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**TOUGH DEFENSE.....** John Callahan (43), Alan Banks (88), Larry Córdá (90), and Brian O'Connell (36), force the R. I. Kings ball carrier out of bounds for a 5 yard loss. In 1975, the Oilers Defense shut out the opposition 5 times.

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## Looking back...

### Eastern Football League 1961 - 1975

In 1975, the Eastern Football League crowned its champion - the Tri Attleboro Kings. Thus the most successful campaign in the 15 year history of the league concluded: the treasury showed a healthy balance and two very solid franchises from Marlboro, Massachusetts and Manchester, Connecticut petitioned for entry.

Things had not always gone as smoothly for the struggling league, however. Over a 15 year span the league has gone by 5 different names and has fielded teams from 7 states and 39 towns. Back in June of 1961, it was known as the New England Football Conference and was made up of teams from Framingham, Wakefield, Lynn, Whitman and Quincy. In those days it cost \$20. to enter a team; in 1975 it cost a new entry \$100. for team dues, \$500. for a franchise, and \$750. for a performance bond, which is returned upon successful completion of the season. For the established teams there is \$100. for dues and \$500. for bond.

There have been many factors contributing to the difficulties that the league and its individual teams have faced, among them inadequate financing, poor management, poor attendance, theft and insufficient media coverage. Only one owner has managed to field a team for 15 consecutive years and even that team has had 7 different homes. Still, in face of all difficulties, the league has managed to survive and today stands stronger than ever.

Perhaps in no season was total disaster closer to the door than in 1967. The league having finished 6 fairly successful years, became trapped in an untenable financial position. In an attempt to create a larger gate the owners began to import big name players and to pay them fairly substantial salaries. And while the gate attendance did increase, the gain was not sufficient to cover expenses and the league was unable to finish out the season.

In 1968 the league reorganized, this time with the lessons of 1967 clearly before them. There was to be no more player payments of any kind. With this percent firmly adhered to, the league grew stronger each year and enters 1976 in its best shape yet. Among the many improvements that the league has adopted over the years is the creation of a slate of officers, having as its president an attorney. In addition the position of Commissioner of Officials was created enabling the league to achieve a fairness and consistency of officiating.

Even when one looks back over the years of struggle, however, things have not been all gloomy. Nearly 4,300 different players have performed, many of whom went on to successful college and pro careers based in part on the exposure that they had gained. A team was flown to Pottsville, Pa. one year for a benefit Cancer Fund Game that netted \$5,000. for charity. Many former high school and college athletes were given the chance to extend their playing careers for a few more years, and countless thousands of fans have watched and enjoyed the exciting brand of football offered. Today in 1976, it appears that at long last the struggling Eastern Football League is finally coming of age.



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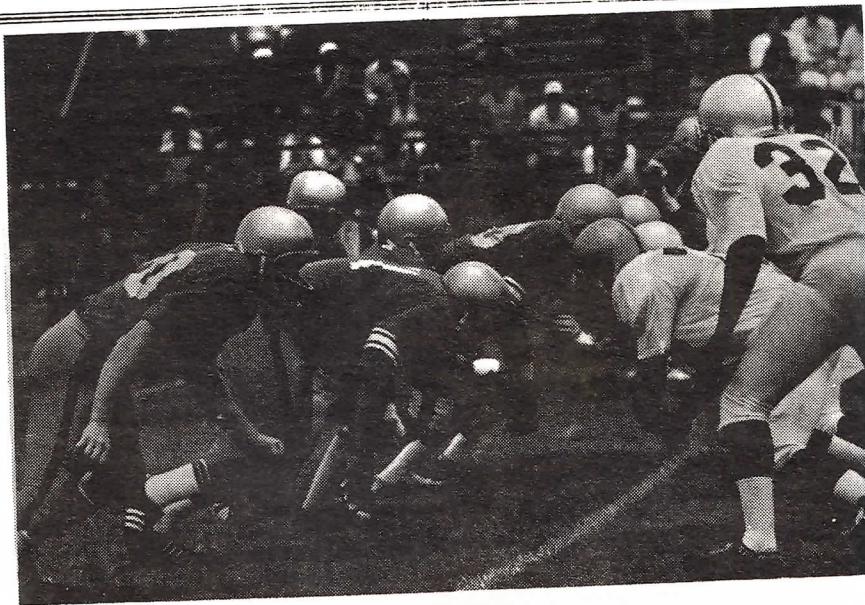
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**GOOD BLOCKING.....** Excellent blocking up front by Tom Kelly, Fred Rihbany, Leo Venezia, John Carter and Carl Titus will be a big factor in making the Oilers passing game go.



