

Waves Meet Murfreesboro In Second Playoff Tilt Tonight

Norlina tangles with powerful Murfreesboro at Rocky Mount's Municipal Stadium tonight (Friday) in a contest that will decide which team is to compete for the Eastern North Carolina championship.

Norlina, which gained the Class A playoffs by virtue of an eight game undefeated regular season, will clash with the Red Devils, unbeaten in 17 consecutive games, at 8 o'clock tonight.

Interested persons in this area can hear a play-by-play

account of the game direct from Municipal Stadium in Rocky Mount beginning at 7:45 over radio station WHNC in Henderson.

Murfreesboro gained the opportunity to meet Norlina when they turned back Tidewater champ Windsor, 20-19, on last Friday night. The Waves got a shot at the regional honors by downing Benvenue, 13-6, on the same night.

Norlina and Murfreesboro both have hard-hitting offenses and stingy defenses. While

the Red Devils, under Van Cuthrell and assistant coach Bunk Roberson, averaged 30 points per game while limiting their opposition to only four points per game, the Blue Waves, under Bob Price, have racked up nearly 35 points per game while holding the opponents to four and one-half points a contest.

The Red Devils and Norlina have met two common foes in Weldon and Rich Square. Murfreesboro beat Weldon 27-13, and punted Rich Square 33-0, while the Waves got by Weldon, 13-7, in a game that decided the Tar-Roanoke championship, and trounced Rich Square, 38-0.

Fleet-footed halfback Bucky Wise leads the individual statistics, not including the Rich Square game, with 782 yards rushing in 76 tries, for a 10.3-yard average. Wise, a 5-8, 160-pounder, has runs of 80, 23, 80, 51, 33 and 56 yards in racking up 15 touchdowns and one extra point for 91 points.

Fullback Gene Mathews followed close behind Wise with 662 yards in 69 tries for a 9.6 average. Mathews has runs of 50, 75, 17, 71 and 72 yards in scoring 10 touchdowns, and added 10 PATs for a total of 70 points. He is 5-9 and weighs 160.

Quarterback Buddy Dixon, 5-10 and 155 pounds, through nine games has 216 yards in 26 tries for an 8.3 average. He has scored six touchdowns and eight PATs for 44 points. Dixon, a triple-threat since he also kicks, completed 16 of 26 passes for 372 yards and six touchdowns.

Wise, Mathews and Dixon, all seniors, were all-conference selections last year.

Second-string quarterback Mickey Flora, a junior, has completed 10 of 16 passes for 93 yards and two touchdowns. Senior halfback Billy Banks had 142 yards in 21 tries for a 6.8 average and 27 points. Sophomore halfback Dave Parker's average was 4.6 yards per carry with 25 points, and fullback Buck Liverman had a five-yard average and eight. Liverman is a defensive starter as linebacker.

Leading pass receiver was senior end Ernest Brown, who had nine catches for 208 yards and three touchdowns. End George Theodorakis, a junior, had three catches for 66 yards and one score.

Defensive leaders along the forward wall have been guards Jimmy Wise and Jimmy Stephenson and tackles Bruce Hill and Jimmy Evans, backed up by Liverman and Mathews. Hill, center Charles Barnes and Brown are the seniors in the line.

Besides non-conference wins over Weldon (27-13), and Windsor (26-6), Murfreesboro posted league victories over Colerain 33-0, Aurelian Springs 27-0, Enfield 26-13, Aulander 13-0, Gaston 49-0, Wm. R. Davie 34-7, Littleton 37-0 and Rich Square 33-0.

The winner of this game will meet the winner of the Mt. Olive-Beaufort game being played tonight on November 27 for the Eastern championship. The winner of this game will meet the Western N. C. winner on December 4 for the state championship.

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County Teams Warming Up For Hardwood Sport

With football rapidly bowing out for another season, Warren County coaches are turning their attention toward the onrushing basketball season.

The 1959-60 hoop season opens at Norlina and Littleton on December 1, while Coach Fate King's Yellow Jacket edition opens the season on December 4.

At both Littleton and Warrenton work is in full swing for the season's openers, but at Norlina, Coach Bob Price is faced with a problem in having to coach both basketball and football at the same time.

Price's 1959 football club is currently playing in the state playoffs and many of the members of the grid force are also standouts on the basketball court.

Price and both the boys and girls basketball teams are currently practicing at night, while the afternoon is devoted to football scrimmages.

At Warrenton both the boys and girls teams have been selected and practice is going on daily in the Warrenton Armory.

Returning from last year's starting six on the girls squad at Warrenton are Saralee Drake, Patsy Lynch, and Carol Reams, tri-captains for the season, and Nancy Wilson, Judith Adams, and Anne Ayscue, all starters in games last year.

