

Quote



Jerry Rice

Born Oct. 13, 1962

Hall of Fame Football Player

“Today I will do what others won’t. So tomorrow I can do what others can’t.”

Madden Memories



On Hall of Fame QB, Ken Stabler:

“He was the coolest player under pressure I’ve ever seen.”

Hall of Fame quarterback, Ken “Snake” Stabler was known as one of the coolest players under pressure in NFL History.

Known for his off-the-field antics, it took six years before he became the starting quarterback for the then-Oakland Raiders.

Under Madden, he took them to their first Super Bowl triumph in 1976, defeating the Minnesota Vikings 32 -14.

After overcoming several personal issues that would have sidelined lesser men. Stabler was 96-49-1 in his career and is part of some of the most sensational players ever.

Perhaps one moment describes his temperament. In an overtime game in 1977 against the then-Baltimore Colts, Stabler Madden called time out.

As Madden was ranting on the sideline, the Snake said, “Coach.” Madden stopped, looked at his QB, thinking Stabler had a great play call in mind.

As Stabler looked around the stadium he said, “Bet these people are getting their money’s worth!”

Exciting Finish

Ephrata Beats Prosser in Overtime; 1st Win Since 1987

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Throughout the years, I have seen some great games and performances.

One that will forever be etched in my memory was the overtime thriller when Ephrata beat Prosser 20-17 last week.

The last time the Tigers beat the Mustangs was in 1987.

To understand the context of that feat, Tom Moore was in his second year as head coach at Prosser and former Ephrata girl’s basketball coach, Dale Hagy, was the quarterback on that Tiger team. (They would become the eventual state champions.)

“It was a great win for our program,” stated first-year Ephrata head football coach, Patrick Mitchell.

“I couldn’t be more proud of our players for continuing to work hard this season. Even after some early-season losses.”

Ephrata’s two league defeats came by a total of 2 points; 14-13 to Othello and 29-28 to East Valley. Their two non league defeats were to 4A Moses Lake (21-14) and 1A Cashmere (30-15).

Overall, their opponents’



record is a combined 24-7.

Mitchell went on to talk about how the club remained focussed with a never-say-die attitude.

“They continued to believe in

themselves and we were ultimately stronger because of that adversity we had faced earlier in the year,” he explained.

“Staying calm with the ball snapped over your head in overtime is something that is tough to do.”

That pretty much sums up the final play that won it for the Tigers.

The ball went over quarterback, Travis Hendrick’s head and the senior grabbed it on the bounce, rolled left and threw a touchdown pass to win it.

“He had to make something out of nothing, stated Mitchell about his senior two-way starter.

“He breaks a tackle, keeps his eyes downfield and makes a good throw to Hudson Sager, who makes a great catch for the score.”

Hendrick was the key, often shadowing Isaac Kernan, Prosser’s leading

receiver and keeping the offense moving at QB which kept the Mustangs’ explosive offense off the field.

“Travis is a great student athlete and leader,” stated Mitchell. “He is very coachable, elevates the play of those around him and has an undeniable fire to compete.”

Mitchell went on to state his defensive line comprised of Vaden Dormaier, Wesley Krite, Seth Jones and Eric O’Neal was also a key in the win.

“They played a great game, getting some sacks along with pressures to allow our linebackers and defensive backs to do their job on the back end,” he said.

Two things must happen for Ephrata to make the playoffs; They must beat Ellensburg on the road tonight and East Valley must lose to first-place Othello.

If Prosser also beats Selah, both the Tigers and Mustangs would be tied for second with Ephrata holding the tie breaker.

Who would have thought that back on Sept. 16 when Othello beat Ephrata 14-13, they may have witnessed the CWAC championship? ♦



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