

Jackets Host Wendell; Norlina Travels To Spring Hope In Tonight's Gridiron Tilts

Members of the one-year-old Tar-Roanoke Conference swing back into action tonight, hopeful of regaining some of the loop lustre lost last Friday night to outside opposition. Only Norlina of the conference

teams was victorious over non-conference opposition.

Norlina won over Rich Square by an impressive 28-0 score, thereby warning fellow league members of its power as far as the conference crown is concerned.

Defending Champion Weldon lost its initial game of the year to powerful Murfreesboro, which racked up its seventh straight victory over the Tornados by a 27-13 win.

Warrenton stepped outside the conference to come back smarting from a 26-6 loss at the hands of Nash County's Benvenue, a team that ousted Weldon from the district football playoffs following the end of last year's regular season.

Louisburg, gaining only 20 yards against a strong Nashville eleven, held the favored Nashville club scoreless for the first three quarters before errors contributed to their downfall by a 13-0 score.

Franklinton, which did not win a single contest last season, showed definite signs of improvement as they held Rolesville to a scoreless tie.

Today (Friday) Weldon and Louisburg will clash at Louis-

burg to give the conference an idea of relative power. Last season Louisburg received a sound trouncing at the hands of Weldon, but this year it seems to have gained some of the defensive prowess which it last year lacked.

Norlina visits Spring Hope looking for its second victory of the year in a non-conference affair. Franklinton also steps out of the conference to visit Helena of Person County.

Warrenton, playing before

the home crowd for the first time this year, will have its hands full in trying to stop the running of Wendell's Eddie Perkins.

Perkins is a senior halfback who last year led the teams scoring with 14 touchdowns—ten of them over 50 yards. Wendell Coach Clyde Parrish calls him one of the outstanding halfbacks in the state.

Perkins, who stands 5'11, is at 162 pounds one of the best defensive players on the White

Rames squad. On defense Wendell is blessed with another outstanding player in Rich End Randy Cobb, a 6'3" pounder is an excellent punter and very fast.

Last season Weldon was defeated 12-7 by Warrenton, posted a 2-6 record in the Wake-Nash Conference. Parrish has several returning regulars who hope to improve on last year's record. They won their opener 20-7 last Friday night.



Tonights Gridiron Contests

Wendell at Warrenton
Norlina at Spring Hope
Weldon at Louisburg
Franklinton at Helena

Grid Results

Benvenue 26, Warrenton 6
Norlina 38, Rich Square 0
Colerain 21, Littleton 0
Murfreesboro 27, Weldon 13
Nashville 13, Louisburg 0
Franklinton 0, Rolesville 0

Benvenue Hands Warrenton Club 26-6 Defeat In Season's Opener

Warrenton	Benvenue
15 First Downs	13
228 Yds Gained	289
55 Yds. Lost	28
173 Net Yds. Gained	261
12 Passes	0
0 Passes Intercepted	1
11 Yds. Gained Passing	0
2-18.5 Fumbles	1-50
3 Fumbles	2
42 Yds. Penalized	65
Benvenue 26	7 0 6-26
Warrenton 6	0 6 0-6

Benvenue punched across two quick first-quarter scores before Warrenton's defense jelled and rolled on to a 26-6 victory in a non-conference game played at Rocky Mount's Municipal Stadium Friday night.

It was the season's opener for Warrenton, who got their only touchdown in the second quarter when Halfback Gordon Haitcock broke loose on a 72-yard scoring jaunt.

Benvenue had its share of long scoring dashes also, as Halfback Donnie Matthews raced 90 yards for a second-period tally and turned on the steam again in the fourth quarter on a 68-yard dash to paydirt.

Fumbles and pass interceptions at inopportune times hurt Warrenton's chances, as the visiting Jays had a pass intercepted in the third quarter on the Benvenue three-yard line, and fumbled twice deep in Benvenue territory.

As in its opening rout of Vanceboro the week before, Benvenue did not attempt a pass, but picked up almost 300 yards via the ground route. Warrenton, virtually stopped on the ground in the first half of the contest, came back strong in the second half to pick up 228 rushing yards for the night against the hard-charging Benvenue forward wall.

Warrenton stuck mainly to the ground, having but one completed pass—an 11-yard aerial from Quarterback Clinton Neal to End Herman Rooker.

Benvenue's Larry Matthews gave the winners their score early in the first inning as he climaxed a drive by going over from six yards out. The point after touchdown was good and Warrenton concentrated on getting back into the game.

The visiting Yellow Jackets had little success however, and moments later Benvenue took possession of the ball, ran a series of running plays down to the Warrenton 32-yard stripe, and then sent their fullback scurrying over the goal-line for the second time.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Donnie Matthews broke away from a couple of Yellow Jacket tacklers to gallop 90 yards for a touchdown.

