make the tackle but he made the runner go just deep enough to let the other guys make the tackle."

"I saw two teams that wanted to win very badly tonight," Glenn coach Eddie Hawley said.

Eric Ketchie's interception added the deciding extra point set up Parkland's first touchdown in regulation, a 70-yard aerial bomb from Farrar to Williford on first down that gave the Mustangs a 6-0 lead as the conversion failed.

Glenn tied the contest early in the second quarter on a 18yard sweep by Stephens, who led all rushers with 107 yards on 17 carries. "He is a tough kid with a great attitude," Hawley said. "He plays hard each yards.

The game remained tied Stephens swept right, but until the 8:21 mark of the fourth quarter when Parkland's Ronald Cook bulled over from the 1yard line on a quarterback sneak to cap a 67-yard drive that put the Mustangs ahead, 12-6.

The teams traded the ball either on downs or by turnovers before Glenn tied the game with 1:04 to play on a 9-yard blast over the left side by Payne. The extra point kick for the victory was blocked by Wilson.

"Extra points are rarely blocked for the outside." Humphrey said. "We overloaded on our left side and got it. Three can't block four on that overload."

"The block was a good play on their part," Hawley said. "We knew the pressure would come up the middle. It is to Parkland's credit that they blocked it."

The Bobcats had a big advantage in rushing, outgaining Parkland 188 to 53 behind Stephen's game-high 107 yards and 44 from Willie Gore and 40 from Payne. Parkland won the air war, passing for 111 yards to 50 for Glenn. Farrar was 7 for 20 passing for 125 yards. He was intercepted twice. Williford hauled in six passes for 131

Like Marino, Hauser Knows Who Really Deserves Credit

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knows who really deserves the credit.

"No one is superstar and no one can do it alone. The offensive line means a lot to me." Hauser said. "We all get along and are friends. I get excellent blocking from my offensive line. I couldn't do what I do without them."

It doesn't surprise Mount Tabor coach Lonnie Pulley that Hauser is mature enough to know his success is dependent on the guys in the trenches.

"Walter makes the game fun for the other players," Pulley said. "He is always smiling and talking to everyone on the team. He is very smart, an honor student, humble and never complains. When he has a long run he always compliments the offensive line because he knows how important they are to his success."

"Walter is a yes sir, no sir kind of kid," Spartan assistant coach Dennis Ring said, adding with a laugh, "He is very nice kid. He is so nice we might have to put him on defense to make him mean."

Opponents don't consider Hauser nice and certainly don't want him any meaner. And they definitely don't want him any faster. It is Hauser's speed that confounds would-be tacklers as they move in for the kill only to be left, more times than not, sprawled on the turf peering up at the bottom of the speedster's shoes fading into the distance.

Hauser combined with teammate Antoine Hughes, a defensive back, cousin Art Brown, a freshman starting tailback on the Mount Tabor varsity, and High Point Andrews' Jacob Walker to finish third in the nation in the 4x100 relay this past summer at the Junior Olympics in Des Moines. Iowa.

It is that kind of speed that Hauser believes is his greatest

"It allows me to get past the block. And it means the offensive line doesn't have to hold its blocks quite as long for me to get past the defense," said Hauser, adding that he looks to his cousin Brown and Detroit tailback Barry Sanders for inspiration. But it is Tony Dorsett-like peripheral vision that may be Hauser's greatest asset.

"Walter sees the whole field when he is running the ball," Pulley said. "He sees one tackler while setting up another. He is very elusive and makes people miss him on tackles. He has natural, Godgiven talent."

Hauser was asked to

demonstrate his peripheral vision by looking straight ahead and describing what he saw to his left and right without turning his head or moving his eyes. His field of vision was calculated to be about 160 degrees.

"I can see the whole field. It's not something I've learned, but rather a natural ability," he said. "I just set up the blocks and see what happens."

He makes it sound so simple, but the truth is, those long runs are partially the result of good blocking by the Spartan offensive line. "You have to ve good blocking to execute

a long run," Hauser explained. For all his success and for all the accolades heaped upon him by his coaches and opponents, it was surprising to hear Hauser say he didn't enjoy football until this year, even though he played Pop Warner football in the past with the Winston-Salem Rams.

"I didn't get into loving football until this year," he said. "This year I get to spend time with my friends and teammates and we all work well as a team. It wasn't as much fun until this year. I wanted to grow out of Pop Warner and get into high school."

Much to the dismay of rival coaches and opponents.

MEAC Basketball Tournament Moves to Tallahassee

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MEAC basketball will be carried by ESPN2, Home Team Sports (HTS), SportSouth, and PRIME on various dates. Fosstone producer Bill Stone said: "We are very excited about our greatest exposure package ever.

We have combined strong regional exposure involving SportSouth and HTS, over 7.5 million homes, with terrific national exposure. Our ESPN2 game on February 17 pits the two best teams in the MEAC over the past two seasons, and over 25 million homes will get

that contest. We hit a home run this year with our men's tournament semifinals and women's final being picked up by PRIME and offered to regional sports networks. Our total potential audience for those three games is 40 million

