

# Oilers out for two in a row

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RANDOLPH — One week after their biggest victory of the season — 49-0 over Charlestown — the Randolph Oilers hope to make it two straight when they meet the Ocean State Buccaneers tonight (7:30) at Randolph High School.

Randolph coach Bob Turner believes that last week's victory may have signified the Oilers' awakening.

"We were not playing good football after last season," he said. "It's hard to get these guys back to play football. We were most concerned with how we played as a team last week. I think (the victory) turned us around."

However, the Buccaneers (1-2) should not be taken lightly. They're coming off a tough, 14-0 loss to the Middleboro Cobras. A week before that, Ocean State held the Marlboro Shamrocks to 113 yards of total offense, despite losing, 27-6.

The problem for the Buccaneers has been a lack of offensive production — only 30 points in the first three games.

"We have what we feel is a pretty good offense," Buccaneers' coach Joe Calzaretta said. "But it hasn't clicked yet."

Ocean State displays an "I" attack, which Calzaretta thinks has been balanced between the ground and passing game.

Directing the offense will be former UNH quarterback Bob Jean, who had a brief stint in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons. Jean's favorite targets are wideouts Bobby Tennent, who gained 228 yards in pass receptions against Charlestown, and Doug Haynes.

When Ocean State calls upon its ground game, halfback Sean Gant and fullback Brian Worth will most likely carry the load.

Rodger Jette anchors the Ocean State defensive backs, who intercepted Charlestown seven times three weeks ago. The Bucs' linebackers are led by Bobby Richardson, Lloyd Dotson and Darrell Davidow.

Calzaretta said his team has something to prove.

"We've had our share of misfortune thus far," he said. "We haven't had an opportunity to show ourselves off yet."

The Oilers (2-2) report no injuries after last week's game, although QB Bobby Witt was lost for the season with a knee injury against Middleboro.

Filling in for Witt has been backup John Pina, who completed four of eight passes last week for 103 yards.

"John is a heck of a player," Turner said. "With John at quarterback, we haven't missed a beat."

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Randolph's Brain Heffernan, Jay McGee, Gregg Martello, Ricky Witt, Pina and Ray Almeida received EFL Player of the Week honorable mention for their efforts last Friday . . . The Randolph defense is ranked third among EFL teams, behind Middleboro and Ocean State, in fewest yards allowed with 614. They rank first in sacks with 12, totaling 112 yards . . . The Middleboro vs. Worcester EFL game has been rescheduled and moved from Middleboro to Worcester, to be played Sunday at 6:30.