

Pirates recover for 24-14 victory over Manteo

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A homecoming pep rally perhaps turned into an in-game hangerover for much of Friday night.

Perquimans went into halftime with less than 10 yards of total offense and a 7-0 deficit against Manteo, and it was hard to pinpoint any other reason for the sluggish start.

"I think everyone got too hype in the pep rally and didn't have any energy left,"

Elijah Lane said. "That's the way it felt."

By the final ticks of the clock, however, Lane and the Pirates brought excitement back to pep rally status in a 24-14 victory.

It took an 18-point fourth quarter to make the comeback complete and to put Perquimans at 2-0 in the Coastal 10 Conference (3-2 overall).

"We had to change our attitudes," Pirates interim coach Aaron Burke said. "Guys were frustrated with each

other, but I told them we've been down before, and it's 7-0. We had to fix things offensively and defensively we were playing pretty good."

Lane put the exclamation point on the win by picking off a Manteo pass on the game's final play and running 60 yards to paydirt.

That wiped away much of the tension caused by the Redskins (1-4, 0-1 Coastal 10) when they went ahead 14-6



LANE

and were content to take plenty of time to do so, taking close to six minutes on what became their final scoring drive in the third quarter.

Short punts - even an odd one booted by the quarterback while escaping tacklers in the end zone on third down - also attributed to Perquimans' low offensive numbers.

Neither team finished above 190 total yards.

With 3:43 left and down 14-12, the Pirates marched 76 yards before Dallas Hall's second 1-yard touchdown plunge of the night for the go-ahead score. Two Manteo penalties also aided the drive, which was completed with 41.5 seconds to go.

Manteo's option attack had to revert to the pass, which led to Lane stepping into a passing lane and taking one in for six.

He admitted the team was not in the right mindset at the start.

"We came out underestimating them, and after Creswell (a 54-0 rout) we thought we were better than we were, so we came out not prepared to play," Lane said.

A non-conference test hosting Virginia's Nansemond Suffolk is next and then a vital league showdown at Gates.

"We came out light and thought someone was just going to lay down, and Manteo came and did a good job in making us work," Burke said.

Hunters risk a fall from a tree

With archery season in full swing and rifle season about a month away, let's talk trees and safety. It had nothing to do with a tree stands but I tried falling from a tree one time and I don't recommend it. Before tree stands became so popular the most common bow hunter accident was getting cut by your own broadheads. Now it is falling from tree stands. Most people would say getting shot would be the most likely way to die while hunting. But the real answer is, you guessed it, a tree stand fall.

Whether you hunt from a ladder stand like me or a climber, lock-on or tripod, when your feet leave the ground you are in danger of becoming a statistic. A full body harness and some type of lifeline is the best way to protect yourself. Together with tree straps, lineman style climbing belts and tethers, the harness and lifeline make up what is called a fall arrest system (FAS). Although, hunters do fall asleep and then fall from the stand and it's also possible to lean out too far trying to make a shot and slip, climbing in and out of the stand is when most accidents occur. That's why it is recommended that hunters be attached from the time their feet leave the ground until they are back safely on the ground.

The easiest way to do this is with a lifeline. A lifeline attaches to the tree above the stand and ties to the stand at the base. A prussic knot will slide along the larger rope as you climb and will automatically lock and prevent a fall. Once in the stand

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the hunter slides the prussic up so that it is above his or her head when seated.

All commercially made deer stands come with a harness, tree strap and tether. It is very important to practice with your FAS before the hunt. The full body harnesses that come with stands can be difficult to put on and if you can't get it on correctly in the full light of your living room there is no need to try it in the dark, in the woods with the excitement of the hunt on your

mind.

The system I use is made by Hunter Safety Systems. The harness is a vest type harness if you can put on a vest and buckle a seat belt you can use this system. Just place your arms through the arm holes, buckle the two buckles in the front and then buckle the two seatbelt style buckles around your legs. Easy peasy.

For those wondering how you get the lifeline attached to the tree above the stand in the first place, that's a good question. Depending on the style of stand you can use a lineman's belt that connects to your harness or a tree strap and tether when the tree is climbed for the first time. Hunter Safety Systems' lifeline comes with a carabineer that can be hooked to ladder stand rungs as you climb. A helper is required to hold the stand in place while climbing until the lifeline is securely attached above the stand and the tether connected. No matter what kind of stand one chooses to use, once the lifeline is in place it's easy to hunt safely.

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The Hertford branch of State Employees Credit Union hosted a school supply drive for the students of Perquimans County Schools. Pictured are Matthew Simons, Casaundra Walker, Cam Foreman and Brittany Taylor.

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Perquimans Sheriff

- 9/10 Karen Harrell, Chinquapin Road, Tyner, harassing phone call, written promise to appear.
- 9/12 Hattie Sharpe,

Ocean Highway South, misdemeanor worthless check.

- 9/12 Francine Taylor, Two Mile Desert Road, assault and battery, communicating threats, \$1,100

- unsecured bond.
- 9/12 Joyce Howell, Woodville Road, misdemeanor worthless check.
- 9/14 Donald Bunch, Oliver Street, communicating threats, no bond.



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