

Randolph and Marlboro in showdown

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The top spot in the Eastern Football League will be up for grabs Friday night when the Marlboro Shamrocks and Randolph Oilers (both 6-0) square off at Randolph High School at 7:30.

The Shamrocks come into the game as the league's top offensive (152 points) and defensive (39 points allowed) power. However in Randolph, they will be facing their toughest test of the year against an Oiler defense that has only given up 47 points.

In fact, it was the Oiler defense that allowed Randolph to remain unbeaten as it accounted for the winning score against the Rhode Island Rhinos (14-6)

a defense as EFL scoring leader Jay McGee tops all runners with 552 yards rushing and leads the way in scoring with 36 points.

When defenses try to zero-in on McGee, quarterback Bob Witt has been able to cash in as he has thrown seven touchdown passes (tied for the league lead).

Elsewhere in the EFL Friday night, the Middleboro Cobras, who are also alive in the race (4-2), will host the Rhinos in an 8:30 kickoff at Battis Field.

Quarterback Bob Barrett was the big story in the Cobras' 35-0 romp over Tri-Town last week as he threw for three touchdown and completed 10 passes for 132 yards.

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Defensive back Ted Clinkscale intercepted two passes on the night, returning one 20 yards for a score and picking off his second in the Rhino end zone, denying the game-tying score.

If the Oilers hope to stay undefeated they will have to shut down the Shamrocks' Frank Fay, who is second in the league in rushing, and Mike Grasis, who ranks fourth. The duo has been almost unstoppable in the first six games, combining for 935 yards.

Randolph is just as capable of testing

John Mantalbano is Barrett's favorite target and is the Cobras' home run threat. Running backs Dave Moitoso and Kelly Brooks have kept defenses honest with their speed and also give Barrett a pair of excellent secondary receivers.

The Middleboro defense is led by tackle Dave Arruda who has five sacks (second best in the EFL) and has become a real force in the middle of the Cobras line.

Kicker Dave Hickey is another Cobra weapon as he is second in the league in scoring for place kickers (14 points) and also is second in punting with a 36.2-yard average.