Also on the roster are Linda Miller, Alice Pulley, Shirley Aquino, Margaret Rideout, Margaret Carroll, Carolyn Shearin, Patsy Harmon, Barbara Mustian, Eliza Burton, Brenda Davis, Kay Fair, Ginger Tucker, Linda Adams and Lynn Aycock.

Returning from last year's boys starting quintet are Tommy Miles, Gordon Haithecock and Clinton Neal. Others expected to see action during the season are Ed Wood, Frank McDowell, Jerry Walker, Monroe Mustian, Bobby Blaylock, Bill Taylor, Chocky White, Therman Rooker, Herma Rooker, Bob Fleming, Billy Mitchiner, and George Pittard.

No freshmen are included on either Jacket roster, as members of this class to be coached by Don Bennett, will have a freshman team with a six or eight game schedule.

The varsity schedule is as follows:

Dec. 8	Epsom
Dec. 4	Townsville*
Dec. 11	Townsville
Dec. 15	Weldon
Dec. 18	W. R. Davie
Jan. 5	Littleton*
Jan. 8	Enfield
Jan. 12	Aurelian Springs
Jan. 15	Open
Jan. 19	Norlina
Jan. 22	Weldon*
Jan. 29	Littleton
Feb. 2	Enfield
Feb. 5	Aurelian Springs*
Feb. 9	Louisburg*
Feb. 12	Norlina*

*Home Games

At Littleton where Coach Tommy Satterfield is conducting daily practice, both squads are rapidly improving and will apparently be ready for the schedule that follows:

Dec. 1	Gold Sand*
Dec. 4	Zeb Vance
Dec. 8	Gold Sand
Dec. 11	Zeb Vance*
Dec. 15	W. R. Davie*
Dec. 18	Enfield*
Jan. 5	Warrenton
Jan. 12	Conway
Jan. 15	Norlina*
Jan. 19	Weldon
Jan. 22	W. R. Davie
Jan. 26	Enfield
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The father of American football—and the originator of the "Daily Dozen" physical exercises—was Walter Chauncey Camp. The World Book Encyclopedia says Camp, a football coach, started the practice of annually selecting noted football players for an All-American team in 1889.

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Norlina Gets By Benvenue In Playoffs On Friday, 13-6

Halfback Bobby Jones scored two touchdowns and an extra point to pace favored Norlina to a 13-6 win over stubborn Benvenue in the first round of the Eastern Class A playoffs Friday night.

Playing on Henderson's Veterans' Field, the Blue Waves had one of their stiffest tests of the season in remaining undefeated and in the competition for a possible state crown.

Trailing by six points with less than two minutes remaining in the first half, Norlina shook Jones loose around right end and the 150-pound senior, who has sparked Norlina's offense all season, turned in a dazzling display of broken-field running as he scampered thirty yards for a tally.

Early in the second half Jones again scored as he bucked over left tackle from two yards out for a six-pointer and moments later sped around his left end on a fake kick conversion for the extra point.

Norlina's rival outplayed the favored Waves as they gained 250 yards rushing and passing to 141 yards for Norlina. In the matter of first downs, Benvenue picked up 13, while Norlina gained seven.

Norlina's defense, led by Charles Mulchi, Bobby White, Mac Pierce, Sidney Weaver and Rueben Holtzman, stopped Benvenue drives time after time in Norlina territory to keep the Waves out front in the second half.

Norlina's defense got tests from the outset as Benvenue, aided by a 43-yard opening kickoff return by Larry Matthews, the only senior on the Benvenue squad, put the ball on the Norlina 45. Three plays later a pass clicked for 27 yards and a first down on the Norlina 17-yard stripe.

Benvenue ground out yardage along the ground for two plays but the ball spurted away from Matthews on the Norlina five and Norlina linebacker Mac Pierce recovered on the two-yard line.

Norlina attempted three running plays but failed to gain the necessary yardage and Mulchi booted a fourth-down punt to midfield.

A holding penalty against Benvenue moved the ball back to the Benvenue 37, but two plays later the Purple Clouds completed a pass that carried to the Norlina 40.

Norlina's defensive unit

braced and two running plays and a pass failed to give Benvenue the needed yardage.

Benvenue punted and halfback Frank Perkinson returned it for 13 yards. Jones attempted to gain off tackle but was stopped for no gain. Perkinson attempted a pass to Weaver which was incomplete. Another Perkinson pass fell incomplete and Mulchi got off a 43-yard punt.

Benvenue drove to the Norlina 25 behind the running of Matthews but a fumble, recovered by the Waves' Bill Rose scuttled the threat.

Quarterback Fred Hicks gained two yards on an option play but two pass plays failed to kick and Norlina sent Mulchi back to punt. He was rushed and had to try to run for the necessary yardage, but was spilled on the Norlina 24.

The Purple Clouds punched to a first down on the Norlina ten-yard line and speedy Donnie Matthews ripped off the distance for the first score. Tackle George Boone's placement was partially deflected and failed to clear the up-rights on the conversion attempt.

