

Oilers make successful return home

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RANDOLPH — The Randolph Oilers of the Eastern Football League celebrated their return to the town of their origin Sunday afternoon by defeating a good defense-oriented Cape Cod Breaker eleven, 21-9.

The Oilers were consistent on offense sticking pretty much to a ground game that featured the running of Ed Nelson, the old pro, and a budding new tailback find in Steve Roan while on defense they played opportunistic ball taking advantage of just about every Breaker mistake.

All three oiler scores, incidentally, came about either directly or indirectly as the result of a Cape Cod miscue.

On the third play from scrimmage after the opening kickoff, Lorne Beane recovered a Cape Cod fumble at the breaker 21 and three plays later it was 6-0 Randolph as quarterback Fred Beissner found a wide-open Roan at the goal line for the score. The PAT attempt by Phil Merak was blocked by linebacker Ken Diefenbach, an exceptional defensive player for the visitors.

A late first quarter drive by the Breakers keyed by the passing of Roby Walls to George Gaspa (25 yards) and Joe Lucido (15 yards) stalled out at the Oiler 24.

In the second quarter, Greg Deschenes of the Oilers stepped in front of a pass thrown by Bob Swaggart, and returned to the Cape Cod 41.

Nelson picked up five, six, and four in three rushes, but a motion penalty forced a field goal try by Merak from the 36 that was short.

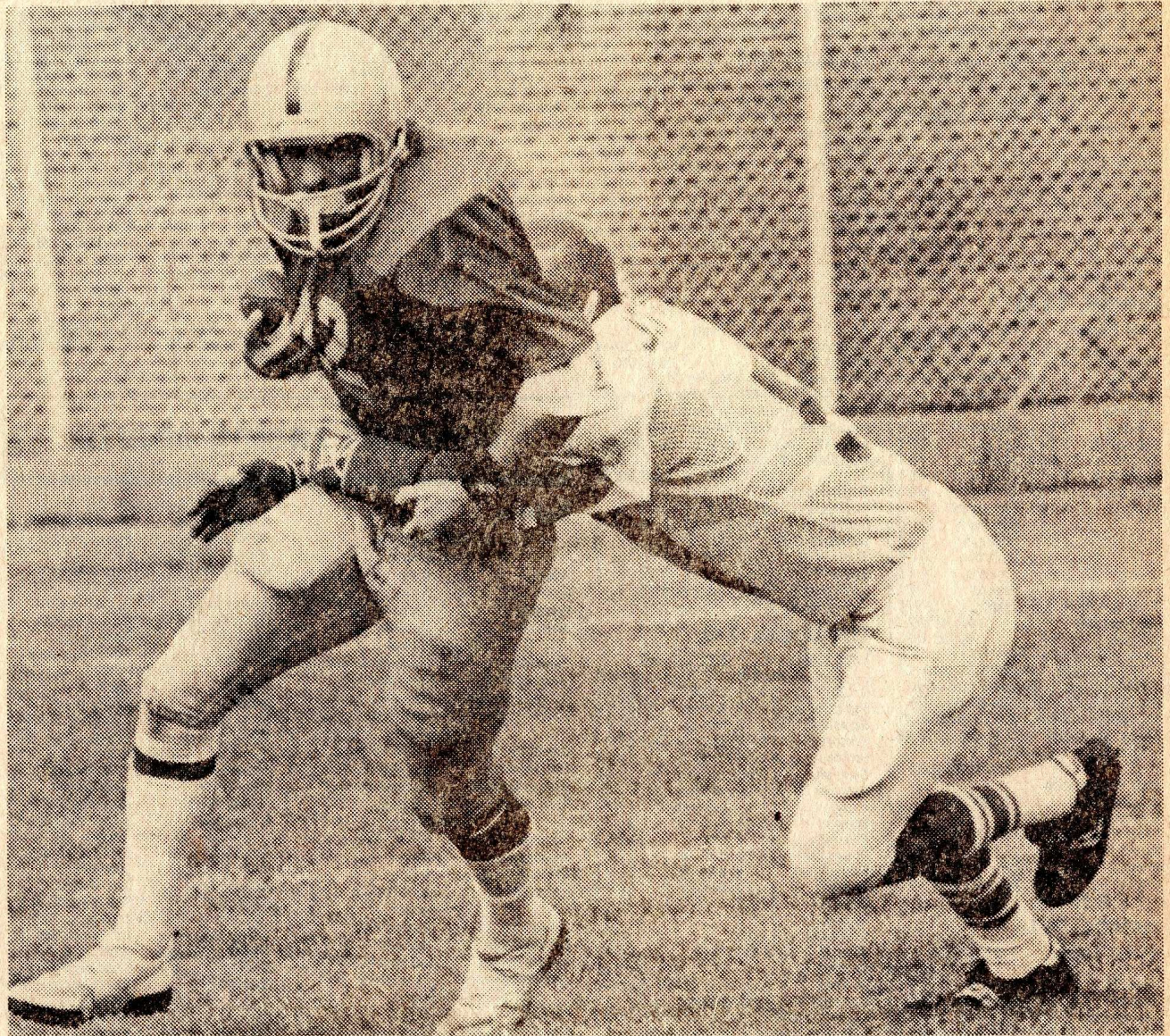
On the next series of downs, however, Tom Kirlis broke through to block a Breaker punt and Bill Turner recovered in the end zone for six more points and Nelson's two-point rush upped the lead to 14-0.

At this point Cape Cod put on its only sustained drive of the long, hot, and humid afternoon and the only score by its offense.

With Gaspa and Butch Perry alternating carries, the Breakers drove in nine plays from their own 13 to their own 41, gambling and winning on a fourth and one from their own 28.

Swaggart then dropped back and hit Perry on the run at the Oiler 40 and the speedster outran the secondary for the first Breaker touchdown in history. Mike Fin made it 14-7 with his conversion.

Things got a little sticky for the Oilers when Paul Howell and JuJu Fernandes nailed Beissner in the end zone for a safety at 9:17 of the third quarter, but this would end the Breaker scoring for the day.



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Phil Cummings (No. 44 of the Randolph Oilers is brought down by Cape Cod's JuJu Fernandes. Oilers won the game, 21-9.

Late in the third the two teams exchanged fumble recoveries in Randolph took over at its own 31.

On three consecutive carries Nelson ran for 14 and Roan for 14 and 19 to the Breaker 17.

In four plays it was Nelson bulling over from the

one and a 21-9 lead after Merak split the uprights.

Randolph had two scores called back in the fourth period due to penalties (clip and ineligible down-field).