

# Bucks Cramp Rams' Style; But Bow To Havelock



PASS CATCHER - Bruce Morrison intercepts a pass intended for Havelock.

By Howard Barkley  
The Raeford Bucks met the Havelock Rams on their own ground Friday and did something that hasn't been done before this season, even though the Bucks finally bowed 12-8.

The Bucks scored more points in one game against the Rams than any other opponent this year and they forced Havelock to play catch-up football by leading at the half - also a first.

Havelock took the initial kickoff to their 49, then moved easily to cover the remaining 51 yards in seven plays. Rams' Vincent Allen ran 17 yards on the first play from scrimmage and a 15 yard penalty against the Bucks took the ball to the Hoke 19. Two more Allen carries made it five and goal at Hoke's seven but the Raeford defense stayed in there and held the Rams for three downs. On the fourth, the Rams pulled a tricky as Jim Dargan hit Allen with a short pass for the touchdown. With 8:38 still remaining in the first quarter, the score read Havelock 6, Raeford 0.

The Big Red Machine was hoping to score, but they faced the toughest challenge of the season as Havelock held them in check for the entire first quarter. Once again it looked as if the Rams might score again but the Bucks thought differently. David Wood fell on a fumble on the five yard line.

Then came the explosive Raeford offense's turn to show its stuff. With the entire backfield running, the Bucks drove to the 30 yard line with very little trouble.

David Wood pulled the play of the night as he faked McDougal into the line, fooling several Rams, then swept to the left on the option. He made the beautiful fake by acting as though he would pitch to Morrison and a Havelock defender ran past. But Wood still had the ball and he turned and headed for paydirt. Morrison put the finishing touches on the play by putting a crushing block on a Ram at the Havelock 40 and Wood went in untouched for a 70 yard touchdown run. The Bucks faked a kick and Wood fired a pass at Bill Poole for the two-point conversion and an 8-6 Raeford lead with 9:59 left in the half.

The rest of that period was useless for both clubs until late in the second quarter when Havelock drove down to the 13 and then tried to settle for a field goal. The attempt was wide.

Wood started again but once

again the Rams field them in check and the Bucks had to punt. Allen took the kick off on the Raeford 47 and raced down the sidelines for a TD but a clipping penalty saved Raeford. Five plays later, the Rams were leading once again as a Randy Merritt drive from the two yard line gave them the score. This happened with 8:11 showing in the third period.

Raeford came back on the kickoff but a penalty and a costly fumble sealed its doom. Godette personally finished up the Bucks late in the contest as he put a tremendous rush on Wood each time he dropped back to pass. The 210-pound star Ram tackle sacked Wood three times for 27 yards.

As the Bucks trailed 12 to 8 midway in the third quarter, a 46 yard kickoff return by Bruce Morrison set the Bucks up to make up the difference as they moved to the 50 following Havelock's go-ahead touchdown.

The Bucks moved to a first and goal at the nine with the help of a 15 yard penalty against the Rams, a pass from Wood to Jerry Tucker and fine running by the same pair. This covered 41 yards.

But the Bucks couldn't crack that Ram line and a holding penalty sent them back to the 24.

A play that was labeled touchdown all the way just didn't come off as Wood hit Russell Davis with a short pass and the big end turned to throw to Morrison who was wide open. But the pass was bobbled, Havelock recovered and the Bucks scoring hopes never picked back up.

Coach John Pecora said "The boys had a good season. We lost a lot from last year and these kids came back and fought all the way all season and all night tonight."

He called the fumble on the "flea-flicker" play more of a crucial play than the holding penalty and said, "We had that one all set up. If we had handled the ball right, it would have been a touchdown."

Havelock is 12-0 and meets Elizabeth City for the championship. Raeford ended with a 9-3.



RETURN - Bruce Morrison set the Bucks up to make up their deficit against Havelock with a 46-yard kickoff return midway in the third quarter. But a penalty and a missed cue ended the Bucks scoring dream.

