

SPORTS

Pirates lose to Murfreesboro in opening conference contest

By KEN CASTELLOE

Dexter Moore and the Murfreesboro Raiders handed the Perquimans Pirates a defeat in their first conference matchup last Friday night by a score of 13-7. Moore cut through the Pirates defense for a total of 152 yards on the ground but his fourth quarter interception of a Teton Reid screen pass made the difference.

Neither team could generate much offense at the outset of the game, as the Raiders first drive was stalled by a fumble. Then both teams traded interceptions.

In the second quarter, the Raiders were making an attack on the defense after moving the ball from their own 49 and moving down to the Pirate 36-yard line. But with second and ten, QB Vaughan was hit hard by a blitzing Rodney Gordon, and Reid intercepted the errant pass in the end zone. With 3:17 left in the half, the Raiders began to attack again, this time Vaughan completed two crucial passes which moved the ball down deep into Pirate territory. Then, with only 17 seconds left in the half, fullback Tony Murphy drove into the endzone for a one-yard touchdown run making it 7-0 at the half.

Perquimans made their first big move of the game when they recieved the opening kickoff of the second half. Starting at their own 40, Reid completed a pass to Alton James, who broke to the outside for a gain of 47 yards down to the Raider 10-yard line. But the Raider defense would not open and allow the Pirates to drive into the end zone and Richard Thach's 25-yard field goal was wide to the right.

Late in the third quarter, the Pirates started to move again from their own 35-yard line but again the

Raiders stopped the Pirates from scoring after they had moved down to the Raider 21.

The Pirate defense rose to the occasion and forced the Raiders to punt after running only four plays, giving the offense good field position to work with.

Starting from the Raider 40-yard line Reid completed a screen pass to Linwood Parker to get the drive going. But then disaster struck the Pirates. Needing just nine yards to pick up a first down, Reid threw another screen pass but speedy Dexter Moore intercepted and raced 55 yards for the touchdown. The extra point was wide and the Raiders led 13-7.

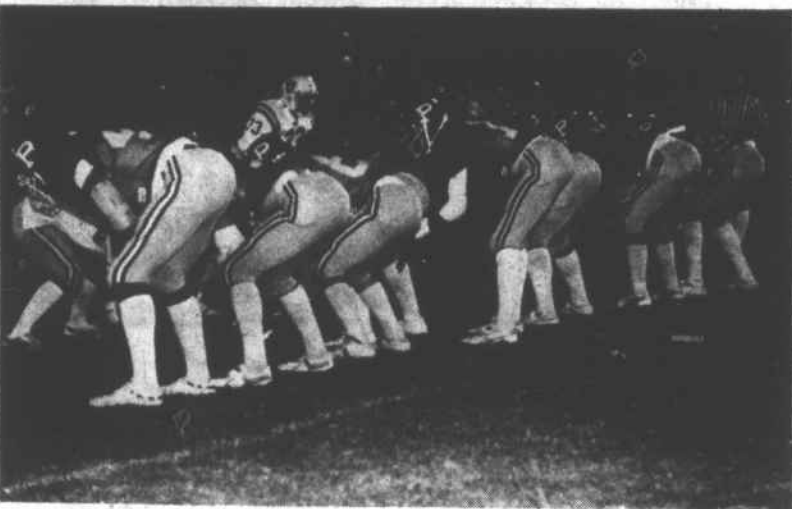
The Pirates only score came with 3:30 to go in the ball game. They

marched from their own 49-yard line with Reid hitting Paul Whedbee over the middle to score. Thach's extra point made the final 13-7.

The Pirates had a total of 294 yards with 12 first downs. Reid completed 8 of 14 passes for 179 yards, but threw three interceptions. Fullback Richard Thach rushed for 53 yards on 15 carries with Alton James picking up 45 yards on 11 carries. Defensively the Pirates were led by Kenny Perry with nine tackles and a fumble recovery, while Virgil Whitehurst also had nine tackles.

