

Randolph keeping an eye on playoffs

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RANDOLPH — The Randolph Oilers are now 5-2 in the Eastern Football League after downing Warren R.I. last week by the score of 28-7.

Their second loss, incurred two weeks ago when the Oilers were defeated 14-7 by Tri-Town in a stunning upset, would appear to have been the death blow as far as Randolph winning or tying for the regular-season league title.

What the Oilers must do now is polish up their offense and defense for the upcoming playoffs that will begin in three weeks.

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The top four teams in the final standings will compete in the championship playoffs and the Oilers are a cinch to be in the hunt.

"Let's face it," admitted Randolph coach Tom Pileski, "we got ambushed in that Tri-Town game. It should have been an easy win for us, but we were not physical enough or aggressive enough and they came up with two touchdowns in the final five minutes to beat us."

By scoring four TDs against Warren, the Oilers have a great start on the momentum that they must now build up to properly prepare for the playoffs.

"We're going to have to stop Sorocco (Paul) and his passes if we're going to get by Charlestown this Friday night (at Charlestown 7:30)," said Pileski. "He was the leading passer in the league last year and is ranked third this season with 43 completions in 102 attempts for 569 yards and 11 touchdowns."

The Charlestown attack is built around Sorocco's passes while Randolph's should be a diversified offense featuring a strong running game and the passing of Bobby Witt.

EFL standings with 329 yards gained on 52 carries for an average of six yards per carry, while McGee is one of the fastest backs ever to wear a Randolph uniform.

With three games to play in the regular season, the Oilers are definitely gearing their offense to the playoffs.

The Middleboro Cobras draw a bye this week, but will face a key matchup next Friday when they travel to Randolph for the second meeting between these two clubs. The Cobras were the winners when they met earlier in the season.

"Bobby (Witt) is the leading passer percentage-wise in the EFL this year and sometimes I think we look for the easy score rather than grinding it out on the ground at five or six yards a clip," added the coach.

Pileski noted that his squad gained only 102 yards on the ground against Warren in spite of the four scores. Three of the touchdowns were actually set up by the defense with timely interceptions.

"We need a strong running game to take the pressure off Witt," concluded Pileski, "and we have two of the best ball carriers in the league in Mike Waithe and Jay McGee."

Waithe is ranked fourth in the

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CHARLESTOWN — Derek Willis caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from Paul Sorocco and John Toyias rushed for the two-point conversion with 45 seconds left as Charlestown shut out Randolph, 8-0 in Eastern Football League action.

Randolph had an opportunity with five minutes left to break the scoreless tie after Sean Crowley intercepted a Charlestown pass at the Townie 30. Mike Waithe on four successive carries took the ball to the 1-yard line only to fumble on his fifth straight carry and the Townies Paul Canney recovered in the end zone.