



Randy Scott piles on some of his 116 yards against Madison Friday. Tom Albright

To be top banana, winning not enough

by Dan Ward

In football circles, it isn't enough that a team win every game to be champ. It has to win in such a way to show that it could win without trying.

Owen's Warhorses, like the gladiator who neglects to stand on his opponent's chest before he lops his head off, has been guilty of winning without humiliating.

Coach Denny Hicks has heard the critics and agrees that the Warhorses need to stomp an opponent to prove they are the best—but he sees little glory in the 50-0 stompin' Madison got last Friday.

"Did we try to get out there and stomp them—we didn't," Hicks said.

"We've been trying to produce more points offensively, but it doesn't do any good to take advantage of a weak team," he added.

Hicks pointed out that many of the points were made by Owen's defense and "black and blue squad" or those who rarely get to play.

"Offensively, we only got four or five touchdowns. We were only trying to run the

clock-out at the end with out black and blue bunch—but they ended up getting us points," Hicks said.

"We have not yet done what we are capable of doing offensively," he noted. "The offense has gotten much more consistent. Of course, being aggressive and being consistent are two different things. We need to get a lot more aggressive."

A better team for Owen to do

Honor Roll

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9th Grade
Nicki Brem
Mary S. McKay
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Ted Wilson

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Susan Hipps
Becky Hurd
Terri Mehling
Edna Parrish
Ray Rickman

11th Grade
Kimberly J. Blankenship
Elizabeth McKay

12th Grade
Mark Crawford
Sandra Lamb
Brian McDermott
Gwen A. Moore
Joy Ogle
Leta Parks
Joe Patton
Robert Stroud
Frieda Wiggins

its extra stompin' on would be North Buncombe on Friday. With a 5-2-0 record, North Buncombe has been beset with an up-and-down record, showing very strong playing at times.

"It'll be a real strong test for us," Hicks said. "They put a lot of pressure on the defense."

If Owen's defense can keep breaking through, and the offense can stand on their chests, well....

by Ron Price
Although the temperature hovered near the freezing mark the Owen Warhorses generated all the heat needed to warm the hearts of their followers as they mauled the Madison Patriots 50-0 in

Owen smashes Madison 50 - 0

Marshall Friday night. In a topsy-turvy night for Western North Carolina high school football punctuated by upsets Owen established the fact once and for all that they are THE power to be dealt with as they rolled up their most one-sided win since a 51-0 pasting of Erwin in 1973.

Six different Warhorses scored touchdowns and the kickoff team scored a safety when the Patriots' Jim Clark picked up a loose ball and was dropped in the end zone trying to find running room in the fourth quarter.

Robby Rucker opened the

floodgates early in the first quarter with a 58-yard run on the keeper play for the first score of the night and Brad LeVine added the extra point. From there the Patriots were never out of hot water as Owen poured it on.

On the first play of the second period Rucker scored

again from a yard out on a broken play and LeVine's kick was true to run the score to 14-0. Madison came right back to threaten as Holden Mix hit Bill English on a 50-yard pass to put the ball on the Owen 20. The powerful Warhorse defensive unit rose up and checked the threat on downs and the Patriots were doomed with two and a half quarters of play remaining.

On the ensuing possession Owen's brother combination clicked for a touchdown with Brad LeVine throwing a halfback pass to Marc on the Madison 30 and the little flanker outran the defender to complete a 66 yard scoring play. Brad added his third extra point and Owen led 21-0.

Madison intercepted a Rucker screen pass at the Owen 18 with two minutes before halftime and seemed in position to close the gap.

However, Will Goure picked off a deflected Mix pass at the Owen 6 and found an open lane down the sideline for a 94-yard touchdown. The touchdown was Gour's third of the year and his second on an interception return. Once more Brad LeVine split the uprights and the merry Warhorses left the field enjoying a 28-0 halftime lead.

Owen gave the Patriots no relief in the final half. Brad LeVine scored on a twelve yard sweep in the third quarter and kicked point number 35 as the landslide continued. Rucker hit wide receiver Bobby Wilson on a ten touchdown pass early in the last period but Brad's extra point (from 35 yards out) was just short of the crossbar. The ensuing kickoff brought the safety and a 43 point bulge for the fired-up Warhorses. Coach Hicks allowed his reserves to play the last series and fullback Matt Black swept end for 24 yards and Owen's final T.D. LeVine's kick finally ended the Patriots misery at 50-0.