The Pirates dropping to 3-3 overall and 0-1 in the conference will travel to Camden this Friday night to play the Bruins.

The JV's defeated the Raiders last Thursday night 8-0.



The Pirate offense faces a tough Raider defense in their conference opener, last Friday night at Memorial Field. (Photo by Ken Castelloe)

Hunters advised to aim with care

Now that the hunting season is underway, Carolina Telephone has issued a plea for "careful shooting" by hunters near telephone equipment.

"Even the smallest shot can cut a wire, shatter an insulator, or otherwise disrupt telephone service," T. F. Daniels, district commercial manager for Carolina Telephone, said.

"We know that most hunters are responsible people and would not

intentionally damage telephone facilities or cause other people's telephones to be out of service. Perhaps people don't realize what a shot can do to a cable."

"I only ask that hunters keep this problem in mind and be cautious when they are hunting. The worst aspect about such needless damage is that calls for emergency assistance can't be made when telephone facilities are out."

Another problem the telephone company faces often is the malicious

damage inflicted on telephone facilities.

Many times, according to Daniels, when customers report their telephones out of order, investigation reveals that lines, cable, terminals, etc., have been maliciously shot, cut or otherwise damaged.

The company does not believe that such damage is caused by legitimate hunters or sportsmen, Daniels said.

It was pointed out that state law provides a criminal penalty of up to two (2) years imprisonment and a fine in the discretion of the court against persons convicted of damaging telecommunications facilities.

Funds are available

Could your youth group or organization use financial assistance? If so, funds are available to assist youth groups in Perquimans County in developing innovative community projects. If you're a member of a youth group or organization planning a worthwhile project you may be able to receive a mini-grant from the N. C. State Youth Council to assist you.

The North Carolina State Youth Council awards mini-grants to organizations three times each year.

Applications are now being accepted for mini-grants totaling \$2,000. The deadline for accepting

applications for these grants is November 2.

The applications will be screened and approved at the State Youth Council Board of Directors quarterly meeting which will be held in Asheville on Nov. 18-20. Awards are reviewed by the State Youth Advisory Council before they are granted.

For more information and a mini-grant application, contact the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, Elks Building, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh, 27603-1334 or telephone 919/733-9296.

Union School handed loss

By KEN CASTELLOE

The Perquimans Union Tigers lost their first game of this season to Elizabeth City Junior High by a score of 8-0.

Head Coach of the Tigers, Sid Eley commented that the visiting team was "much larger in size and number." Shawn Malory led the Perquimans Union team with excellent defensive play.

Soccer season now in full swing

SOCCER — On Saturday, October 1, the Royals defeated the Bucks 2-0. In the other game, the Devils defeated the Nuggets 7-1.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL — There will be a Captain's Meeting Thursday, October 13, at the Recreation Department at 7:30. Team rosters and the \$45 registration fee must be turned in before this meeting.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL — Same as adult volleyball. For men and women.

SKI CLUB — Interested persons should contact the Recreation

Department at 426-5695.

YOUTH SOCCER — On Saturday, October 8, the Bucks slipped past the Nuggets 3-2. The Royals and Devils tied 3-3 in which the Royals scored with seven seconds remaining to even the score.

This Saturday, the Bucks play the Devils at 10:00. The Nuggets vs Royals at 11:00. Please make plans to attend. All teams have improved so much over the last year.



MIDGET FOOTBALL — On Monday, October 3, both Hertford teams were in action. The Overman's Insurance Agencies defeated the Edenton Cowboys 41-27 in Hertford. Community G.S./Anne's Beauty Salon lost to the Edenton Fisher Nut 55-38. Both teams are in action this Monday night at the high school field at 8:30. Please plan to attend.

All games are played on Saturdays at Central Grammar School in Winfall starting at 10:00 a.m. On October 8, the Royals play the Devils at 10:00. The 11:00 game features the Bucks vs the Nuggets.

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