

# Oilers in 'spiritual' victory

By Scott Flaherty

The Randolph Oilers fell to defeat, 28-10, against the Marlboro Shamrocks, last Friday night but for the Oilers, it was a big "spiritual" lift.

The Shamrocks are the defending champs and have been for the past three years. Add to that the fact they've been in the nationals the past two years. And they're currently in pursuit of the 23-game, consecutive win streak, set by Hyde Park. They've got 22 wins in a row already.

Randolph had nothing to be ashamed of, because the half-time score was only 14-10 in favor of Marlboro.

Marlboro received the opening kickoff and, on a drive that started from their own 40 yard line, ended up in the Oiler's end zone.

Shamrock quarterback Tom Power threw the ball from the Oilers' 46 yard line into the hands of wide receiver Paul Duplessis, who just happened to be in the end zone for the touchdown. Kicker Pat Caruso added the extra point to give the Shamrocks a 7-0 lead.

After an Oiler's unsuccessful bid to break the shutout, Marlboro fumbled, and Oiler linebacker Jim Brodie recovered at the Shamrock's 35.

Oilers' running back Jay McGee moved the team four yards closer to the 31 yard line. After an incomplete pass, kicker Rollie Locke made good on a field goal.

Lady Luck then switched sides in the second quarter.

On a Shamrock kick, the Oilers fumbled, much like the Raiders and Dolphins did against the Patriots. Marlboro linebacker Carl Hume recovered at Randolph's 8. Then at 13:33, running back Paul Sharon ran into the end zone to increase the lead. Caruso's extra point kick was good, 14-3.

At the Shamrocks' 47 yard line, Sharon fumbled and the Oilers regained the ball.

With a fourth and inches to go situation for Randolph, an offside penalty against Marlboro gave the Oilers a first down at the Shamrocks' 22 yard line.

Jay McGee went "off to the races" as he broke loose for a 22 yard touchdown run. A Rollie Locke extra point kick brought the Oilers within four, 14-10.

Neither Randolph nor Marlboro scored in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Oilers' quarterback Beissner threw for a touchdown. However, it wasn't for his team. Marlboro's linebacker Hume intercepted the pass at the Oilers' 35 yard line and returned it for the score. His teammate kicker Carusa got the extra point to give his club a 21-10 led and they never looked back.

At approximately 4:37 of the fourth and final quarter, Tommy Power, the Shamrocks' quarterback, got a touchdown via a 76 yard bootleg. The kick was good and, except for the time on the clock, the game was over.

The final score was 28-10 in favor of Marlboro.

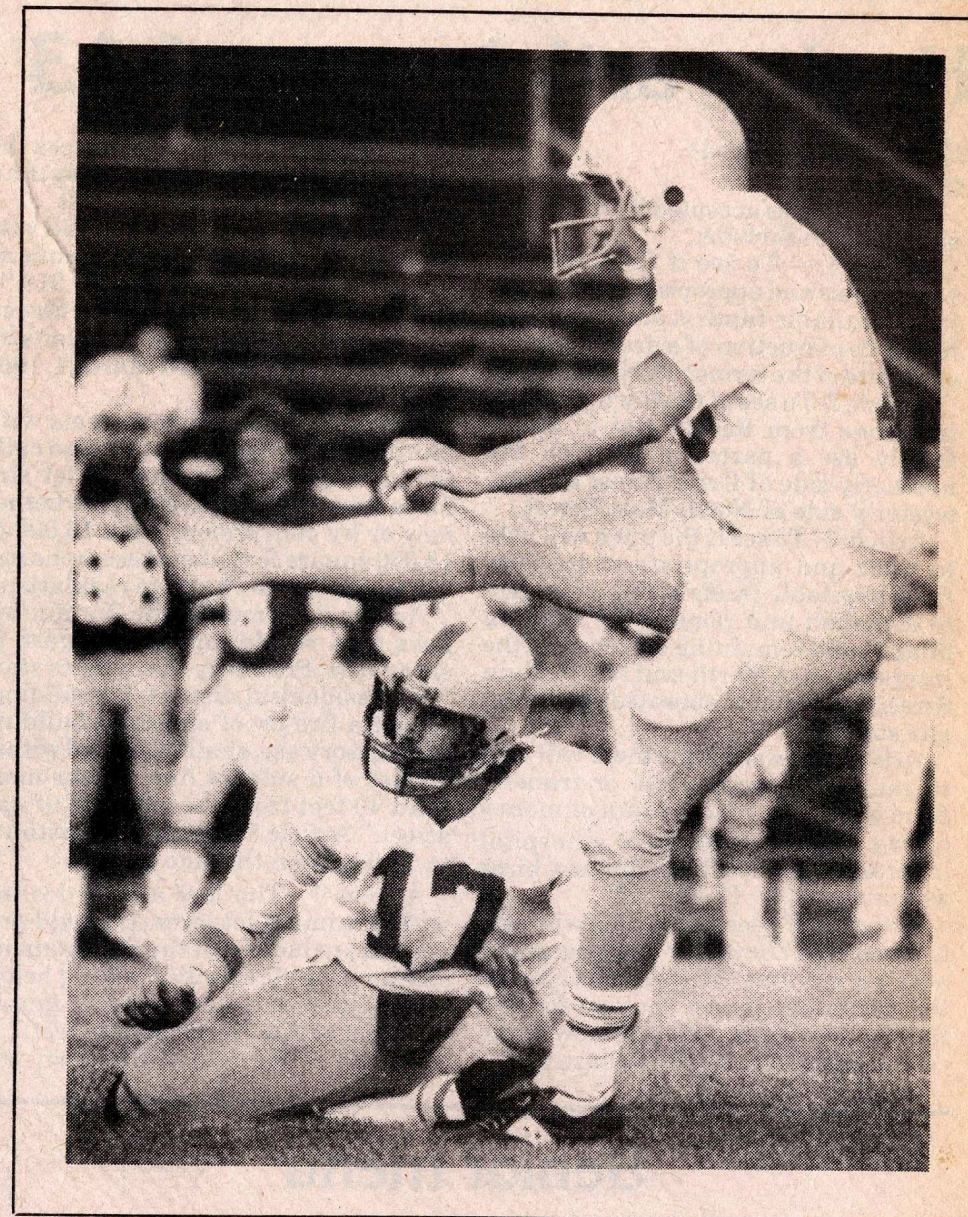
Strange as it may seem, some of the Shamrock players were upset. Tight-end Gene Massa insisted, "We should be playing a lot better than we are."

Coach Jim Duggan commented, "They played tough, they did a real good job on us."

Paul Scopetski, the center, credited, "The interception took it out of Randolph."

On the opposite side of the field Oilers' general manager Peter O'Kane felt. . . , "They played well."

"I think we played especially well against the number one defense and offense in the league," Oilers' coach Tom Pileski greeted, "All their touch-



**Barefoot kicker Rollie Locke boots first period field goal as quarterback Fred Beissner holds to give Randolph Oilers three points in 28-10 loss to Marlboro. (Jim Wiltraut photo)**

downs were a result of our errors. They're a good football team."

What is Pileski's opinion on the season so far?

"We honestly believed that we would win the first game against Middleboro," he replied, adding, "I really

believe that if we can stick together, we'll be a good football team by the fourth game."

O'Kane encourages loyal fans to attend Saturday's game in Albany, NY. Contact him for directions at 986-4447.