*Best wishes from*

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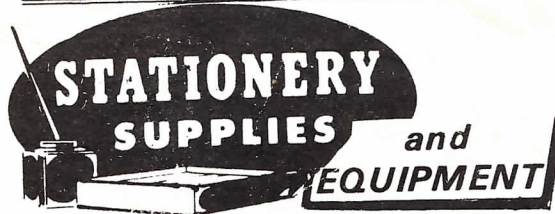
**A REASON TO CELEBRATE.....** (Front row) - Sundy Sutherland, Ted Meyer, Rick Armstrong, (Back row) - John Callahan, Janice Donovan accepting for Steve Carrera, Ernie DiLoretti, Mike Houde, Line coach Carl Johnson, Carl Titus and Head coach Al Scibetta.

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**1975 Eastern Football League Standings**

	WINS	LOSSES
TRI ATTLEBORO KINGS	13	1
WORCESTER COUNTY	11	3
PLYMOUTH ROCKS	9	5
RANDOLPH OILERS	8	5
LOWELL COLTS	6	6
HARTFORD BRUINS	2	10
MIDDLEBORO COBRAS	2	10
BOSTON RAIDERS	1	12

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## Randolph Oilers

### Defensive Scouting Report

Coach Paul Costello inherits a defense that has nine starters from 1975 returning from a defense that allowed only 111 points in thirteen games while shutting out their opponents five times. Costello has also picked up some outstanding new talent that should give the Oilers even more depth this season. .. Ranking first in the league in 1975 against the rush, the Oilers should also be impressive this season on pass defense.



#### DEFENSIVE LINE

Larry Corda, Sundy Sutherland and Ernie DiLoreti are three veteran starters that return up front and ... along with Mike Klapman, Steve Callahan, Allan Banks and Joe McGunigle... have developed an even stronger pass-rush for this season.

#### LINEBACKERS

Another strong point for the Oilers will be the linebackers with the likes of John Callahan, Danny Hess and Brian McDonoughall back for another season. Also promising to play a big part on defense this year are Steve Romanowski, Dave Bee, Bart Campanella and Joe Pickard.

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Brian O'Connell will be joined in the defensive backfield by four other sure tacklers ... Mike Grassia, William Wallington, Harris Thompson and Tommie Joyce -- who have all been working as defensive backs.

#### SPECIALISTS

Mike Keefe looks as if he will handle the place kicking job for the Oilers in '76. A strong field goal kicker, Keefe is also accurate on the extra points and booms the ball deep on kickoffs.

Punting should be no problem as William Wallington and Mitch Sikora have both built up impressive statistics during the early workouts.

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## Randolph Oilers

### Offensive Scouting Report

In 1975 the Oilers battled back from a 3 - 5 start to put together a 5 game undefeated string and finish the schedule with an 8 - 5 record. Over the second half of the schedule Randolph gained victories over three opponents which had defeated them earlier in the season and finished with what some people feel was the strongest team in the Eastern Football League.

Key to the 1975 surge was the balanced running and passing attack and the strong offensive line that did a good job protecting the quarterback and opening the holes up front. A loss in the opening round of the playoffs to the eventual champions, Tri Attleboro Kings by a 20-13 score, ended the season ... but with several starters returning on offense the Oilers will be out to up their win production this year.

#### QUARTERBACK

Rick Armstrong, last year's most valuable player, returns ... and if his performance in the EFL Jamboree is any indication (7 for 9, 114 yards, 1 TD), the rugged signal caller is in for quite a season.

Teddy Meyer, a versatile athlete, will again be ready to step in when needed. Meyer finished second on the team in scoring, averaged almost 18 yards a completion.

With veteran Tommy Joyce and Mitch Sikora ... the Oilers are in good shape.

