Oilers look for first EFL win

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After being upset, 21-9, in their home opener to the Marlboro Shamrocks, the Randolph Oilers take to the road tomorrow afternoon. They play the Methuen Outlaws at Nicholson Field in a 4 p.m Eastern Football

League game.

The Outlaws, in their first EFL season, are also hungry for victory. They fell to a powerful Middleboro team, 27-0, in week one. Methuen was able to muster only 58 yards of total offense against the experienced Cobras, who accumulated more than 300 yards.

Nevertheless, Outlaw coach Mark Garrett feels his team will be ready

for Randolph.

"We have a very good attitude," said Garrett, whose team will sport a wing-T offense. "We play a physical

game.'

Leading Methuen's offense is quarterback Bart Tucker, who ran a wing-T in high school. Also running back Matt Ganza, who carried the ball 11 times for 40 yards last week,

will see much action.

In addition, captains Jim Madigan and Wayne Fox, will be counted upon to provide the spark for the hosts. Madigan, a safety, was a member of the Shamrocks' 1983-84 teams that captured the EFL. Fox, a wide receiver, played in the NFL for the Los Angeles Rams during the 1987 strike-shortened season.

According to Garrett, the Outlaws will need to contain Randolph if they

are going to pull out a victory.

"Randolph has great speed, especially on special teams; maybe the best in the league," he said. "I don't know how Marlboro contained them."

Randolph coach Bob Turner said after last week's loss that his team won't change anything for the upcoming game. He feels that his ground game, led by running backs Jay McGee and Mike Waithe, will return to form. In the opener, the Oilers had just 95 yards on 24 carries.

Both the league's offensive and defensive player of the week participated in the Randolph/Marlboro game. Shamrock quarterback Bill Polymerous racked up the offensive award, completing 8 of 13 passes for 163 yards and three touchdowns. He also carried the ball six times for 61 yards. The defensive honor went to Oiler linebacker Buba Pina, who helped to shut down the Marlboro running game. Receiving honorable mention from the Oilers were McGee, Harding and kick returner Greg Martello... The 21 points that