

Oilers slip past Tigers

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Tough defense carries Cobras past Charlestown

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RANDOLPH — A strong second half defense helped propel the Randolph Oilers past the Tri-Town Tigers, 17-13, in an Eastern Football League game played Friday night at Memorial Field.

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The Oilers were able to fend off the Tri-Town first half challenge and improve their season's mark to 5-0.

"Tonight proved we're a good team," said Oilers coach Tom Pileski. "A good team is able to win close ball games. Last week we squeezed by Charlestown, 9-7 and tonight Tri-Town gave us all we could handle."

Tri-Town stunned the Oilers when it scored on its very first possession.

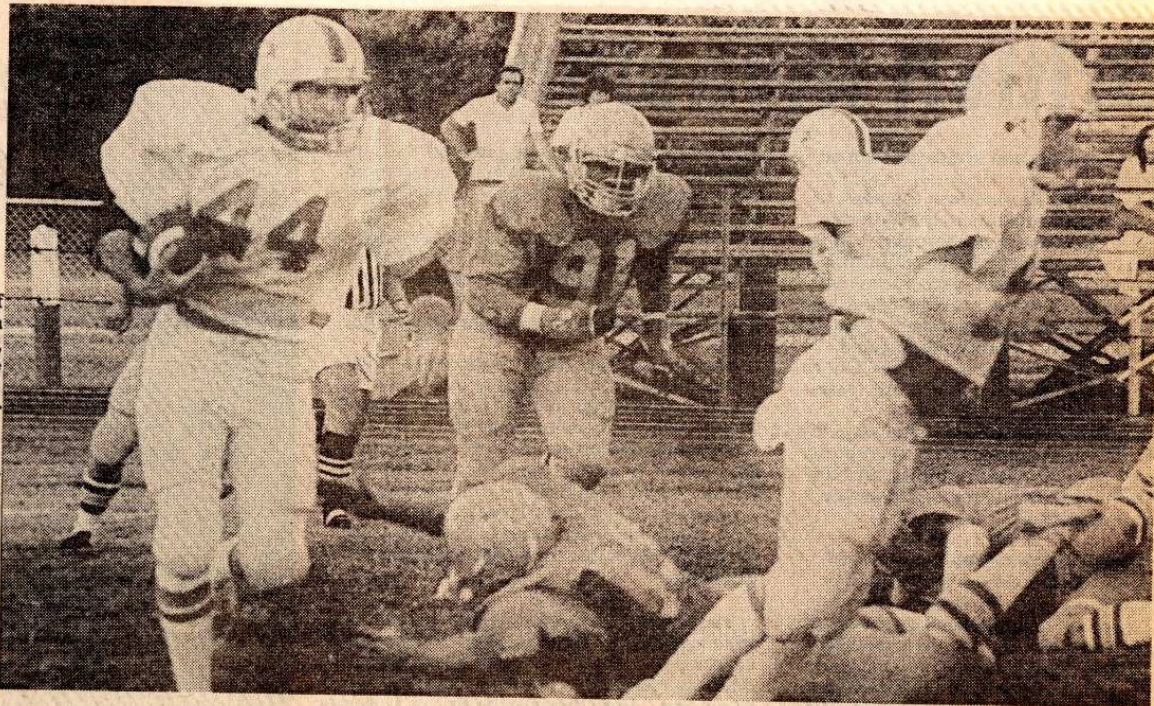
The highlight of the 68-yard, eight-play drive, was Ed Lovely's 55-yard touchdown scamper.

A Bobby Witt-to-Sean Crowley 2-yard pass culminated an ensuing 65-yard drive for the Oilers highlighted by a big 25-yard Witt to Jim Clifford pass. Rollie Locke's PAT knotted the score at 7-7.

Tri-Town again put together an impressive offensive drive, but Oiler Ted Clinkscale came up with a key interception of a John Scully pass at the two-yard line to thwart the Tigers' attempt to regain the lead.

The Oilers couldn't stand the prosperity however, as two plays later Joe Disimone jarred the ball loose from Witt and an alert Scott Ramsey scooped up the fumble and ran in for the score, putting the Tigers up, 13-7.

Randolph again rose to the occasion as it marched 63 yards on the strength of some fine running by Jay McGee.



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Ed Lovely (44) of the Tri-Town Tigers (top photo) lugs the pigskin one way behind a wall of blockers while Bob Witt of the Randolph Oilers (right) carries the ball the other during Eastern Football League action Friday night at Memorial Field in Randolph.



On a third and goal at the two, McGee powered his way into the end-zone to tie the score at 13 apiece. Locke's conversion try was letter perfect giving the Oilers a lead they wouldn't relinquish, 14-13.

The only score of the second half was a Locke 30-yard field goal as the Oilers' defense shut the door on Lovely and Tri-Town.