

# Oilers open EFL season with victory

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BROCKTON — It was hot, it was dusty and the night air was filled with mosquitos.

The temperature was better suited for water skiing, sipping mint julips or just plain doing nothing Saturday night, but the Brockton Oilers and the Albany Metro Maulers opened their 1983 Eastern Football League schedule at the local dustbowl known as West Junior High Field.

It was a hard-fought ballgame from start to finish and it was a typical Oiler performance. It was also a game that Brockton should have won in regulation instead of going into overtime to win it, 14-7.

About 350 loyal Oiler rooters saw their

team lose a 7-0 lead in the final 30 seconds of regulation when Albany opened up a passing attack that tied the game in the waning moments.

The overtime, which, in the EFL consists of each team having four shots at scoring a touchdown from the opposing 10-yard-line, saw Brockton's Jay McGee, former Brockton High star, scamper in on a pitchout option right on the fourth running attempt to score the Oilers' winning touchdown.

Jim Cotter's extra point off a Fred Beisner hold made it 14-7 and the Brockton defense did the rest by stopping the visitors on their four attempts.

"This was a great game both ways, particularly from a defensive standpoint,"

stated Oiler second-year coach Tom Pileski.

"I think the offense that we showed in the overtime is going to make a big difference for us this year," he added.

"The one big problem we have to solve this year is getting rid of the 10-year stigma the Oilers have had that they can't score points."

Pileski was pleased with the play of his defense, particularly the front line which consisted of Jim Callahan, John Pinto, Steve Venckus and Joe DeSisto.

The Oilers had four sacks during regulation against Albany and of these Pina and DeSisto had one each and Venckus had a pair.

Brockton showed very little offense dur-

ing the four quarters. In fact, it could manage just three first downs and less than 80 yards of total offense.

However, when the team really needed it, it was the defense that rose to the occasion.

As a matter of fact, it was the defense which put the Oiler touchdown in the first quarter on the board. Brockton had three breaks in that period and failed to capitalize on the first two.

The Oilers got the break they needed and capitalized on it when Mike Pasquantonio broke through to block a punt at the Albany 10. Venckus was there to scoop up the ball and run it in for the touchdown that almost stood up to win it in regulation.