

# Pirates slip against Weldon, 8-6

Faced with a disappointing 8-6 loss to Weldon last week, and the prospect of playing a much bigger, but just as aggressive team in Northampton-West this week, Perquimans coach Pat Morgan would like to think about a few of the team's bright points before dwelling on the bad ones.

The Northampton-West squad features a tall, 220-230 pound line, and according to Morgan, their defense is similar to Weldon's — eight guys on the line coming at you.

Though they took a quick 14-0 lead against Bertie last Friday, they lost in a comeback, 22-14.

But back to the bright spots. Fullback Melvin Coston, Morgan's offensive player of the game, once again topped his previous week's performance, rushing 186 yards in 19 carries.

After three games, Coston leads all runners in the area in total rushing yards, with 395 in 59 carries, and with his 70-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage, he has a scored four touchdowns this season.

Linebacker Mark Lindsey, the defensive player of the game, also outdid himself Friday with 18 tackles and three fumble recoveries. Tackle Sam Forehand, finally getting the green light to play when the school received his transcripts from New York, had 10 tackles, and linebacker Troy Jackson had 12 tackles.

Other tackling standouts were James Riddick (7), Coston (6) and Marlow Ferebee (6).

But those were just about the only bright spots in an otherwise dismal performance. Though it appeared it

might be a cakewalk following Coston's TD, Weldon didn't fold.

Though their offense appeared sloppy, the Charger defense was aggressive, while the Pirates seemed to go flat. "They stood right in our face and challenged us, and we weren't ready to meet the challenge," said Morgan.

Though they couldn't stop Coston, the Chargers held the rest of the Pirate running game to minus-60 yards in 18 carries, and 1-for-8 passing for 14 yards.

Add to that six fumbles, none of which was caused by contact. Coston's third-quarter bobble of a pitch landed Weldon's only touchdown. A short pass, one of two completions in five attempts, was good for the two-point conversion.

The Perquimans defense held Weldon to 92 yards total offense, 16 yards passing and 76 yards rushing in 44 attempts, but missed their best opportunity midway through the final quarter, when a high snap over the Charger punter's head could have put the ball deep into Weldon's territory, but the punter scooped up the ball and eluded enough Perquimans' tacklers to run the ball back to the line of scrimmage.

Morgan believed had Perquimans tackled the man before he'd gotten too far, the offense would have had good field position without being under so much pressure to score, as they were a several minutes later when the snap was again over the punter's head, only now there were less than two minutes to play.

But in spite of the fumbles and

missed opportunities, Morgan attributed the loss to a lack of mental preparation. "They were aggressive and we weren't," he added.

The jayvees also lost this week, opening at home against a tough Bertie team, 13-8, though coach Anthony Downing wasn't nearly so disappointed in their performance.

"The defense played real well, considering we've haven't spent a whole lot of time on it yet," he said.

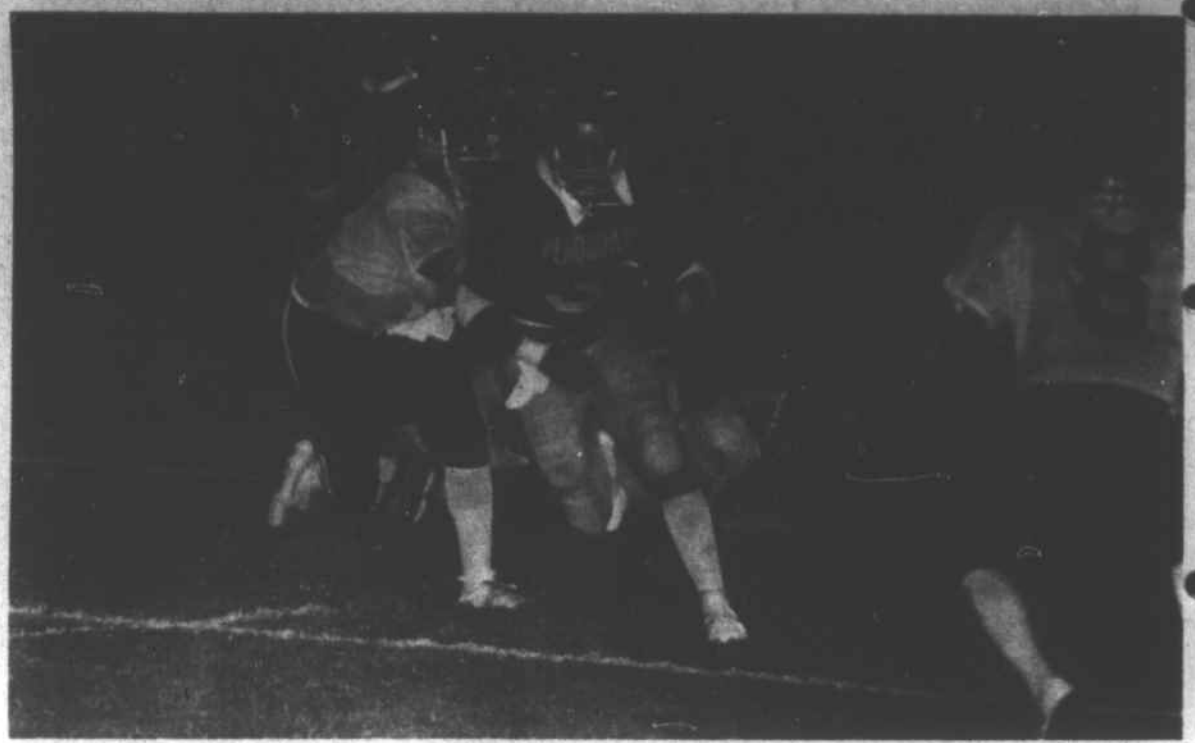
Downing noted the fine play of Vincent Foster, quarterbacking the team well though he hasn't had much experience. Running back Jimmy Skinner played an "excellent game," scoring Perquimans' only touchdown. A James Key run tacked on the extra two points.

## Now you know

Seasoned cast iron skillets should not be scoured or kept in water any longer than necessary. If seasoning is lost, add enough vegetable oil to cover the bottom and cook gently over low heat for 15 minutes.

Liven up cantalope and honeydew wedges with a sprinkle of lime juice and a dusting of powdered ginger.

If dampening is already done and there's no time for ironing, wrap dampened items in plastic base and store in refrigerator or freezer. They can remain up to two days before midewing. Chilled items iron more easily anyway.



Melvin Coston dashes passed a Weldon defender during the Pirates' 8-6 loss last Friday.

## COA — built home is up for auction

Trustees at College of The Albemarle set October 16 as the sale date for a three-bedroom home that was built by students, and reelected incumbent officers to another one-year term during a brief session last night (Wed., Sept. 8). The business meeting preceded the annual pig picking for COA employees, trustees, trustees' advisory committee and foundation members.

The college will offer the new, semi-finished, 960 square-foot house to the highest bidder at a public

auction to be held at 12 o'clock on Saturday, October 16 at the building site on the north side of the COA campus. It was constructed as a training project by students enrolled in the light construction program.

In addition to the bedrooms, the 24-by-40 foot hip-roofed home has a bathroom, kitchen, dinette, living room, and utility room. It has been wired and rough plumbing has been installed.

Dr. Gerald W. Bray, dean of administrative services, told the

trustees that interested persons will be encouraged to inspect the house prior to the sale date. He said arrangements can be made to see it by contacting Dennis Burgess, vocational trades department chairman, at 335-0821, extension 232 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The board unanimously approved a second term for its current slate of officers. They include Andrew H. Williams, chairman; J. Samuel Roebuck, vice chairman.



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