

# Victory over Marlboro lifts Oilers to 3-2

The Randolph Oilers had a simple mission on defense against the Ocean State Buccaneers. Stop quarterback Bob Jean, a former UNH star who was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons.

Mission accomplished. The Oilers held Jean to four completions and rode a big-play offense to stop the Bucs, 25-13, in

played very well," said general manager Peter O'Kane.

Mike Waithe led a balanced running game with 87 yards on 11 carries as Randolph raced out to an 18-0 lead. Mark Harding had four receptions for 70 yards, caught a TD pass and scored Randolph's first touchdown on a 73-yard punt return.

John Pina turned in his second straight solid performance in place of the injured Bob Witt. He was 6-10 for 105 yards and a touchdown. In the past two games, Pina is 10-18 and has thrown

three touchdown passes.

Ricky Witt had a fine game punting the ball. He averaged 41 yards on five punts and gave Randolph excellent field position with his high, booming kicks.

The Oilers held the Bucs on three running plays following the opening kickoff. Harding took the punt on his 27, broke clear behind a wall of blockers down the right side, and used a crunching block by Cooney to score the TD. Ray Almeida's kick made it 7-0. Almeida is 14-14 in extra points through five games.

The Oilers went up 9-0 on a safety

when a big rush forced Jean to fumble the ball out of the end zone.

Randolph made it 16-0 in the second period. A 59-yard punt by Witt put the Bucs in a hole and Dave Adams recovered a fumble at the Ocean State 24. Pina hit Harding with a 21-yard pass and Brian Heffernan went in from the two.

The Oilers upped their lead to 18-0 on another safety when Bubba Pina tackled the Bucs' ball carrier in the end zone.

Ocean State closed within 18-6 before intermission when Jean connected with Bob Tennett for a 35-yard scoring strike on a third-and-25 play.

It stayed at 18-6 until the fourth period when Ocean State drove 64 yards in 11 plays with Jean hitting Tennett with a 20-yard TD pass to close it to 18-13.

The Oilers put it away with a late insurance score on a 67-yard march. Pina hooked up with Ron Cassford for a 21-yard pass to keep the drive alive and Waithe had a 37-yard run in the march. Pina hit Harding for the score from seven yards out.

Randolph hosts the Worcester County Tigers Friday night at 7:30 at the high school field. The Tigers are also 3-2 entering the game.

## Sports

an Eastern Football League game played at the high school field Sunday night