

Sanderson Defeats Enloe To Advance To Playoffs; Caps Fall Spartans To Face Tough Eleven From High Point Central Friday

In one of the finest displays in high school offensive football, the Sanderson Spartans celebrated their homecoming by whipping the Enloe Eagles here Friday night, 39-21 at North Park.

Not only was this a homecoming victory for Coach Jim Brown's charges, but the win gave the Spartans sole possession of first place in the Eastern 4-A Division Two conference and the right to meet High Point Central Friday night in the first round of the state 4-A playoffs.

The first round titular contest will be played at North Park Friday night at 8 p.m. High Point Central finished the season with a 9-0-1 record to win the Central 4-A division.

Even though the Spartans won the right to advance to the state playoffs with their victory Friday night, sole possession of first place in the conference was not determined until Saturday when the Durham Bulldogs nipped the Broughton Cap's, 15-9 in a game played in Durham.

The near capacity crowd that turned out at North Park despite the freezing weather saw the two city rivalries score the first five times they had possession of the pigskin before the second half rolled down to a defensive battle.

Enloe won the toss and elected to receive. However, on the short kickoff which went toward the sideline, the Eagles deep backs, Jimmy Bass and Julius Branch watched the ball roll instead of picking it up. Sanderson fell on the free ball and the Spartans had the ball at the Enloe 12-yard line.

On fourth down from the five, Charlie Muldrow cracked into the endzone for the TD to give Sanderson a 7-0 lead with 10:06 showing on the clock. Paul Wilder added the PAT from placement to up the margin to 7-0.

The Eagles came right back and moved 53 yards in six plays with the ensuing kickoff. Branch plunged over from the five for the six pointer and Don Norton added the PAT to tie the game at 7-7 with 7:22 showing on the clock.

Sanderson put together a 75-yard 11 play drive with its next possession of the ball. Thomas Fetzer hit Haywood Raye with a 12-yard scoring aerial and again Wilder converted to give the Spartans a 14-7 cushion. The Eagles started their 77-yard touchdown drive in the initial period but it was on the first play of the second period when Bass broke loose and galloped 64 yards for the score. Norton's PAT tied the game at 14 all with only 14 seconds having elapsed in the second stanza.

Sanderson was not to be outdone and moved 64 yards with the next kickoff to paydirt. Again it was the passing combination of Fetzer and Raye which accounted for the six points. This time the extra point try was no good and the Spartans led 20-14 with still eight minutes and 46 seconds left in the first half but that is the way the half ended.

Two quick touchdowns by Sanderson in the third quarter put the game out of reach for Enloe. The Spartans moved 64 yards with the second half kickoff with Bob Cook sneaking over from the one and then added another six pointer on a two-

yard plunge by Mike Shuch. The Eagles were right back in the game in the opening minute of the final stanza when Bass heaved a 40-yard strike to Leonard Lewis cutting the margin to 32-21 with 11:18 left in the game.

A fumble recovery led to the clinching touchdown for the Spartans when Muldrow broke loose on a 56-yard scamper with a little more than six minutes remaining in the contest.

In the game in Durham Saturday night, the Caps led at half-time 9-7, but saw the home-standing Bulldogs erase this margin with a third quarter TD pass. Durham scored first on a 10-yard run by quarterback Tommy Parker and the conversion by Ken Strawbridge

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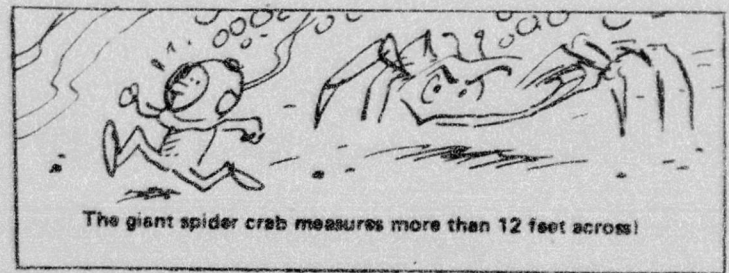
Broughton, the defending state 4-A champions, came back to score on a six-yard run by Joe Fowler and a 23-yard field goal by Macy Faulkner before intermission.

