



Taunton Jim Mancuso tries to elude Brockton's Bill Toth (88) and Al McDonald. (Enterprise photo by Tom Tully)

Brockton downs Taunton

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BROCKTON — The Brockton Oilers took advantage of two costly Taunton errors and went on to defeat the scrappy Bengals, 22-8, in an Eastern Football League game Friday night at West Junior High.

After a scoreless first period, the Oilers got on the board following a fumble recovery by Al McDonald when quarterback Fred Beissner was forced out of the pocket and found split end Mike Delancey behind the Bengal secondary for a 40-yard touchdown strike.

The Oilers struck like lightning to open the second half when Scott Solomon took the kickoff at his own 15-yard line, broke a pair of tackles at the 35, cut to the outside and raced the final 65 yards for the score giving Brockton a 12-0 lead.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Bengal defense, led by Jim Soccoccio and Wayne Oliver, killed an Oiler drive at

the one-yard line. However, on the next play, the Taunton offense gave it right back when Jim Mancuso fumbled the snap at the one.

The Oilers quickly took advantage of the turnover when Beissner went in for the score on a keeper. Jim Cotter split the uprights for the point after, giving Brockton a 19-0 lead.

The lone Bengal offensive drive came midway through the final period when Mancuso hit Bill Heap with a 30-yard pass and halfback Lou Faoli picked up consecutive first downs putting the ball inside the Oiler 10.

Two plays later, Faoli banged over and Mancuso hit tight end Doug Laravee for the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 19-8.

Taunton's attempt at an onside kick backfired when Bill Toth picked up the short kick and split the startled Bengal special team, returning the ball to the Bengal 15 from where Cotter closed out the scoring with a 32-yard field goal.