#### RUNNING BACKS

Sturdy - swift Jake Dailey, Doug Northrup and Meyer are the top hands returning from 1975. Paul Killinger, Ed Nelson and Dick Queeney are also slated for action. Nelson developed quite a knack for crossing the goal line while at Southeastern Vocational High School as he scored better than 100 points in his sophomore, junior and senior years, while Killinger is a former Rockland High great and scored 100 points in his junior year.

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

Few teams can boast three wide receivers as capable as Norm Kennedy, Artie Sullivan and John Moriarty. This veteran trio should all rank near the top of the league in receptions.

#### TIGHT ENDS

Alan Banks and Tom Kelley will team up to give the Oilers two strong scoring threats at tight end. Both are also excellent blockers.

#### OFFENSIVE LINE

The Oilers offensive line should be one of the strongest in the Eastern Football League and the return of John Carter, Carl Titus, Kevin Cotter and Leo Venezia are four big reasons why. Also picked by coach Paul Costello, to make the offensive go, are guards Larry DeVoe, and veteran Dick McGrail, along with big Fred Rihbany (an outstanding prospect at tackle), and Mike Molinano a rugged performer who should see a lot of action at guard.

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## Randolph Oilers

### ROSTER

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>
4	TED MEYER	RB	25	6'1"	200
10	RICK ARMSTRONG	QB	26	6'0"	210
12	TOM JOYCE	QB/DB	24	6'0"	180
19	NORM KENNEDY	WR	26	5'11"	170
20	MITCH SIKORA	P	30	5'11"	185
24	ARTIE SULLIVAN	FL	24	5'9"	150
28	BART CAMPANELLA	OLB	25	5'11"	160
31	MIKE GRASSIA	S	22	6'0"	185
32	PAUL KILLINGER	RB	26	5'9"	185
34	JAKE DAILEY	RB/LB	25	5'9"	180
35	ED NELSON	RB	18	6'0"	210
36	BRIAN O'CONNELL	S	21	5'10"	180
37	DICK QUEENEY	RB/DB	29	5'10"	170
39	DOUG NORTHRUP	RB	21	6'2"	215
40	MIKE KEEFE	PK	21	5'11"	175
43	JOHN CALLAHAN	MLB	24	6'0"	200
44	HARRIS THOMPSON	S	23	5'10"	170
50	JOHN CARTER	C	24	6'2"	240
52	LARRY DEVOE	OG	25	5'7"	205
54	STEVE ROMANOWSKI	OLB	24	6'0"	205
55	DANNY HESS	LB	23	6'0"	195
60	MIKE MOLINARO	OG	24	6'2"	230
63	DICK MCGRAIL	G	19	5'11"	195
65	BRIAN MCDONOUGH	LB	19	5'9"	185
66	SUNDY SUTHERLAND	MG	27	5'11"	215
68	DAVE BEE	LB	26	5'11"	190
70	LARRY CORDA	DT	24	6'4"	220
71	FRED RIHBANY	OT	19	6'2"	250
72	KEVIN COTTER	OG	23	6'1"	205
75	CARL TITUS	OT	25	6'2"	270
76	MIKE KLAPMAN	OG/DT	24	6'1"	240
77	ERNIE DILORETI	DT	25	6'2"	240
78	LEO VENEZIA	OG	20	5'6"	205
80	TOM KELLY	TE	28	6'1"	202
81	JOE MCGUNIGLE	DE/TE	19	6'1"	179
82	WILLIAM WALLINGTON	P/K/DB	24	6'2"	195
84	STEVE CALLAHAN	DE	21	6'0"	195
88	ALAN BANKS	DE/TE	21	6'0"	195
92	JOE PICARD	LB	21	6'0"	180