Parker, after a beautiful fake into the line, found Billy Byrd for an eight-yard scoring aerial. Parker then passed to Byrd for the two-point conversion.

Enloe finished the season with a 2-2 conference record and a 5-5 over-all mark. Sanderson won the divisional title with a 3-1 league record and a 5-4-1 over-all mark. For the Caps, it was a frustrating season, as they finished 2-2 in family competition and 4-6 against all opponents.



DON SMITH IN ACTION-Seattle: Don Smith of the Seattle Supersonics appears to be wondering how to use the extra pair of hands he found himself with during a game against the Golden State Warriors November 7. But even four hands were not enough as the Sonics dropped one to the Warriors, 109-102. (UPI).



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BUSSING HELPS SANDERSON

Sanderson's head football coach, Jim Brown is not a man who rather fight than switch. If a switch is going to be for the betterment, then Brown is all for it.

Last season, the football program at Sanderson was just a developing program. Last season the Spartans took some defeats at the hands of some of the top teams in the state. This year when all the smoke had cleared and the new arrangement had been settled concerning the bussing of students to various schools around the city of Raleigh, then Sanderson was the one to benefit the most athletic wise.

After the final court proceedings were announced, really Brown and no other school official had any choice but to switch because the fighting days were over.

All types of statements were made from school officials, parents, teachers and even students about what would happen once the schools here in Raleigh were integrated. Some even went as far to say that major disturbances would erupt here in Raleigh.

But as is the case with other walks of life, athletics serve as a peacemaker rather than peacebreaker. So Sanderson, which up until this year was more than 99 percent white, was really experiencing a new endeavor.

Football practice started back in August and the black athletes going out for football were going to get the first test as to how the new set up would work in the school system.

For any Black athlete going out for athletics at Sanderson it was a new experience. But the young mentrying out for football met the challenge in August and this help set the ground work for other students when it was time for school to open in September.

Brown let it be known that he was happy to secure the services of several former Ligon football players and he and his staff were accepting them just like any other athlete.

The Spartans inherited the services of about 15 former Ligon athletes who would fit into the athletic program at the North Hill school. And fit in they did because as a result the combined efforts of the athletes at Sanderson along with the play of the former Ligon footballers, it spelled championship for the Spartans.

NOT MENTIONED IN PRE-SEASON RATINGS

When the poll was taken among high school coaches around the state, the name of Sanderson was never mentioned about a spot in championship play. Instead, Enloe was tabbed as the team to beat in this conference. And right behind the Eagles Broughton was listed to defend its state title. But Sanderson was not even in the title picture back in August and the first part of September.

But once the season began, Sanderson let it be known that the Spartans wanted their name added to the championship list. All the Spartans did was play one game at time. About midseason, sportscasters started to mention the name of Sanderson as a possible contender for conference honors.

First Sanderson knocked off Durham Senior in a game played in Durham in a complete downpour. Next, the Spartans took the measure of defending state champions Broughton by one point, 13-12. It was then that the Spartans were in the driver's seat in the divisional race.

But two weeks ago Sanderson travelled to Durham to meet the cellar dwelling Hillside eleven. A victory over the Hornets would just about wrap up the conference race for Sanderson. Instead, the Hornets felt the sting of their homecoming crowd and the response was 6-0 for Hillside over the league leading Spartans.

This set the stage for a dramatic climax to the high school season last week. The three local schools found themselves in a three-way tie for the top spot in the conference with a spot in the state playoffs awaiting the league winner.

The schedule which was formulated well in advance of the season could not have more perfect. Sanderson was to meet Enloe and Broughton was listed for an engagement with Durham Senior.

The possible outcome of the final standings was about as strange as the pieces to a puzzle. But with all the possibilities, a win for Sanderson on Friday night would clinch the divisional title for the Spartans.

And as if Sanderson needed some added incentive, it was homecoming at North Park for the Spartans and this would be the first time Sanderson had chance to play under the new lights in its home park. With all of this plus the league championship just one step beyond, the Spartans knew what they were facing before the 8 o'clock kickoff.