The remainder of the first half was a defensive struggle with neither team able to muster the strength to put on a sustained drive until late in the half when Norlina took a punt and marched 52 yards for the score which tied the game. The score came after Jones had gotten a first down and after Perkinson had gained 11 yards in two plays, when Jones broke loose for his 30-yard run. Try for the extra point failed.

Norlina took just eight plays as it scored its second touchdown of the night on a 60-yard march with the opening kickoff of the second half.

Weaver returned the kickoff to the Norlina 40 and on the first play from scrimmage, Hicks passed to Weaver for a first down on the Benvenue 35-yard line.

Perkinson dropped back again on the next play and found Jones in the open on the Benvenue 25. Jones gathered the pass in and ran for three yards to the Benvenue 22-yard line.

Norlina fullback Lee Hicks gained three yards up the middle and Jones swept right end to the Benvenue 10. Fred Hicks sneaked for three and

Perkinson gained one. Jones gained to the four and an off-side penalty against the Purple Clouds moved the ball to the two from which point Jones bulldozed over for his second tally.

Fighting back, Benvenue ran the kickoff back to their own 23, got one first down, then failed to gain and punted with Jones returning 13 yards to the Norlina 46. However, a holding penalty on the kickoff gave the Clouds a first down on the Norlina 46. Then with Donnie Matthews, Billy Boswell and Ray Barnes carrying the mail, the Clouds roared downfield for three more first downs on the Norlina five as the third stanza ended.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, the Clouds reached the Norlina two but a penalty cost five yards. Benvenue quarterback Larry Matthews went back to pass but

was racked up by Mulchi on a driving tackle for an 11-yard loss. Another Benvenue pass attempt failed and Norlina took over.

A punt by Mulchi put the losers back on their own 40, with Matthews returning to the Norlina 46. From there Benvenue ran to the Norlina 19 and once again Norlina took over and punted.

A desperation pass by Benvenue with less than a minute left in the game was intercepted by Jones, who danced around the field, not trying to gain, until the clock ran out.

Anchoring the Benvenue line, which took its first loss of the season on Friday night were Kenneth Stallings, Joe Luther, Brooks Vick, Leon Weaver and Wayne Shearin.

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Rod . . . and Gun

By ROD AMUNDSON

The Wildlife Commission's protection division is getting the ball rolling on training wildlife protectors for boating law enforcement work. First comes a meeting between officials of the U. S. Coast Guard at Norfolk and supervisory personnel of the Commission's law enforcement staff. Here plans will be worked out for coordinating enforcement activities in salt water.

On November 30 all wildlife protection personnel in districts 1, 2, and 3 will hold a training session at Greenville. Districts 7, 8, and 9 will have the same kind of session at Asheville December 4, and the boys from 5, 6, and 7 will get together at Fayetteville December 11. Experienced personnel will staff the training sessions, and personnel of the Institute of Government will explain the boating safety law. It is planned that Mecklenburg County Police, experienced in local boat law enforcement, will assist in the training.

But this is just a start. All enforcement personnel of the Commission will get a week's training at Chapel Hill in February and March. Next summer the Red Cross will conduct a one-week school on water safety at Camp Lejeune.

One of the most interesting and readable bulletins to come from the Wildlife Commission is one produced recently by the Commission's game division. Entitled "The European Wild Boar in North Carolina," the booklet covers the history, description, management, hunting methods and current status of this fabulous game animal. The author is Perry Jones, and the material is adapted from Jones' master of science degree thesis. Free copies, while they last, are available from Wildlife, Box 2919, Raleigh.

People frequently write or call in wanting to know how to rid their attics of such critters as gray squirrels, flying squirrels and bats. Simplest way is to burn a sulphur candle or two where the fumes can drive the critters away. The candles should be placed in a pan of dirt or sand as a fire prevention measure in case the candle tips over. With those fumes, you won't want to stay in the attic long after the candles are lit.

E. L. Tingen, Raleigh, poses an interesting question: Can fish smell? First reaction answer would be: Of course they do—especially after they have been dead a while. Several species such as catfish and carp are able to locate food in water so murky you can't see your hand an inch deep. Whether this is through the use of smell or taste is another question. The popularity of scented baits attests that fish do have a sense of smell of sorts.

Reports indicate more ducks at Mattamuskeet this year than last, despite a shortage of ducks along the Atlantic Flyway. Gunning thus far at the big refuge has been good.

On December 10 at the courthouse in Jacksonville an important public hearing has been scheduled. The Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune wants to move the boundary of a danger zone along the Inland Waterway so that Browns Inlet, now open to boat traffic, will be closed. The hearing will be conducted by the U. S. Corps of Engineers, which organization maintains the waterway. One proposal would prohibit any but through waterway traffic from entering the danger zone, and prohibit boats from anchoring in the area. Seems there are numerous highly sensitive unexploded shells and bombs in the area due to aerial bombing and artillery practice.

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