

Norlina Hosts Jackets Tonight; Homecoming Plans Made By Waves

Warrenton and Norlina will clash tonight in a neighborhood hassle that means more to the average Warren sports fan than Santa does to a five-year-old.

The two football teams will face each other tonight at 8:00 o'clock on Norlina's home field in a game that is annually billed as a must for each.

Last year Norlina, enjoying its best season in history, romped over the hosting Jackets by a 59-6 score. Tonight the two teams meet with each having dropped two games.

For Warrenton the game will be an uphill battle, with quarterback Clinton Neal and halfback Tommy Holt probably out of the contest, and with fullback Bill Clark a doubtful starter.

The Jackets will be trying to win their first game from Norlina in four years, their last win over Norlina coming in 1956 by an 18-6 score.

The Waves, as if a long tra-

dition were not enough, will have added impetus in that they have named tonight's contest their homecoming game.

Floats, a parade, and the selection of a homecoming queen will be in store for what should be the largest crowd of the year to see either team play.

Thus far this season the two clubs have met four common foes. Both have beaten Spring Hope and Louisburg by the almost equal margin, while Norlina dumped Weldon by a single touchdown, Weldon handed Warrenton a 7-0 setback, Norlina tore into Franklinton by a 39-6 score, while the Jackets had to settle for a 6-6 tie with the Rams.

Norlina's two losses this season have come at the hands of Wakelon, 6-0, and Ahoskie, 33-0, while Warrenton has been dropped by Weldon and by Scotland Neck 20-0.

Warrenton is expected to have as starters at tonight's game opening whistle Herman Rooker, Bobby Edmonds, Ricky Etheridge, George Pittard, Macon Reavis, Therman Rooker, and Wilson Bolton up front. In the backfield at starting positions will probably be Billy Benson at quarterback, Billy Mitchiner and Raymond Bartholomew at the halves, and either Bill or Steve Clark at fullback.

Norlina's Bob Price is expected to start a line composed of Frank Mayfield, Alan Edwards, Richard Bender, Dwight Pierce, Arthur King, Johnny Brauer, and John Smiley.

Handling the backfield chores for Coach Price's aggregation are expected to be Billy Fuller at quarterback,

Frank Perkinson and Fred Hicks at the halves and Lee Hicks at fullback.

In last year's Norlina win, Perkinson was the big gun for the Waves as he scored three touchdowns and recovered a Warrenton fumble. Perkinson was given a big hand in the Norlina backfield by Bobby Jones, and ran behind a line anchored by Charles Mulchi and Sidney Weaver. All three are missing tonight, along with other standouts such as Rueben Holtzman, Larry Stegall, Bill Rose, Mac Pierce, Stevie Reid, Dan Bowers and Ronnie Moseley.

Gone from last year's Jacket squad which did battle with Norlina are Tommy Miles, Sammy Short, Norwood Pulley, Frank McDowell, Monroe Mustian, Ed Wood, and Gordon Haithecock; Haithecock broke an ankle earlier this season and has sat out the remainder of the schedule.

In other action tonight, Franklinton and Louisburg will meet in another inter-county match. After getting off to fast starts this season, both teams have been somewhat of a disappointment to Franklin County fans. A win by either tonight would do away with a lot of disappointment, however.

Weldon, riding high after an upset of Enfield last week, will find going rougher this week when they travel to Scotland Neck, a team which has been no pushover this season.

Littleton, which can not seem to find the victory spark after an impressive debut, will get another chance to move into the win column tonight when they travel to Murfreesboro.



WARRENTON STARTER—Herman Rooker, 175-pound Yellow Jacket end, will be going against the Norlina High School Blue Waves tonight as the two teams meet at Norlina. The Warrenton junior has had a big hand in the Warrenton wins this season, playing both on offense and defense. (Staff Photo)

Franklinton Gains Tie With Jackets Here Friday, 6-6

Warrenton	Franklinton
9	4
47	50
7-11	0-2
110	0
0	1
5-37.4	6-29.7
5	20
FRANKLINTON 6 0 0 0-6	
WARRENTON 0 0 0 0-6	

on a jump pass to Rooker. On a rollout Neal picked up three yards before passing incomplete and being thrown for an eight-yard loss.

