

Weather comes out the winner of Oilers-Cobras

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MIDDLEBORO — Mother Nature deemed the Eastern Football League game between the Randolph Oilers and the Middleboro Cobras so important that she turned it into a weekend extravaganza.

These two traditional EFL powers tried to beat the rain, thunder and lightning Friday night but proved to be no match. With 3:16 left in the first quarter and Middleboro holding a 7-0 lead, the skies opened and the lightning posed a definite danger, thus the game was

called at that point.

The two teams will return to Battis Field on Sunday night at 7:30 to try again. Patrons who attended last night's game and who did not receive a raincheck may stop at the Mitchell Club either today or Sunday to receive a ticket for the game.

There was one huge question being asked after the postponement was announced. Does the Sunday contest start with Middleboro holding that 7-0 lead or does the game start from the beginning.

Middleboro general manager Jeff Mendall said a decision had

not been reached on that matter.

"Wayne Lee (the Cobras' director of operations) and (Randolph coach) Bob Turner decided to check with the league officials before we made any decision," said Mendall. "It is a situation we have never faced before."

Both teams entered the game with 1-1 records as each dropped a decision to Marlboro within the last two weeks. It may be just the third game of the season, but already some EFL followers have put playoff implications on this game.

The two teams were able to play

almost 12 minutes of football before the weather halted the game.

The opening series for the team was not pretty. The Cobras were able to sustain a line drive, but it was marred by penalties.

The Oilers didn't waste any time picking up 25 yards in penalties on their first three plays. A middle penalty negated a 22-yard score by Bobby Witt.

Middleboro quarterback Levine took matters into his own hands on the next Cobra possession. The Stoughton resident is in his second year with the Cobras and took to the air to lead Middle

' EFL game

to the game's only score.

Middleboro took over possession at the Oiler 39 after a short punt. Levine, the former Trinity star, found Tony Darosa across the middle at the 24. Darosa broke a tackle and battled his way inside the Oiler 10.

After two running plays, Levine went back to the air, hitting Bob Ferriera in the front corner of the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown pass. Mike Gonsalves added the extra point and then the rains and the thunder and the lightning came and brought a halt to the game.