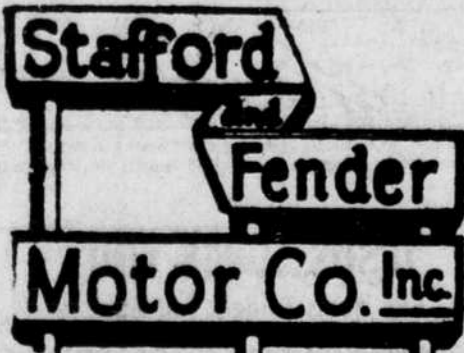


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The Owen High Warhorses added another triumph to this season's on again - off again world of MAC football with its 7-6 victory over Sylva-Webster.

This game represented Owen's last chance for a trip to the state playoffs and the Championship is still in jeopardy and could end up in a three way tie if Sylva-Webster defeats East Henderson and Hendersonville beats Madison.

Sylva-Webster, Owen and Hendersonville have each lost one Conference standing 5-1. Owen has overall the best record with an 8-1 standing. It could be a two way or three way tie - only this week will tell.

Those true Owen Warhorse fans never once doubted their team would come through. They knew they had proven their capabilities again and again, but it was the team's own confidence and ability that proved it the equal of Sylva-Webster and, with the aid of Ricky Miller's third quarter conversion kick, one point better.

There were any number of heroes for the Warhorses, but none stood out more than quarterback Kerner Long.

In addition to directing a strong, consistent, time consuming ground attack, Long set up Owen's touchdown with a 34-yard punt return to Sylva-Webster's 20-yard line, and with 26 seconds left in the

game intercepted a Steve Sreater pass, ending the Eagles' bid for their eighth straight win.

"Kerner Long directs the offense, runs back kicks and plays great defense," said Owen Coach Dennis Hicks. "He is as good as any athlete around. He just hasn't gotten the attention some others have received."

Long spent much of the night on offense handing the ball to fullback Randy Scott. A strong runner, Scott was quite capable of handling call after call against the Eagles. He finished the night with 118 yards on 33 carries, one effort going for one yard and Owen's tying score with 47 seconds left in the third quarter.

Coach Hicks stated, "It was a supreme team effort. I knew we could take the game as long as we kept our cool." We made two big mistakes, two penalties, in their scoring drive. Other than that, we played a really good ball game." Coach Hicks in his first year at Owen has had the best record since the team of 1966 which went 10-0 for the season only to lose the Championship to Sylva-Webster.

The Warhorses came very close to taking the lead near the end of the first half, but time ran out with Owen on Sylva-Webster's three yard line.

"My major concern at the half was our confidence," said

Hicks. We did march the ball real well down the field on both sides. When we moved the ball well again in the second half our confidence improved even more.

"One line we did at the beginning of the year was count ourselves as a team and as a coaching staff, to the Little Mac Championship," Hicks said. "This game ought to be another big step in that direction."

"When we look over at Owen and saw what we had, we decided as coaches we had to do 'do things,'" said Hicks. "We went back to basic fundamental football. We don't do anything fancy on the field. And we worked on what we felt was our biggest problem - the confidence of our kids."

Heroes of the Game? They all were as these statistics from the Coaches show.

Kerner Long - Passed 63-1 for 27 yards.

Randy Scott - Rushed 32 times for 118 yards, 1 TD.

Kerner Long - Returned punt 36 yards to set up winning

TD intercepted pass at 11 quarter to kill Sylva's chance.

**OWEN DEFENSE
TEAM EFFORT**

End's Terry Ledford, Bruce Edmonstone, LB's, Tim Wright, David Ford, Tim Raines, Tracy Reese, Tackles, Gary McIntosh, Ken Dison, Def. Backs, Kerner Long, Brad LeVine and Bobby Wilson.

**GREAT INDIVIDUAL
EFFORT**

Ledford, Edmonstone.

Line: Ford, McIntosh Raines, Edmonstone stopped two conversions: Ford and McIntosh, crucial plays, 3rd and 4th down situations.

**SPECIALIST
TEAMS**

Tremendous Job Sylva averaged 2 TD's per game on kicking game. Had none vs. Warhorses.

Last 3 years Sylva has run back 29 pass interceptions for TD's, none against Owen.

Sylva-Webster's workhorse was junior Kent Dillard, who racked up 127 on 27 carries. He got most of his yardage in the second and fourth quarters when the Eagles put together long drives.

Dillard carried for most of the yardage in Sylva-Webster's second quarter scoring effort, but quarterback Sreater carried the final yard for the touchdown. Sreater's run for the two-point conversion was stopped two yards short.

STATISTICS

Team	Points	Yards	TD's
Owen	14	348	1
Sylva-Webster	14	348	1

LITTLE MAC DIVISION

Team	W	L	T
Hendersonville	5	1	0
Owen	5	1	0
Sylva-Webster	5	1	0
East Henderson	4	2	0
Mountain Heritage	2	4	0
West Henderson	1	5	0
Mitchell	0	6	0
Madison	0	6	0

Warhorses Made It A Gratifying Homecoming

Visiting alumni and the present student body at O.H.S. had a most gratifying homecoming as the Warhorses shut out East Henderson, 21-0 in a key MAC battle at Owen. Randolph Scott scored two of the Warhorses touchdowns. The victory gave the

Warhorses a tie with Hendersonville for second place in the Little Mac Division with a 4-1 slate and raised Owen's overall record to 7-1.

Owen broke quick with Scott plunging one yard to paydirt, capping a 73 yard drive from the opening kickoff. Brad

Levine added the extra point to give the Warhorses a 7-0 lead.

East Henderson took control on its next possession and drove to Owen's eight yard line before the Warhorses' defense stabilized to halt the march.

Owen opened the second quarter with momentum in its favor, but it was late in the period before the Warhorses were able to score again.

This time Scott broke loose for 21 yards and Levine added the conversion attempt to give Owen a 14-0 lead at intermission.

Terry Ledford got Owen's final touchdown in the third quarter when he returned an intercepted pass - his second of the night as Owen's defensive backs captured a total of four-38 yards for a score. Levine's kick made the final margin 21-0.

"This was a key game for us," said Owen Coach Dennis Hicks. "We've had real young kids and we've been waiting for them to find themselves and mature. It seems like they did tonight."

"We still made a lot of mistakes," Hicks continued. "We should have scored at least 42 points tonight."

Ledford was the games top defensive performer with nine unassisted tackles and nine assists to go with his two interceptions, while Scott took offensive honors with 67 yards rushing on 13 carries.

The loss dropped East Henderson's record to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

Owen's ranking among area 4-A, 3-A teams before the game was sixth. They have now been moved to fourth place.

Terry Ledford Reaps Double Honors

Terry Ledford, a 160 lb. defensive end for the Owen Warhorses won dual honors for his team for his outstanding defensive play against the East Henderson Eagles on Oct. 22. He was selected Jaycee Buncombe County Lineman of the Week and the Western Citizen-Times area lineman for his performance in the Warhorses 21-0 victory.

Ledford, one of the few seniors on the Owen team this year was credited with nine individual tackles and nine assists in the important Little MAC Division encounter.

He also intercepted two Eagles passes returning one



TERRY LEDFORD

for a touchdown.

Terry had been splitting duties with Goure. The coaches knew he could really play good ball but somehow could not find the right niche for him. They seemed to do so against the Eagles and he really rolled.

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