Three plays after Neal punted, the Rams returned the favor after losing two yards. After three plays Warrenton punted, and Franklinton took their turn with the pigskin. History repeated itself and Senter punted out of bounds on the Jacket 28. Warrenton was unable to gain and Neal again kicked to the Rams who ran two plays before the half ended.

The third quarter was a repeat performance of the second quarter as far as both teams were concerned. Two fumbles and a pass interception in the third stanza thwarted any offensive ideas either team might have and the quarter was spent in a defensive struggle marked by punts.

As the final frame opened, Franklinton had a first down on the Warrenton 40, but Steve Clark, who turned in a fine defensive game along with Neal, Rooker, and George Pittard, who returned to the (See WARRENTON, page 12)

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KEY NORLINA PERFORMERS—Anchoring the line tonight when Norlina hosts Warrenton in a Tar-Roanoke Conference game will be Alan Edwards, left, 190-pound junior, and Richard Bender, 230-pound sophomore. The twosome, who have played standout ball for Norlina this season on defense, will have to open holes in the line for Frank Perkinson, above, Wave's leading scorer. The 165-pound senior is a top performer both on defense and offense.

Ahoskie Scalps Norlina By 33-0

Ahoskie	Norlina
11	7
206	88
3-3	3-10
37	16
2	2
2-28	3-28.3
20	40
AHOSKIE 14 10 0 0-33	
NORLINA 0 0 0 0-0	

AHOSKIE — The Ahoskie High School Indians scalped Norlina here Friday 33-0 in the annual homecoming game. The visitors were never in contention from the opening whistle as the Indians ran up a 33-0 halftime lead and then played reserves the last half.

The loss was only the second of the year for the Norlina Blue Waves, who won their second straight Tar-Roanoke Conference title as Franklinton tied runner-up Warrenton 6-6 Friday night.

The win was the fifth straight for the Tribe who will now get ready for their game with the Edenton Aces this Friday night in a game that will probably see the winner go on to the conference crown.

The Indians wasted little time in settling the matter by scoring the first three times they had their hands on the ball. Ahoskie received the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards to a score in nine plays with Ruffin Odom sneaking over from the one yard line and Bennet Williams' placement gave the Indians a quick 7-0 lead.

Norlina received the ensuing kickoff but were unable to move on the ground and tried a pass that was intercepted on the Ahoskie 12 by Ruffin Odom and returned to the Ahoskie 21 where again the Indians began to move. It took 11 plays to cover the 79 yards with Odom again figuring in the scoring when on an optional play he pitched back to Earl Capps who lugged the leather the final 39 yards for the TD. Again Bennett Williams accounted for the extra point to give Ahoskie a 14-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Norlina, who had the ball for only four plays the first period opened the second with the ball on their own 40 yard line but again the Indians strong line failed to give ground and forced the visitors to punt to the Ahoskie 33

yard line, with Joe Williams returning to the Ahoskie 41. The Indians had another score in 12 plays, Joe Williams taking a pitchback from Odom and went over from the five yard line. Williams' kick was no good and the Indians were out front 20-0.

After the kickoff Norlina again was unable to move and on the return punt an Ahoskie TD was called back when one of the Indians was caught for clipping. After being set back the Indians lost the ball on the first play when they fumbled.

On Norlina's third play from scrimmage quarterback Billy Fuller fumbled the ball. With the pigskin rolling around lose, Spencer Barrow scooped it up and out ran Norlina chasers for 24 yards and another Indian score. Williams' kick was again good.

The first Norlina play after the kickoff was a pass that was intercepted by Earl Capps on the Ahoskie 40 and returned for the final Indian TD. Wil- (See NORLINA, page 12)

JAYS LOSE TO RICH SQUARE

LITTLETON—Rich Square's Red Devils turned several miscues by Littleton's Blue Jays to their advantage here Friday night and ended up on the big end of a 19-7 score.

Littleton struck first on a touchdown play by Jimmy Harvey and then converted. This came on a march following Rich Square's fumble of the opening kickoff. From that point on Rich Square turned the tables in the business of turning breaks to advantage.

Rich Square evened the score following a dash from midfield by Billy Johnson to the Blue Jay 7. From that point Earl Daniels carried over and then added the extra point to even the score.

In the third period, Rich Square got the clincher on a run from the 8 by Johnson. The drive started on the Jays 28 when the Devils covered a Jay fumble.

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