

Randolph Oilers open season Fri

Middleboro travels to Cape Sunday

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The storybook season of the 1987 Randolph Oilers may have ended in a frustrating fashion.

However, the Oilers are hoping to write an even bigger and better classic this year as they open the 1988 season Friday at Randolph High against the Tri-Town Tigers (7:30 p.m.).

In other games to start the season this weekend, Middleboro is at Cape Cod on Sunday afternoon while Hyde Park is at Charlestown on Friday night.

"This year we have had a good turnout at practices with a lot of enthusiasm," exudes Peter O'Kane, Randolph's general manager.

"It is very, very balanced league this year."

One reason for the balance is that defending league champion Marlboro (12-0 in 1987) has left the league for the Empire League in New York.

The Oilers put together their best season a year ago, finishing with an 8-3 record in a season that ended with a 27-7 loss to the Middleboro Cobras in the Eastern Football League semifinals.

Many of the parts that comprised that successful season have returned such as the EFL's Rookie of the Year, quarterback Bob Witt along with the league's leading

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rusher Jay McGee and fullback Sean Crowley.

All three backs will be performing behind the offensive line that keyed their success — Jack Mitchell, Norm Eliason, Rich Polin, Ed Penn and John Boughner.

Randolph has added some quality personnel that will give them excellent depth that could take them possibly a step farther for 1987's EFL Coach of the Year, Tom Pileski.

The Oilers have added lineman Bill Turner who played for the Patriots during the strike games last year, his brother Jim, who was the starting fullback and captain at Boston College and running back Mike Waithe, who completed a smashing career at Curry by leading the country's Division III schools in scoring.

Defensively, the Oilers will have stalwarts such as Steve Garrod, all-league linebacker Tom Kirlis, Mike Nye and Jim Brodie returning.

Middleboro at Cape Cod

Middleboro, which lost to Marlboro in the championship game in very heartbreaking fashion, will open its season on Sunday afternoon in Harwich at Cape Cod Tech against the Cape Cod Bears.

Quarterback Bob Barrett, all-league receiver John Montalbano, and running back Kelly Brooks return to lead the Cobra offense along with newcomers Alby

Sebastyn (6-4, 250 tight end), running back Carl Fisher (1,000-yard rusher for the former Taunton Raiders) and offensive lineman Garrett Perry (6-1, 265).

Defensively, Middleboro will have to replace retired defensive tackle Joe Vierra.

Coach Dave Haid
defensive Rookie of the Year
man Dave Arruda,
linebacker Bill Royal,
quarterback Guiliani and linebacks
all returning.

Witt paces Oilers win

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RANDOLPH — Bob Witt overcame a sluggish start throwing for two second half touchdowns and rushing for another as the Randolph Oilers defeated the Tri-Town Tigers 28-13 in the EFL opener.

It was the Randolph defense that set-up the Oilers first score when Steve Muncy intercepted a Tiger pass at the Tri-Town 36.

Coach Tom Pileski inserted former Curry College standout Mike Waithe into the game at this point and it immediately paid off.

Waithe shook loose for 30-yards and two plays later cruised into the endzone.

With just 17 seconds left in the first half the Tigers shocked the Oiler defense as Jason MacAlister raced 44-yards on a quarterback draw for the score. Doug Stone split the uprights for a 7-6 Tri-Town lead.

Witt gave an indication of things to come on the very first play of the second half as he hit Mike Harding for 49-yards setting up the next Oiler score.

Witt capped off the march by going over himself from 20-yards out. Witt combined with Ron Cassford on the PAT for a 14-7 Oiler lead.

A costly Randolph miscue on a punt resulted in a Tri-Town score that cut the lead to 14-13.

The Tigers celebration was short-lived as Witt struck quickly following the kickoff, hitting Doug Bean with a 35-yard scoring strike.

Ray Almeida split the uprights and Randolph took a 21-13 lead into the fourth period.

On a fourth-and-goal situation Witt again was on target, hitting Cassford in the corner of the endzone for the score. Almeida closed out the scoring with his second PAT.