

Cobras, Oilers meet again

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It's always rough to come back to work after a week off.

The Middleboro Cobras will be finding out how tough that is when they travel to Randolph to face the Oilers on Friday night in an Eastern Football League game.

The two teams have met once this year with the Cobras prevailing 31-7 back in August. In that game Middleboro quarterback Bob Barrett threw three TD passes, two of them to Alby Sebastain.

The Cobras are also nationally ranked now. Middleboro is Class B's second-ranked team in the latest American Football Association rankings out of Elmhurst, Ill. The top-ranked team, ironically, is Hyde Park while the Orange Crush from Los Angeles, Cal. is third and the Indianapolis, Ind. Raiders are rated fourth.

Middleboro comes into the game with a 7-1 record, just a half-game behind league-leading Hyde Park (8-1). In their most recent

outing, the Cobras throttled Charlestown, 29-14.

Randolph's last game was also against Charlestown, but the Oilers fell with 45 seconds left in the game to the Townies, 8-0.

The Oilers (5-3) need to win this game to stay one game ahead of the Townies (5-4) in the battle for third place.

This second game between Middleboro and Randolph will highlight a battle of the league's two best running attacks.

Middleboro features the EFL's top rusher in Craig Ross, who has rushed for 508 yards and is averaging a staggering 9.8 per carry. The Cobras also have the sixth leading ball carrier in Kelley Brooks and Carl Fisher, who is eighth.

Randolph has the third leading ballcarrier in Michael Waithe (66 carries, 396 yards) and Jay McGee (57 carries, 294 yards), who is seventh in rushing.