Benvenue kicked off to Warrenton, who, on the first play, sent Haitcock up the middle of the line by himself to touchdown territory some 72 yards away.

Warrenton had an opportunity to score moments before when Miles was hit hard and fumbled on the Benvenue ten-yard marker. Again they lost

an opportunity at the outset of the third quarter when, after marching 45 yards into Benvenue territory, aided by a pass interference penalty, they had a pass intercepted to end the threat.

Benvenue scored its final touchdown late in the game. Deep in their own territory, they fumbled the ball and it was pounced on by a Yellow Jacket defender. But on the first play after the recovery, Warrenton lost the ball on a

fumble.

Benvenue took over and added more frosting on the cake by sending Donnie Matthews up the middle on a 68 yard gallop—one of only three plays which Benvenue was able to get off in the final frame.

Warrenton Coach Fate King said that he was pleased with his team's efforts of offense and singled out Monroe Mustian, senior center, who was credited with half of the team's total tackles, on defense.

Norlina Trounces Rich Square, 38-0

Norlina's previously-untested Blue Waves convincingly inaugurated their 1959 football season on Friday night as they rode roughshod over a hapless Rich Square eleven by a 38-0 score.

Ends Sidney Weaver and Charles Mulchi scored five of the Waves' seven touchdowns as the host Norlina Club had little trouble in overcoming their Northampton County rival.

Two fumble recoveries—one by Center Bill Rose and one by Linebacker Mac Pierce—led to two early touchdowns as the Blue Waves tallied 19 points in the opening quarter.

Senior End Sidney Weaver accounted for the first three Norlina touchdowns as he first scored on a 35-yard pass from Halfback Bobby Jones, then twice took a handoff from Quarterback Freddie Hicks to score.

End Charles Mulchi shared in the scoring honors twice as

he snared a pass from Jones and on an end sweep.

Rich Square, hampered all night by Norlina's defensive unit led by Weaver, Rueben Holtzman, Ronnie Moseley, and Pierce, picked up only one first down during the contest and could approach Norlina's goal no closer than 35-yards out.

The first quarter began with Weaver's catch from Jones for the initial score. Moments later Rose received a fumble at midfield. Short gains took the ball to the 19 yard stripe, and Weaver, on an end-around toted the ball over the goal line.

Later in the quarter Pierce recovered an elusive pigskin on the Rich Square 29-yard marker and Weaver, again going around the opposite end, scored after a series of downs had moved the ball to the 15-yard line.

In the second quarter Ronnie Moseley, second-string denter playing on defense, gathered up a loose ball on the Rich Square 40. Three running plays failed to pick up the necessary yardage and Mulchi was forced to punt.

Rich Square took over at that point but was thrown back for a total of 13 yards in three plays. With fourth down and 23 yards for a first down, Coach Bob Price's Norlina safetymen went back for the punt, but Rich Square tried a reverse which gained them the necessary yardage for their only first down of the night.

Later in the quarter Norlina began a march on the Rich Square 45 with Mulchi and Perkinson getting the long gains in the drive. It was climaxed when Jones hit Mulchi in the end zone for a six-pointer. Jones, who scored Norlina's only two extra points of



Benvenue players swamp Warrenton Halfback Tommy Miles after the Warrenton halfback picked up six yards in last Friday night's opening loss. Warrenton controlled play in the second half after a bad first half allowed Benvenue to score three relatively easy touchdowns. (Staff Photo)

Jays Beaten By Colerain, 21-0 Monday

COLERAIN — Fumbles and inexperience plagued the Littleton Blue Jays Monday night in their Roanoke Conference football opener against Colerain. The Jays fought long and hard before losing to the home team, 21-0, in a game postponed last Friday due to rain.

Colerain scored single tallies in the first, second and third quarters with the first coming on a quarterback sneak on a 33-yard runback of an intercepted pass by Don Daniel, and the third on a Daniel to Sil Corber pass good for 19 yards and the score.

In winning, Colerain actually lost for ace quarterback Harrell suffered what appeared to be a broken leg just before the half ended. Daniel directed the team in the second half.

Littleton's youngest squad rallied several times, but fumbles in the muddy, turf killed their chances at least five times. There were several long runs, particularly a 17-yard jaunt by Braxton Bobbitt.

Dove Season To Open September 12

A split season on doves will open at noon on September 12 and close on October 10, Alton Fridgen, Game Protector for Warren County, said yesterday. Shooting hours will be from noon until sunset; the daily bag limit is 10, and the possession limit is 20. The second part of the season will open on December 11 and close on January 15.

the night, raced the extra point across.

Late in the third quarter Mulchi scored his second touchdown of the night on an end-around from twenty yards out. The drive began on the Rich Square 35.

The victorious Waves added an insurance tally in the final frame when Fullback Frank Perkinson took a Hicks hand-off and raced up the middle 61 yards for a touchdown.

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