	RAE	HAV
1st down	13	16
Rush Yds	161	245
Pass Yds	61	43
Return	72	80
Total Yds	294	368
Passing	6-15-3	3-6-1
Punt Avg	4-39.5	3-33.3
Fumbles lost	1	1
Yds Penal	5-55	6-60

Score
Raeford 0 8 0 0 - 8
Havelock 6 0 6 0 - 12

Scoring - Havelock - Allen, 3 pass from Dargan (kick blocked); Raeford - Wood, 70 run (Poole pass from Wood); Havelock - Merritt, 2 run (kick failed).

## Wildlife Afield

When the major hunting seasons open this Saturday, November 20, more than half a million licensed North Carolina hunters will resume their annual fiscal support of the ammunition companies.

Saturday marks the opening of the seasons on quail and rabbits, the two most popular hunting species in the state. It also marks the opening of the major waterfowl hunting seasons, including ducks, coots, brant and geese.

"It's torture, this waiting," one impatient hunter told me a week before the season was to open. "I can't stand it, and my wife can't stand it. I've worked my dogs until they can hardly walk. I swear their legs are two inches shorter than they were a month ago."

"And my gun," he continued. "I've changed it so many times, it automatically field strips itself when it sees me coming. The closet shelf is sagging with new shells, and my boots have been saddle soaped so much they've got saddle soars."

"I've read every article on hunting I could find, watched these characters shooting something or other on TV, and talked and dreamed about opening day. I'm so uptight I even watched a football game on the tube. Imagine that. I can practically smell the odor of crushed pine and hear the rattle of soy bean pods on my hunting pants."

"And speaking of hunting clothes," he added, "I washed my new hunting coat three times, ran through several thickets and left it out in the dog pen for a couple of days to 'season' it. I'm a perfectionist. I even added a little blood around the game pockets to give it a used look."

"Where did I get the blood, you ask?" he said. "Well, actually I had a small mishap the other night while I was cleaning my gun. I think the technical term for it is an M-1 thumb. Anyway, I never was much to waste anything, especially my own blood."

So it goes in hundreds of thousands of households across

the state. The wives mutter about the clouds of dirt on the living room rug and the constant smell of old dogs and gun solvent. The would-be hunters just mutter.

But come Saturday, it's a whole new ball game.

For the rare hunter who has not already memorized backwards the entire 1971-72 North Carolina Hunting and Trapping Regulations put out by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, here is a brief rundown on some of the seasons.

The quail season opens November 20 and lasts through February 29 with a daily bag limit of eight quails, a possession limit of 16 and a season limit of 100.

The rabbit season opens November 20 and lasts through February 12 with a daily bag limit of five, a possession limit of 10 and a season limit of 75.

The pheasant season opens November 20 and lasts through February 29 with no bag limit restrictions.

The season on Canada geese opens November 20 and lasts through January 8 with a daily bag limit of one goose with two in possession. The season is closed on snow and blue geese.

The season on brant opens November 20 and lasts through January 18 with a daily bag limit of six and a possession limit of 12.

The season on ducks opens November 20 and lasts through January 18 with a daily bag limit of three ducks and six in possession. The daily duck limit may not include more than wood ducks, or one black duck, redhead or canvasback. The possession limit of six ducks may not include more than four wood ducks, two black ducks or one canvasback or redhead.

There are no exceptions to the duck regulations. From November 20 through November 27, a special bonus bag on blue-winged teal of two daily will be allowed in addition to the regular bag limit of three ducks. The bonus possession limit for blue

wing teal is four.

Also, during the regular duck season from November 20 through January 18, a special bonus bag limit of two scaup daily will be allowed in addition to the regular bag limit of ducks. The bonus possession limit on scaup is four ducks. This bonus scaup limit is restricted to certain designated coastal waters, however, so check your Federal regulations.

You may get waterfowl regulations by writing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Raleigh, North Carolina or you can get an abstract of these regulations from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Waterfowl Regulations, Box 2919, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. The Wildlife Commission also publishes the 1971-72 N.C. Hunting and Trapping Regulations.



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