

JVs undefeated after Mitchell romp

by Bill Mott

The undefeated Owen Warponies played their final game of the season in a drizzling rain at Owen's Shuford field, Thursday October 28.

Mitchell received the kick-off but failed to score after two first down situations. They punted to Owen and with 3:59 left in the first quarter, Tim Wilson swept left end for a 72-yard romp. Keith Duncan kicked the extra point and

Owen led by a score of 7 to 0. West again played ball control but were forced to punt two minutes into the second quarter. Tim Wilson took the first play from scrimmage for a 30-yard score and again Keith Duncan powered his way for 33 yards on three carries and scored both the touchdown and the two point conversion.

Barely into the third quarter, Mitchell struck with a long pass. The kick-off went over Wilson's head but he

quickly picked up the ball and ran, untouched, 95 yards. For Owen's third and last touchdown Keith Duncan bulled his way for two more points.

The rain was becoming harder and both teams struggled just to handle the ball at all on the muddy field. Final score—Owen 30, Mitchell 0.

The Freshmen team was presented a trophy in the pep rally Friday, honoring their undefeated season and Conference Championship.

The 7-0 Owen Warponies are not only conference Junior Varsity champs, but they finished the season with flair. While scoring an average of 28 points per game, the freshmen held their opponents to a mere 5.7 points - an impressive record for defense as well as offense.

Statistically speaking, Tim Wilson stands out as a prime prospect for next year's varsity. Wilson not only wrapped up the most yardage and points of the JV backs, but he sacked the most opponents

Record good for JVs

by Dan Ward

- an average of 11.88 per game. Keith Duncan also stands out. Averaging a whopping 12.98 yards per carry, Duncan personified the rushing excellence of the Warponies, a team that scored only two touchdowns on passes, both by

Wayne Padgett. Second only to Wilson, Greg Buckner was the taciturnest Warpony on this year's squad with an average of 6.33 unassisted tackles per game. He was followed by Duncan, 5.3; and Ricky Barlett, 4.0.

BACK	POINTS	YARDAGE	AV. PER CARRY
Wilson	82	636	11.88
Duncan	60	512	12.98
Padgett	18	64	4.8
Haney	18	89	8.27
Longmire	6	193	7.13
McPeters	6	23	2.3

Owls to play Guilford

Top seeded Warren Wilson College will meet Guilford College Thursday at 3 p.m. in the opening round of the NAIA District 26 playoffs. The district and North Carolina champion will be decided Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on the Warren Wilson field.

In view of the fact that the second and third ranked teams, High Point and Pfeiffer College are both from the High Point area, Warren Wilson passed on its prerogative to host that game. It will be played Thursday at High Point.

Although Warren Wilson carries a 232 point rating, compared to 196 for High Point and 189 and 183 for Pfeiffer and Guilford, Coach Hank Steinbrecher is guarded about the Owls' chances.

"We are going to have to stay healthy. We don't have the reserve strength we had at the beginning of the season. Injuries can knock us out of it."

To make the most of his limited manpower, Steinbrecher has installed a defensive formation in recent practice sessions that will

have nine of the 11-man team playing defense as soon as the ball turns over.

"The word is out. Warren Wilson is short. You can score on them with head shots. So, we're going to have to mass our defense, and the team that will make the fewest mistakes on defense is the team to go on to meet the South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama winners in the Southeastern finals."

Recent heavy rains have kept the Owls away from the soccer field. However, Steinbrecher feels it will be in good shape by Thursday.

"We are going to have it rolled on Wednesday to put it

in top condition. They'll pray there is no more rain until after Saturday."

When Steinbrecher speaks of the importance of defense in playoff play, he is speaking from experience. The Owls carried away the District 6 title in 1975 with a team whose forte was strong defensive play. He sees no soft spot in the four finalists.

"They are all strong. With 15 North Carolina NAIA colleges, you don't get this far without being good."

At playoff time Warren Wilson is 7-3-2, Pfeiffer is 12-3, High Point is 9-5 and Guilford is 10-5-2.



Warren Wilson forward Jorge Doran sharpens his shooting in preparation for the opening game Thursday of the NAIA District 26 playoffs. (John Murphy)

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