

# Last things first, Oilers win late thanks to heroics from QB Trainor

***Oilers take league lead after comeback over Brockton, 21-18***

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Randolph —

A veteran kicker and a rookie at quarterback proved to be the winning ingredients for the Randolph Oilers Saturday night.

Kicker Dave Canavan, in his 15<sup>th</sup> season, booted three extra points and Matt Trainor, starting at quarterback in place of Ryan Myers, threw two touchdown passes as Randolph edged the host Brockton Buccaneers, 21-18, at Bridgewater-Raynham High School in a key Eastern Football League (EFL) game.

Randolph (6-2) moved ahead of idle Charlestown for first place with the win, its third over Brockton this season. The Oilers never had defeated the Bucs prior to this season.

The Oilers had a tougher time with Brockton than the UMaine club the previous week

In the Brockton game, the Bucs appeared to have won the game with a go-ahead touchdown on a 24-yard scoring pass from Nelson Barros to Al Bercy with 2:38 left to play in the game, giving the Bucs an 18-14 lead. However, Randolph responded with a seven-play, 70-yard drive ending in a Trainor scoring pass to Will Price with 1:13 to play. Passes of 28 yards and 19 yards to Dan Carroll keyed the possession. Randolph's stellar offensive line, led by bookend tackles Pete Hogan and T.D. Thompson, gave Trainor the time he needed to locate his receivers and deliver the winning strike.

Brockton (2-6) opened the scoring with a 22-yard pass from Barros to Greg Anderson in the final minute of the first quarter, but the two-point conversion rush failed. Randolph took the lead with 1:32 to play in the first half on a 39-yard touchdown pass from Trainor to Price. Canavan's PAT gave the visitors a 7-6 lead at intermission.

The hosts regained the lead on a 23-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter by Joe Davis, but again the conversion pass failed, leaving the score at 12-7.

Randolph took the lead back with the help of a 47-yard punt by Canavan, which pinned Brockton in on its own 1-yard line.

The Bucs fumbled three plays later and Randolph's Mark Royster recovered the ball at the five-yard line. Charles Thomas ran in for a score from there and the extra point gave the Oilers a 14-12 lead.

For his efforts, Trainor was selected as the EFL Offensive Player of the Week. Carroll, with two interceptions, was selected as the Defensive Player of the Week. Trainor, typically a very solid wide receiver for the Oilers, filled in at quarterback for Ryan Myers who missed the game. Play after play in crunch time Trainor displayed the composure of a seasoned veteran and was able to keep the chains moving. After the winning touchdown pass Trainor was mobbed by teammates as they celebrated the improbable come-from-behind last second victory thanks to their fill-in qb's heroics.

The Randolph defense forced six turnovers in total as Norman Burns, Joe Buckley and Robert Vincente also had key interceptions. Andre Wiggins also had a solid game, blocking and running well in the offensive backfield.

In the UMaine club game, Myers completed 12 passes for 239 yards and three touchdowns and earned Eastern Football League Offensive Player of the Week honors in leading the Randolph Oilers to a 27-0 win over the host UMaine club football team Sept. 6.

Myers connected with Trainor for 31 yards and also to Carroll in the last minute of the first half, and also threw a 48-yard pass to pay dirt to Patrick Kromah for his third touchdown pass of the game.

Charles Thomas also added a 5-yard scoring run, and Norman Burns recovered a fumble in the endzone for another Oilers' score.

Randolph's first shutout of the season was spearheaded by outstanding defensive efforts by Burns, Robert Vincente, Karl Wells, Colby Gallagher and John O'Brien.

Canavan booted three extra points for Randolph.

The Oilers have a bye this coming weekend, then host Clinton Saturday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m., at Randolph High School.

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