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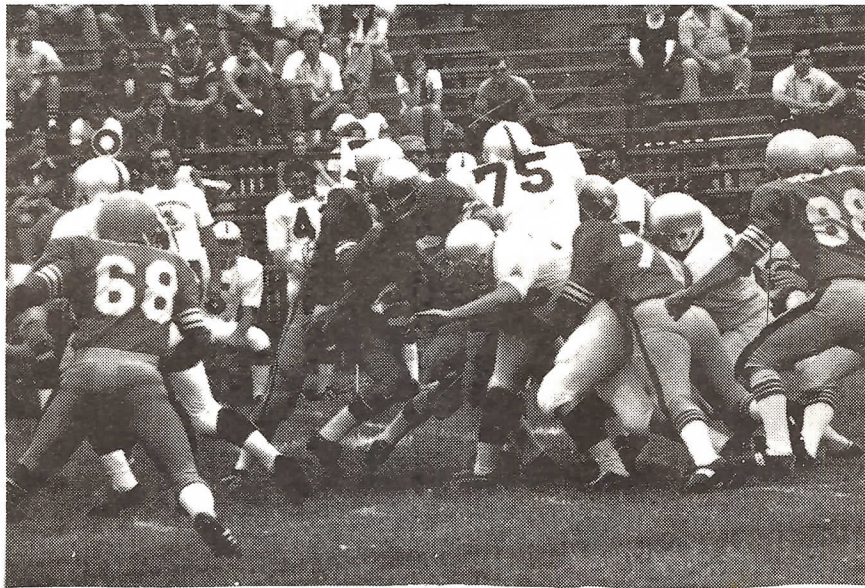
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## 1975 IN REVIEW

### Randolph Oilers - Eastern Football League

2	TRI-ATTLEBORO	7
22	MIDDLEBORO	0
28	HARTFORD	0
0	WEBSTER	6
0	PLYMOUTH	16
24	LOWELL	29
34	GREATER BOSTON	0
3	TRI-ATTLEBORO	9
19	HARTFORD	12
28	LOWELL	0
14	GREATER BOSTON	0
22	PLYMOUTH	14
22	WEBSTER	18
218		<hr/>
Points For		111
		Points Against

8 WINS - 5 LOSSES



**NO ROOM UP THE MIDDLE....** Alan Banks (88), Mike Klapman (76), Sundy Sutherland (66), Steve Callahan (84), and Dave Bee (68), stop the Middleboro ball carrier, Dave Souza, after a short gain.

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**THIS IS HOW WE'LL DO IT!.....** Getting instructions from coach Paul Costello are Brian McDonough (65), Steve Callahan (88), Doug Northrup (39), Leo Venezia (78), Dick Queeney (37), Larry Corda (90), and John Callahan (43).

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## About the coach...

# PAUL COSTELLO



Paul Costello, the head coach of the Randolph Oilers, is a man who wears many hats. Born in Dorchester, Paul played his high school football at Boston Technical and later went to the University of Massachusetts where he played fullback on offense and linebacker on defense. During the off season in college, Paul was a member of the swim team and the gymnastic team - the former of which he was the organizer competing on the trampoline where he won the New England AAU Championship eight years in a row, from 1952-1959 and in 1955 placed second in the nationals.

After college, Paul played a year for the Whitman Town Team in the New England Football League before having a try out in 1962 with the Boston Patriots. Returning to Dorchester in 1961, Costello took his first shot at coaching when he joined the Lyons Club Football Team in the Boston Park League.

Winning became a habit for the Lyons Club as they captured 7 league titles from 1961 to 1968. In 1969, the new league didn't seem to make any difference as the Lyons Club won the Eastern Football League crown. For the next three years Costello coached Lee Chisholm's Malden and Peabody Colts -- winning three more titles and 34 straight games.

After a year off, Paul returned to coaching in the EFL in 1974 as head man with the Middleboro Cobras and won his fifth straight EFL title. 12 championships in 14 years --- not a bad record for any coach.

Costello has also been very successful as a high school coach for the past 9 years. Starting at Hyde Park High in 1967, he served as Assistant for two years before moving on to Boston Latin. At Latin after another two years as Assistant Coach, Paul has taken over the head reins for the past five seasons.

1970, his first season, is one he will remember for a long time .. as his team went undefeated and in 1972 they posted an 8-2 record.

Showing his versatility he has also been head coach of basketball for the last five years while producing tournament teams in 1971 and 1972.

Currently making his home in Duxbury with his wife, Joan, and 4 children - Tim, 16, who is a goalie on the Duxbury High Hockey Team, Chrissie, 14, Brian, 12 and Mary Beth 10. Coach Costello continues to keep in shape by playing tennis, basketball, and touch football. Always one to take an active part in Community affairs, Paul also serves on the Recreation and Activities Committee in his home town as well as playing a part in the Town Swimming Program. Having obtained his Bachelor of Science and Master's Degree he is currently going after his CAGS.

