## Randolph Oilers hit by Gladiators

Comeback not enough



Alex Kershaw on his way to 85 yard touchdown run.

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The Randolph Oilers dropped a disappointing 33-23 decision (missing five starters) last Friday at Taunton High School. The Oilers are now 1-2 in the Eastern Football League. The Oilers took an early lead, courtesy of defensive back Alex Kershaw, who picked off an errant Gladiator pass at the 15 yard line and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown.

Kershaw, in his rookie season with the Oilers, used some brilliant broken field running and a thunderous block from teammate Byron Goss to finish his touchdown romp and give the Oilers a 9-6 lead. Taunton scored the games next three touchdowns on impressive offensive drives forcing the Oilers to play catchup on what was a very warm and humid evening for football.

"We managed to hang in," said offensive lineman TD Thompson. "We stayed focused and made some plays to close the gap in the fourth quarter; but just ran out of time."

Quarterback Ryan Myers found speedy WR Will Price for a 55 yard touchdown strike in the fourth quarter. Price had an outstanding game with four catches for 75 yards. Price also returned five kicks for 161 yards on the day.

Kershaw was the player of the game as he had six tackles, two pass interceptions (one for a touchdown) and grabbed three passes for 53 yards. Billy Mallory, Byron Goss and Mark Royster also played well defensively for the Oilers. The Oilers return to action Friday evening July 22 versus the Bay State Bucs at Bridgewater-Raynham High School. Game time is 7:30 p.m.