

Barrett, Middleboro paste Randolph

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Cobras, 31-7

MIDDLEBORO — Quarterback Bob Barrett threw for three touchdowns and a strong Middleboro defense intercepted three passes to lead the Cobras to a 31-7 win over Randolph in an Eastern Football League game Friday night at Battis Field.

Barrett threw for one touchdown in the first half and two more in the second half.

"Barrett was tough. He played well," lamented Cobras coach Dave Harrison.

The two second half touchdown passes were to Alby Sebastyn. The first was a 1-yarder in the third quarter and the second closed out the scoring early in the fourth quarter, covering 19 yards.

"On the second touchdown catch, Alby made a nice fake to get open over the middle," said Harrison of the play that iced the game.

The Cobras (4-1) defense was immense the whole game. They shut down the top rushing team in the league and then the defensive backfield took care of the passing game once Randolph was forced to go to the air. Coming up with the three interceptions were Mike Gonsalves (fourth and fifth of season) and Bill Jones.

"I have to give Middleboro credit," said Oilers coach Tom Pileski. "They took advantage of every mistake. In the second half, we had our opportunities (with score 10-7 early in the second half), but we didn't capitalize because of their defense.

"The Middleboro offense then broke the game open and it took us out of our running game and forced us to the air."

The Randolph running game, which averaged almost 200 yards a game while the Oilers were compiling a 4-0 league record, was held to under 100 yards Friday night.

Leading 10-7 midway through the third period after Randolph had cut the 10-point halftime league to three on a 10-yard pass from Bobby Witt to Mark Harding, the Cobras broke the game open in next few minutes.

Dave Moitoso scored on a 5-yard run around the right end and then Barrett and Sebastyn took over through the air.

"Moitoso ran the ball well from the fullback position throughout the game," said Harrison.

As for moving into a first place tie with Randolph, Harrison called the victory a "very satisfying win."

The Cobras wasted little time in getting on the scoreboard. On the first play from scrimmage, Carl Fisher got Middleboro close to midfield with a 30-yard run. Barrett then got the Cobras into scoring position with a 37 yard pass to John Montalbano.

Harrison gambled on fourth down and it paid off. Craig Ross

kept the drive alive with a first down run to get the ball to the Oiler 15. Barrett then got the ball inside the five with an 11 yard quarterback keeper. Here the Oiler defense responded as Mike Nye and Bill Turner came up with defensive gems to keep Harrison's crew out of the end zone.

Harrison did not test the fates on his second fourth down situation. Instead, he settled for a 26 yard field goal by Dave Hickey to complete the 12-play drive.

The Randolph offense could not get it into gear early as the Oilers failed to get a first down on its first two possessions. However, in the second period, Witt got the lethargic Oiler offense on track.

Witt found his favorite receiver Ron Cassford for two receptions which got Randolph into Cobra defense. However, the trick play turned into diaster for Randolph.

Middleboro's George Feroli recovered a fumbled reverse deep in Randolph territory. The gambling Harrison lucked out again on fourth down as Barrett connected with Mike Bunzel at the Oiler 1.

It appeared to be a case of déjà vu as the Oiler defense hung tough at the goal line. However, on third and goal at the nine, Barrett found Bunzel in the right corner of the end zone. Hickey's extra point gave the Cobras a 10-0 lead at half.