The response by the Spartans entire team was great. The Spartans took advantage of the first break of the game, recovering the kickoff deep in Enloe's territory. The Spartans quickly put seven points on the board.

This was only the beginning however, as the Spartans promptly scored the next two times they gained possession of the ball. After leading 20-14 at intermission, Sanderson added two more scores in the third period and only the outcome was in doubt from here on in.

NOW IT'S ON TO THE PLAYOFFS

Now the Spartans find themselves in an unusual spot-that of representing the conference in post season play. But Coach Brown and his staff have gotten the team ready for other challenges this season and this will no exception.

Come Friday night at North Park, Sanderson will meet a very tough High Point Central eleven which was undefeated this season. The Central Division winners had a tie on its unblemished record however.

The Spartans have their work cut out for them this week. But one thing they will need is the support of entire Raleigh behind them. And the best way to support the cause is by coming out to North Park Friday night to see the Spartans meet High Point Central in the first round of the state 4-A playoffs.

It is now down to the eight best teams in the 4-A ranks and Sanderson is proud to be one of the top eight teams in the state in 4-A play. This in itself is an honor and a tribute to Coach Brown and his staff. But no coach is any better than his material so Brown is quick to give his players a pat on the back for the job they did all season.

Brown has not gone on record as saying that he was unhappy about the new school set up. Because from the bussing incident he received the services of such stars as Charlie Muldrow, Elroy Whitaker and Haywood Raye just to mention a few. Brown and his staff are not only happy with these players just mentioned but they are proud of all the Black athletes who have made the Sanderson football program a success. Without the services of these players, who knows, maybe one of the other local schools would be preparing to compete for the playoff title.

The switch has brought honor and prestige for the Sanderson football program. We know all concerned are happy. In years to come maybe Brown will turn to the boxing field and try his hand at fighting but this football season he chose to go along with the switch and it had brought him some deserving honors.

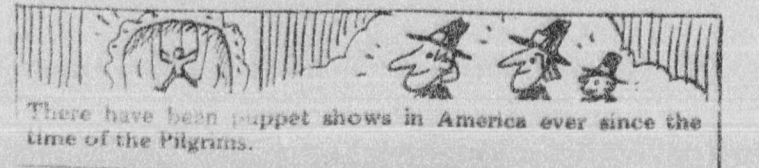
CONGRATULATIONS TO CARNAGE FOOTBALLERS

No trophies or honors are given to the city junior high school football winner. But congratulations are in order for Coach Ed Hicks and his very fine staff at Carnage on winning the junior high school title this season.