1976 promises to be an exciting season for both the Oiler players and fans ... with Paul Costello at the helm.

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## 1976 Regular Game Schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 25

MANCHESTER RIFLEMEN AT RANDOLPH OILERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

RANDOLPH OILERS AT GREATER BOSTON RAIDERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

RHODE ISLAND KINGS AT RANDOLPH OILERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 (pm)

RANDOLPH OILERS AT MIDDLEBORO COBRAS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

MERRIMAC VALLEY COLTS AT RANDOLPH OILERS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 (pm)

RANDOLPH OILERS AT MARLBORO SHAMROCKS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 (pm)

RANDOLPH OILERS AT PLYMOUTH ROCKS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (pm)

RANDOLPH OILERS AT MANCHESTER RIFLEMEN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

GREATER BOSTON RAIDERS AT RANDOLPH OILERS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (pm)

RANDOLPH OILERS AT RHODE ISLAND KINGS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

MIDDLEBORO COBRAS AT RANDOLPH OILERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

RANDOLPH OILERS AT MERRIMAC VALLEY COLTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

MARLBORO SHAMROCKS AT RANDOLPH OILERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

PLYMOUTH ROCKS AT RANDOLPH OILERS

Week ending Sunday, October 31 and Sunday, November 7 will be set aside as rain dates.

Playoffs will be held between the first four teams in the EFL Standings with team 1 meeting team 4 and team 2 meeting team 3 in the opening round with the winners to meet the following week.

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#### **FOOTBALL JAMBOREE PROCLAMATION**

Members of the Randolph Board of Selectmen proclaimed Sunday, July 11th as Randolph Oilers Bicentennial Football Jamboree Day. From left are members of the Oilers Board of Directors - Eddie Rosoff, Pat Lee, Ed Ripp and Tom Comerford; Selectman Pat McDonnell; and Peter O'Kane, Randolph Oilers General Manager.



#### **A MESSAGE TO OUR FANS AND PATRONS...**

For the 3rd straight year, the Randolph Oilers Football Club will be dedicated to bringing our fans the best in amateur football.

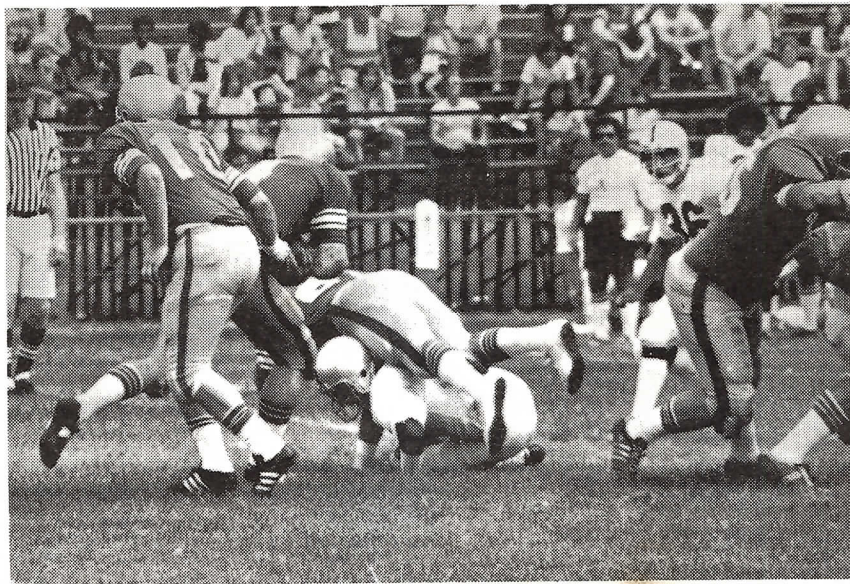
We know that with the fine talent and competition we have available in the Eastern Football League, you will be provided with many exciting moments.

All this is made possible through your attendance and support.

On behalf of the players and the management, we solicit and thank you for your continued support.

**EDWARD RIPP**  
President

**PETER O'KANE**  
General Manager



**ON HIS WAY.....** Ted Meyer takes handoff from Rick Armstrong as Carl Titus (75), and Mike Moninano (60) open up a giant hole in the line.

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