

# Randolph shoots for top of EFL Friday night

**BROCKTON** — There are only two games on tap in the Eastern Football League this weekend, but both games have serious ramifications on local teams.

The 8-1 Randolph Oilers travel to Marlboro Saturday night for a first-place showdown with the 9-0 Shamrocks and revenge is certainly on the minds of the Oilers.

After carrying a 13-7 lead into halftime in the first meeting, the Oilers saw Marlboro stage a second-half rally and come away with a 28-13 win, thus handing the Oilers their only loss of the season.

"We have to control the football," said Oilers' coach Tom Pileski. "In our first game with Marlboro we scored on our first offensive series. After that we didn't put together any sustained drives. We also have to display a balanced offensive attack.

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"Bobby Witt, our quarterback, threw the ball very well in that first meeting, but our receivers didn't catch the ball. This put pressure on our running game, which Marlboro held in check."

The Oilers must defeat the Shamrocks by more than 16 points if it hopes to capture the EFL regular season crown outright.

The league champ plays the fourth-place playoff team in semifinal round action while the second and third place teams meet in the other semifinal game.

If the Oilers lose to Marlboro, they still will have the home-field advantage and the second playoff seed by virtue of their won-loss record against opponents during the regular season.

Surprisingly enough, the NFL players strike could have a direct impact on the outcome of the Randolph-Marlboro game, much to the de-

light of the Oilers.

"Three of Marlboro's top players are now with the Patriots," Pileski added. "This is certainly a plus for us."

The Oilers are hoping to carry the momentum of last weekend's 19-8 win over Rhode Island into the Saturday match-up.

In the win over the Rhinos, Randolph's Jay McGee amassed 215 yards rushing, giving him a league-leading 882 yards on the ground.

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Marlboro High School.

Friday night, Charlestown is at Hyde Park in the battle for the fourth and final playoff spot.

The Middleboro Cobras concluded their season with an 8-2 mark and must sit back and wait for the outcome of the Randolph-Marlboro battle before figuring out who their semifinal opponent will be.

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