

Warrenton Meets Weldon In Conference Game Tonight

Two undefeated football teams will clash here tonight in a game that could decide the outcome of the Tar-Roanoke conference race.

Warrenton and Weldon, both sporting short but undefeated records going into tonight's match, have been picked by many as co-favorites of the 1961 loop race.

Fresh from a 13-7 triumph over Double A Apex here on last Friday night, the Jackets will be trying to win their first game over the visiting Tornadoes in a half-dozen years.

Friday night the Jackets spotted Apex a touchdown before Clinton Neal returned a punt for 75 yards in the second quarter to knot the score at 7-all. The Jackets got behind the second time Apex got the ball as the visitors drove for 75 yards, climaxed by halfback Billy Brook's tally from three yards out. Fullback Hamilton Martin booted the extra point for the Apex club.

The locals clinched the contest in the third stanza when Gordon Heathcock, who turned in several nifty runs during the contest, bucked over from his halfback position on a

two-yard scoring jaunt that capped a 35-yard drive.

Warrenton took advantage of fumbles as an alert defensive unit recovered five of six Apex bobbles. A pass interception in the dying minutes of the game in the Warrenton endzone put the Jackets out of danger.

Coach "Preacher" Parker, making his high school coaching debut, said his club played well as a team and praised tackle Bobby Edmonds, Guard George Pittard, Center Billy Rogers and end Herman Rooker for their defensive play.

Tonight the Jacket forward wall will have its hands full with a Weldon team sporting a forward wall averaging between 180 and 190 pounds.

The Tornadoes will bring two 225-pound tackles up for the contest in the form of Pat Limer, a Scotland Neck transfer, and veteran William Hudson. According to assistant Jacket coach Jimmy Webb, who scouted the Tornadoes in action last week, "both are capable of playing college football and scouts have already expressed interest in these boys."

Weldon, a team which likes to run the ball a lot, but which



Tonights Gridiron Contests

Weldon at Warrenton.
Wakelon at Norlina.
Louisburg at Spring Hope.
Littleton at Enfield.

Grid Results

Warrenton 13, Apex 7.
Norlina 19, Spring Hope 18.
Weldon 26, Louisburg 0.
Littleton 19, A. Springs 0.
Franklinton 19, Helena 0.

is capable of completing passes when the situation demands, had its record blemished when it was tied by a strong Double-A Scotland Neck team in its opener, but showed its power on Friday night when it clobbered Louisburg by a 26-0 score.

The Tornadoes will probably be running from a Wing-T formation, while the Jackets will go along with their split-T style of attack. Coach Parker said yesterday that the Jackets will pass more than during their season's opener last Friday. He expressed confidence that if his team turned in a good performance, they could down the visitors. He reported his team turned in a fine practice session on Wednesday and appeared in good shape for tonight's game.

Weldon Coach Donald Johnson has not demonstrated much fancy football this season, but has contented himself with power football.

Tonight's contest is scheduled to begin at eight o'clock and promises to attract one of the largest crowds of the season. Last year Weldon pushed over a lone third-quarter score to down the Jackets by 7-0.

Stages Big Comeback

Norlina To Play Host To Wakelon Tonight

Norlina footballers will wait another week before jumping into Tar-Roanoke conference action as they go against a non conference foe for the second straight week when they host Wakelon tonight.

The Blue Waves, down 18 points at the end of the first half in last Friday night's game against Spring Hope, pulled off a first-rate comeback to edge the visitors by a 19-18 count.

Tonight the Waves will go with essentially the same starting lineup as they take on a team which handed them one of their two 1960 regular season defeats.

Wakelon, short on experienced lettermen, will still be the

team to beat as former Weldon coach Maurice Chapman has a perennial habit of producing winners on the gridiron.

Last Friday night the Blue Waves opened the season by letting a fast and seasoned Spring Hope aggregation get the jump on them.

Spring Hope scored first on a 50-yard pass play, and before the fans could get settled, pushed across another six-pointer on a 35-yard run.

What appeared at the time to be the clincher came in the waning moments of the first half when a Spring Hope speedster grabbed a Billy Fuller aerial and rocketed 90 yards for a touchdown.