Owen's offense piled up staggering statistics in the run away, rushing for 304 yards and passing for 79 more. The Warhorses could easily have gone over 500 yards except for the fact the Madison punter

had his problems and Owen took over near midfield on most possessions. Randy Scott, still not back to 100 percent from an ankle injury, was rested most of the game but still chipped in 116 yards on 16 carries. Although he didn't score his powerful thrusts up the middle set up two of Owen's touchdowns. Don Reese filled in admirably at fullback and also shared the load on some of the kickoffs.

The "Magnificent Eleven" turned in their third straight shut-out and completely stifled the Madison offense, allowing only 5 first downs the entire game. In giving up only 146 total yards they extended the opponents' scoreless streak to 15 consecutive quarters, dating back to Ray Dorsey's 3 yard plunge at Hendersonville. Opposing quarterbacks continued to pay the price as Tim Raines and Ken Dotson combined to sack Mix twice and force one interception for a touchdown return.

The Warhorses now sit comfortable. Alone on top of the Little Mac Conference with Mitchell applying the most pressure. The Hendersonville Bearcats continued to give the Warhorses a helping hand as they inflicted another conference loss on North Buncombe. The Warhorses next face the Hawks in Weaverville Friday night and the Owen defense will be put to the test to stop Bobby Fortner, the fastest back they will meet in regular season play. The Hawks are tough to beat at home so a large crowd of Owen supporters would be appreciated.

The Warhorses should move up another notch in the rankings this week after Pisgah's loss to Brevard. Brevard seems to have the inside track to the Big Mac championship and barring some unforeseen disaster will be the Warhorses' first play off opponent. This matchup should once and for all settle the "who's number one" question. The folks in this area have their own opinion right now and it certainly doesn't agree with some others they've read.

Owen booters win one, drop two

by Clint Williams

The Owen High Booters failed to fully capitalize on the home field advantage during the three game home stand last week. The soccer Warhorses began the series by beating Asheville Christian Academy Tuesday, October 11 and then dropped the next two; first to Asheville High the following Thursday and then to A.C. Reynolds October 17.

The contest against A.C.A. was high-lighted by the occurrence of another "hat-trick": Steve Stock, the brother of Jeff Stock who scored the first "hat-trick" in Owen's history, scored three goals from his left-wing position in the first half. The first of Stocks' goals came when he ricocheted the ball of the two posts following a direct kick. The second score was the result of a long, looping shot over the on-rushing goal-keepers head. A penalty kick provided Stocks third and last scoring opportunity. The Warhorses held on in the second half to shut-out A.C.A. 3-0. Defense played a major factor in the shut-out; A.C.A. took only eight shots and goalie Billy Davis made eight saves.

Owen took only seven shots the entire game in a violent 7-0 loss to Asheville High. Despite the performance of Davis in the goal, making an incredible 15 saves, the defense was hurt by the absence of Mark Buhrmaster at full-back. Buhrmaster suffered a con-

cussion in the A.C.A. game and did not play against the Cougars of Asheville. Despite the lop-sided loss, Couch Hylton was pleased with the play of the bench. Tony Dawson, Ricky Kelly, and Tom Phelps came off the bench to play well Couch Hylton said. Playing virtually all four

full-back positions at once, the aggressive, hustling gamemanship of fullback Mark Buhrmaster made a total of eight save—an incredible number for a fullback. It is primarily due to his style of skilled, madman play that the Reynolds team was only able to get off a total of only ten shots.

Three of the Reynolds goals came rather cheaply. Two were the result of penalty kicks and the third was the direct result of a ghastly bobble by goalie Davis. Davis was credited with 12 saves. Only one of Owen's 19 shots hit the back of the net and that was scored by Steve Stock on a corner kick at the 1:50 mark in the first half.



The Black Mountain Grammar School Girl's Volleyball team has just completed the season undefeated. (Dan Ward)

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