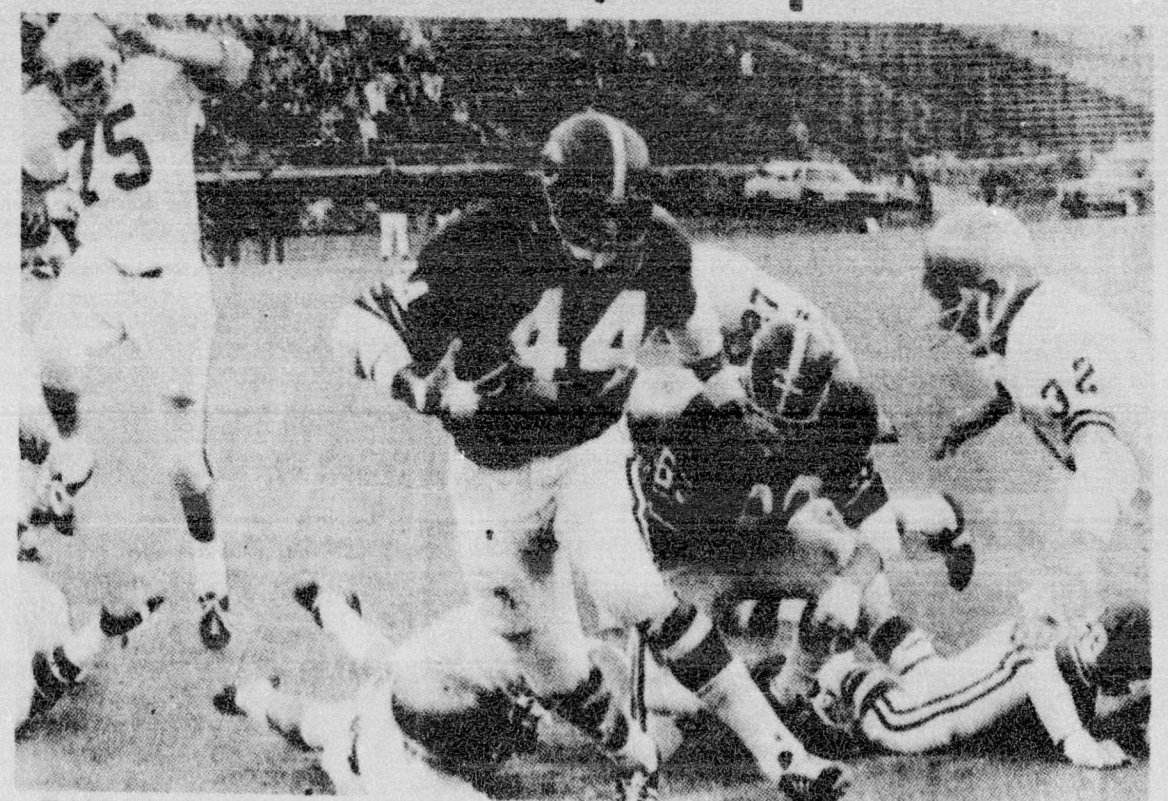
The Trojans compiled a 6-0-1 record enroute to the championship. The players have no post season game or anything of that nature but years later, the players will be able to say that they a part of the championship team at Carnage in 1971.

No headlines were given to the players at Carnage but the experience they gained as junior high school gridders will be used next year as the players become part of the varsity program at various high schools.

Again congratulations to the entire Carnage football team this season on winning the junior high championship.



There have been puppet shows in America ever since the time of the Pilgrims.



TAILBACK SHAKES OFF TACKLER - Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell's NCAA record-holding tailback, Ed Marinaro (44), shakes off Brown tackler to go for a first down in action here November 6. Marinaro rushed for 176 yards, bringing his career total to 4308, as the Big Red won, 21-7. (UPI).

N.C. Central Coach Is Proud Of The Way His Offensive Line Has Developed

DURHAM- Coach George Quiett is proud of the North Carolina Central University offensive line. They are, he says, the reason two Central runners are leading the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in yardage per carry.

"This line is developing into one of the best lines we've had here in the last four years," Quiett says. "They already compare favorably with the 1969 line--Doug Wilkerson, Bracy Bonham, Donald Leak, Harvey Clanton, and Ervin Allen."

And the beautiful thing, Quiett says, is that the line will return intact next year. Bracy Bonham, who was on that 1969 line as a freshman, will be a senior next year. So will guard Raymond Coleman. Tackle Gordon Armstrong will be a junior. "And Dwight Petteford and Thomas Saxon have three more years of eligibility, because they were redshirted last year."

The sixth man on the line--Quiett has gone through most of the season with one center, two guards, and three tackle is sophomore tackle Nathaniel Boyd, who has alternated with Bonham and Armstrong.

"Their strong point," Quiett says, "is their intelligence in adapting to unexpected situations." He said a surprising offensive lineup doesn't bother the five men who are on the line. Saxon reports, "They couldn't throw anything at us we couldn't block," and Boyd says, "We have these signals we give each other about defensive lineups. If we didn't communicate down on the line, we would be having an awful season."

The linemen seem unanimous in their attributing the character of their unit--which enters the field together, apart from the other players, and according to Boyd and Saxon

spends a great deal of time off field as a unit--to the offensive line coach, Robert "Stonewall" Jackson. Saxon says, "You may please Coach Jackson, but you'll never satisfy him." And Boyd reports, "He'll give you enough confidence to let you know you did a good job, but he'll never let you feel you couldn't have done better."

Center Petteford says that Coach Jackson took him in hand last year, giving him pointers on his new job at center. He had played at position at Merrick-Moore, but when that Durham County school was phased out Petteford moved to Northern High as a defensive tackle.

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