

# Reynolds Varsity rides play of defense, special teams to 28-12 win

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Reynolds didn't achieve all of its goals when the Demons squared off against Glenn last Friday night. However, Reynolds did meet the one that matters most.

The Demons took advantage of two big plays, a 55-yard fumble recovery by Rodmond Dunlap and a 42-yard punt return by Dee Howell to take a 28-12 victory over the visiting Bobcats.

Coach Alex Mebane of Reynolds said his team needed to come out of the gate quickly this season and the victory should boost the team's confidence.

"When you have the kind of season we had last year, it is very important to establish some confidence," Mebane said. "From that standpoint the win was very big."

Although Reynolds had some big plays to get jump-started, solid play on the offense and defense was the real key, according to Mebane.

The Demons were able to control the football on the ground, led by fullback Ronnie Robinson and



Rodmond Dunlap



Dee Howell

tailback Dennis Evans.

"Our fullback had a big night," Mebane said. "It was nothing spectacular but solid. In our offense we have to establish the fullback."

Robinson finished the game with 78 yards rushing on 17 carries. Evans scored twice, on runs of 28 and two yards. Alex Canty, a wide receiver, helped set up both of Evans touchdowns with key blocks on the outside.

"That's as good a job as I've seen a wide receiver do on blocking," Mebane said. "He really did

a great job for us."

The Demons also got a solid performance from Teddy Petree, who stepped in at quarterback after starter A.J. Booth went down with an injury midway through the second quarter.

"When he was in the game A.J. did an exceptional job," Mebane said. "But he went down with an ankle sprain and we had to go with a freshman."

"I thought Teddy did a good job of running the offense. We had to cut down on some of the things that we wanted to do, but he han-

dled the offense well."

The Demons' kicking game also paid dividends for the Demons. That solved some of the question marks that Mebane had about his team before the start of the season.

"Some parts of our kicking game were very positive," Mebane said. "The run that Dee Howell made on the punt return was an outstanding effort. Then I was pleased with Conrad Graham on place kicking. He had two of his five kickoffs go into the end zone and two others we had deep and held Glenn around the 20-yard line."

In addition, Brian Burney gave the Demons a solid performance punting the football. Burney averaged 34.4 yards per punt.

"That's quite an improvement on last year," Mebane said. "We never averaged 30 yards per punt all of last season." One of Mebane's big concerns was winning the battle of turnovers. Reynolds came up short in that area, but made the most of the one fumble it did recover when Dunlap scooped up the ball and raced 55

yards for a score.

"We lost the turnover battle, but the one we got was a big one and it made a difference in the game," Mebane said.

The Demons also were hit hard with penalties. Reynolds was whistled 12 times for 100 yards.

"That's way too many penalties," he said. "We've got to cut down on the number of penalties."

The Demons didn't do a good job of converting third down plays, according to Mebane. But they did better than Glenn.

"We only converted three of

eight, but our defense stopped them seven of eight," he said. "Our defense did a good job but we gave up two big plays - a 51 yard run and a 29-yard pass. I was really disappointed in giving up the big plays."

Reynolds takes on East Forsyth on Friday night. Mebane said that is a big game for his team.

"Obviously this game will present a big challenge," Mebane said. "We have to be very assignment-oriented. We have to be prepared for their Wing-T attack."

## Russell, McMillians lead Demons jayvees past Glenn

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Like most coaches in their first junior varsity game of the season, Alex Mebane wasn't sure what to expect when Reynolds traveled to Glenn to take on the Bobcats in Kernersville last Thursday night.

The Demons had very little experience returning from the team that went 7-3 last season. But Reynolds managed to acquit itself well, taking a 24-0 win over Glenn.

Reynolds' offense controlled the football for most of the game and then the defensive unit came through with a strong performance to keep Glenn out of the end zone.

"I was very pleased with what

the junior varsity team did," said Mebane, who serves as the head of both the varsity and jayvee programs. "I thought we were able to do a lot of things that we planned to do going into the game."

Stephon McMillian, who led the team with 85 yards rushing on 12 attempts, helped key the Demons' offense. McMillian scored two touchdowns and also added a conversion run to lead the team in scoring. Kejuan West also ran the ball well and scored the final Demon touchdown.

But the story of the game, according to Mebane, was the play of Mike Russell, the quarterback.

"He really did a good job of running the triple option," Mebane said. "He's a natural at

the position. He did everything the way it is drawn up on the board."

Russell also did a good job of throwing the football. He hit on a long pass off of play-action and also added a conversion throw.

"He's going to be a good one for us on the jayvee level," Mebane said. "He gives us the stability we need at quarterback."

The Demons' defense also played well, according to Mebane.

"Going into the game we really didn't know what we would get out of some of our kids," Mebane said. "But this gave us a chance to really take a look at some people and find out what they could do."

Stephon McMillian and Cedric McMillian were two of the ring-leaders on defense. Stephon

McMillian helped control the line of scrimmage from his linebacker position, while Cedric McMillian came up hard from his strong safety slot.

But Mebane said they weren't the only two bright spots.

"I think the whole defensive unit did a good job for us," he said. "They came out ready to play and that helped get us going. Our offense also did a good job of handling the football and making the most of their opportunities. We got a chance to look at a lot of people and to see who could get the job done."

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