Oilers romp over Seminoles

Oilers sparkle in 36-0 win

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Karl Wells had a huge day for the Oilers defense.

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The Randolph Oilers grabbed a much needed 36-0 EFL win over the Hyde Park Seminoles this past Saturday afternoon. In the win, the Oilers received a well-balanced effort from both the offense and defense in moving their season record to 2-4. The win keeps their playoff hopes alive.

The Oiler defense was the big story of the game as they scored three touchdowns. Colby Gallagher scored on a 45 yard fumble recovery, Johnny Epps scored on a 47 yard interception return, and De Yoman Nelson scored on a 21 yard fumble recovery to give the Oilers all the points they needed against the overmatched Seminoles.

Quarterback James Merrick had another solid performance in his second game as the starter in place of the injured Ryan Myers. The Oilers drove down the field on their first offensive series using a pulverizing ground game highlighted by fullback Charles Thomas five yard touchdown romp which gave the Oilers an early 6-0 lead which they never relinquished. The Oilers walked off the field at the half with a 30-0 lead.

The Oilers defense certainly deserved all the credit for the big win over the Seminoles. The defense had a season high eight sacks on the day. Defensive end DeYoman Nelson led the way with three sacks. Mike Farley, Larry Tagger, Tim Millerick, Karl Wells, and Marcus Barrow also chipped in with sacks for the Oilers.

Running backs Brooks Payne and Leon McBean, combined for over 100 yards rushing to lead the well balanced offensive attack. While the Oilers did not need to pass much, the receivers all made plays when they had to. The receiving corps of Will Price, Matt Trainor, Derrek Macqueen all had important catches in the win.



Leon McBean had a big day rushing for the Oilers.

The Oilers return to action next Friday, August 19, in a critical game against the defending EFL champion Taunton Gladiators at Taunton High School. Game time is 8 p.m.

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