

Norlina Downs Nashville On Friday; To Meet Benvenue Playoffs Tonight

For the second straight year Norlina will meet Benvenue in the first round of the State Class A playoffs.

The two teams, champions of their respective conferences, collide tonight in Rocky Mount's Municipal Stadium at 7:30. Norlina closed out the season last Friday night with a record of eight wins and two ties while Benvenue ended the season with a record of eight wins and no losses.

Last year when the two teams met in Henderson in the playoff's opening round, Norlina took an 8-0 record into the game and came out intact by a 13-6 count.

Tonight Norlina will be playing virtually the same team it defeated last season, as only back Larry Matthews will not be around from the Black Hawk's 1959 team.

Norlina will be minus a number of standout performers who gave it its first undefeated season in history and carried the team to the East-

ern finals against Beaufort. Last week Benvenue made Warrenton win number eight as it struck early and continued to pound at the Jacket scoring door to end the regular season with a 34-14 verdict. Norlina whipped Warrenton the week before by a 27-0 count.

Friday night Norlina had its hands full with Nashville before it finally got by the Nash County club by a 20-14 margin. The Blue Waves had to come from behind to take the non-conference victory over the determined Nashville club which led, then trailed, tied the game and finally lost in the last four minutes.

Norlina fell behind Friday night 7-0 in the first period when Glen Buchanan passed 20 yards to Cal Griffin for the score. Norlina came roaring back in the second quarter on a pass play from Billy Fuller to Frank Mayfield. This same combination clicked late in the fourth period for

a 20-yard touchdown play that gave Coach Bob Price's aggregation their eighth win of the year.

In the third period Nashville had regained the lead when Buchanan raced around

end for seven yards and a touchdown but the Waves fought back for a 14-14 tie as Lee Hicks capped a touchdown drive when he rammed off tackle for five yards and a score.

Warrenton's Season Ends With 34-14 Loss

Benvenue's Black Hawks, coasting through an unbeaten season, made Warrenton their eighth victim of the grid season Friday night as they shattered Jacket hopes for a winning season by a 34-14 score.

The Black Hawks now meet Norlina in the first round of the State Class A playoffs tonight. The Warrenton Yellow Jackets, who needed Friday's night's game to give Coach Fate King a winning season, ended the season with a record of four wins, four losses and a tie.

Benvenue found a stubborn Warrenton team playing host on Friday night as the Jackets, led by Fullback Steve Clark, scored twice to keep the game from being a runaway.

Clark picked up 70 yards in 23 rushing plays and completed 10 of 23 passes, mostly to end Herman Rooker, who also played a standout game for Coach Fate King's charges.

Benvenue wasted little time in jumping ahead of Warrenton as halfback Dennis Matthews, a speedy runner and defensive standout, raced 54 yards on the second play of the game as he gave an exhibition of speed for Benvenue's first touchdown. Chadwick's extra point kick, his first of

four for the night, put the Black Hawks in front by a 7-0 count.

Later in the first quarter, Ray Barnes, operating from the other halfback position for Coach Doug Bryant's eleven, romped 54 yards for a score after a quick open to paydirt.

On the first play of the second quarter Herman Rooker received a fumble on Clark's punt to give the Jacket's possession on the Benvenue 22. Following an incomplete pass and a two-yard ground gainer, Clark took to the air to connect with quarterback Billy Benson for a first down on the Black Hawk 10. Halfback Tommy Holt, who along with Mac-on Reavis and Bill Clark ended their football career at Warrenton on Friday, moved the ball to the one-yard stripe on two plays. Clark bulled over for a touchdown, the first to be scored against Benvenue's starting unit this year. A pass from Clark to Rooker was good for the extra point and the lead was cut to 14-7.

Benvenue came roaring back as they returned the kickoff to the Warrenton 47 and two plays later quarterback Robbins went up the middle of the Yellow Jacket line, cut around left end and galloped 28 yards for the third Black Hawk tally.

Early in the second half Warrenton was unable to move the ball and Clark's fourth down punt was partially blocked with Benvenue recovering on the 31-yard line of Warrenton. Four plays later Matthews scored his second touchdown of the night as he raced over the double lines from 10 yards out.

Warrenton looked as though they might repeat their earlier performance with a scoring drive on the kickoff, and the Jackets, on the running of Mitchiner and the passing of Clark moved to the Benvenue 12-yard line in 10 plays but the Black Hawks intercepted Clark's pass in the end zone on the next play to end the threat.

Three plays later Mitchiner dived on Boswell's fumble on the Benvenue 19 but Warrenton was unable to pick up any yardage and Benvenue took over on downs.

Later in the period Clark punted out of bounds on the Benvenue 27 and on their first play, the Black Hawks paved the way for Boswell who scampered 73 yards for a touchdown. The extra point play failed and Benvenue led by 34-7.

On the next kickoff end Wilson Bolton returned to the Warrenton 39. Clark passed incomplete and then hit Mitchiner for a one-yard gain. Clark picked up nine yards and a first down at midfield on the next play. Herman Rooker gathered in Clark's pass on the Benvenue 34 for another first down as the Jackets moved goalward. Two plays later Clark hit Therman Rooker on a screen pass and the Jacket lineman rambled to the Benvenue 20.

Clark gained to the Benvenue 12 before an offside penalty against Warrenton nullified a five yard gain by Holt. Clark raced around end for a first down and two plays later plowed over from the three-yard line. Clark then rammed across the extra point play as he cut off tackle into the end zone to make it 14-34.

Two plays later Herman Rooker recover a Black Hawk fumble as the game ended.

Littleton Wins Final Game

LITTLETON—Littleton High School's Blue Jays defeated Colerain here Friday night, 19-0, in their final game of the 1960 football season.

This victory ties the Blue Jays with Murfreesboro for third place in the Roanoke Conference. Both teams have a 5-3 record.

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