In the second half it was a different story as Norlina, led by defensive standout Andrew Hundley, kept the Spring Hope

offense bottled up and quarterback Billy Fuller got his mates rolling.

Norlina ended their touchdown famine in the third quarter when halfback Jimmy Burton snatched a Spring Hope pass and streaked 40 yards into paydirt.

Later in the quarter Billy Fuller climaxed a Blue Wave drive by crashing over on a sneak from one yard out. On the crucial extra point attempt, Fuller ground his way over to make the score stand 18-13.

With less than four minutes remaining in the game, Fuller flipped a pass to Jimmy Burton who raced over the double line to complete a 40-yard game winning play.

Norlina will begin conference play next Friday night when they travel to Louisburg to tackle the Bulldogs.

Littleton To Play At Enfield; Wins Over A. Springs

Littleton goes to Enfield tonight in a game that will pit the two top teams in the Roanoke League in a game that could determine the conference championship.

The Blue Jays moved into the forefront of the Roanoke race last Friday night when they toppled once-beaten Aurelian Springs on the Jays home field, by a 19-0 count.

In contrast with their previous 6-0 loss to Double-A Benson, the Jays found the scoring much simpler as they fought off the Hornets in the first half and then completed the game with two touchdowns in the second half.

Keyword Cheves scored the first half's only TD when he bulled over from three yards out after a sustained drive from Littleton's own 17. Cheves kick for the point was no good and this was the score for the first half.

Aerial minded Aurelian Springs found an effective weapon in the arm of Ricky Harlow who last week looked good against Davie in a 12-0 loss.

In the second quarter the Hornets came close to scoring as Phil Qualls slipped behind the Jay's secondary pulling in a short pass and going to the one yard line before being brought down.

The Jays' line sparked all night by Murphy Myrick, Charles Moore, Bill Thorne and Mike Williams held for three downs and the half ended with the frustrated Hornets around one-half yard from paydirt.

In the second half Littleton improved as Walker scored from 10 yards out and the extra point try was good.

The final tally came in opening minutes of the fourth period as the Jays climaxed a drive of around 40 yards with a plunge from seven yards out by Walker. Cheves kicked the extra point this time.

Jimmy Harvey broke loose on a 35 yard TD run in the second half only to have a penalty nullify the nice run.

Another Jay score was missed in the first half when Aurelian Springs fumbled on their own 20 and Littleton pounced on the ball. On the first play from scrimmage Littleton fumbled and the Hornets were back in the offensive business and feeling better.

Littleton intercepted four Hornet passes but Harlow completed 10 of 23 for 105 yards and the drives through the center of the Jays' line gave the losers some yardage.

INJURED

Sophomore tackle Herbert Rooker has been lost to the Warrenton football team for at least a month following a back injury suffered in the opening quarter of last Friday night's game with Apex.

The 165-pound starter broke two transverse processes in his back and was taken to Warren General Hospital here where he has been recuperating.

The Warrenton player is making satisfactory progress and coaches hope he will be able to rejoin the squad in several more weeks, but head mentor "Preacher" Parker said yesterday that it appears that Rooker will be out for a minimum of "four or five weeks."

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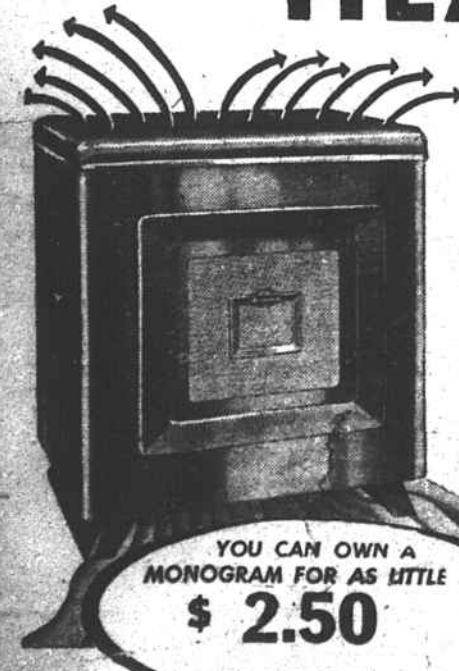
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