

Falcons, Lions Deadlock, 14-14

Corral Leads Falcons To Near Grid Upset

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The Bishop Armstrong Falcons paid no attention to McClatchy dignity Thursday night and made it necessary for the Lions to scramble back in the final quarter for a 14-14 tie in a non-conference prep football game at Hughes Stadium before a chilled crowd of 1,000.

Coach Dick Sperbeck's birds bounced back themselves from a 7-0 halftime deficit and scored two straight touchdowns to take a 14-7 lead early in the fourth quarter.

McClatchy took the ensuing kickoff and drove right back for the equalizing touchdown, but was edge at the end when the Falcons were deep in Lion territory.

However, the clock ran out and instead of getting a chance for their second victory the Falcons settled for their second tie in seven games. McClatchy now is 4-2-1.

TOUGH FOE

While the Armstrong gang deserves credit for a game well played, McClatchy seemed to lack spunk. Maybe the loss to Luther Burbank last week was too much to take, but anyway the Lions didn't seem to have their usual class and had to battle all the way to contain what was supposed to be a much weaker Armstrong.

Armstrong, which will join the other city teams in the Metropolitan League next season as a new member, might have won the game had it not been for infractions.

All told, the Falcons had three touchdowns called back because of penalties, but made one of them anyway despite being penalized.

After the ball was moved back the five yards, Lauredean connected on a 14-yard scoring strike to end Bill Hood. Corral's placement made it 14-7.

McClatchy rallied to tie at 4:39 following the kickoff, marching 61 yards to do it, with P. Riles galloping 16 yards around left end for the six points. Archimede rammed through three tacklers at the goal line for the conversion and eventual tie.

LAST BID

McClatchy had to give the ball up and punted in the last minute or so and Armstrong took over on the Lion 49. Then Lauredean promptly proceeded to complete a pass to Rick McCarthy for 14 yards and to Hood for 22 at the 13. A Garcia run gained nothing and a Lauredean pass was batted down at the one as the gun sounded.

Christian Brothers defeated the Lion sophomores, 26-7, in the preliminary game.

TEAM STATISTICS

| Armstrong | McClatchy |
|-----------|-----------|
| 13 | 12 |
| 123 | 110 |
| 100 | 57 |
| 7-10 | 4-9 |
| 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 35 | 40 |
| 4-28.3 | 4-35.3 |

SCORE BY QUARTERS

| | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|
| Armstrong | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7-14 |
| McClatchy | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7-14 |

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

M—Pyle 26 pass from Jury (Archimede run). A—Lauredean 1 run (Corral kick). A—Hood 14 pass from Lauredean (Corral kick). M—P. Riles 16 run (Archimede run).

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

| Armstrong | McClatchy | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----|------------------|----|----|-----|
| Te | Ny | Av | Te | Ny | Av | |
| Moore | 12 | 22 | 1.S.P. Riles | 16 | 69 | 4.3 |
| Corral | 15 | 127 | 7.S.P. Archimede | 16 | 90 | 5.6 |
| Cornhill | 2 | 5 | 2.S.P. Jury | 4 | 1 | 0.3 |
| Garcia | 5 | 38 | | | | 7.6 |
| Laur'd'a | 3 | 11 | | | | 3.7 |



SHORT YARDAGE—Bishop Armstrong halfback Frank Cornachioli darts for a six-yard gain in the second half against McClatchy in the school's Thursday night prep grid encounter at Hughes Stadium, which ended in a 14-14 tie.

FIGURES EDGE

They also had the better of the statistics, making 173 yards on the ground and 102 passing for a 275 total. McClatchy managed 110 on the ground and 57 through the skies for a 167 total.

Halfback Dave Corral led the Armstrong rushing attack, picking up 117 yards in 15 carries for a 7.8 average and was the top ground gainer of the contest. Phil Riles, McClatchy fullback and the Sacramento area individual rushing leader, had a bad night for him, being held to only 69 yards in 16 carries to pace the Lion backs.

After a very dull first quarter which saw Armstrong pick up the only first down, McClatchy broke the scoring ice by driving 69 yards in 15 plays, with quarterback Ted Jury passing the final 26 yards to end Tom Pyle at 5:14.

Tim Archimede saved the Lions by turning in beautiful runs on the conversions. On this first one, he picked up a bad pass from center and ran it in near the right end zone flag.

The 7-0 lead stood up until the Falcons tied it with 7:37 to go in the third period after moving 45 yards in 11 plays with the help of a 15-yard penalty. Corral ran for 22 of the yards and kicked the conversion.

Armstrong went ahead with 10:43 remaining in the fourth quarter when Ron Noya intercepted a pass and opened the gates for a 75-yard scoring march.

CORRAL KEY

Again with Corral picking up the valuable yardage, the Falcons moved to the McClatchy 43, from where fullback Mike Monroe ran all the way and was called back because of a holding penalty.

But QB Mike Laurendeau hit on three passes for 48 yards, the last two for 20 and 21 yards to Corral. From the nine, John Garcia ran it in, but only for the exercise as a backfield in motion penalty nullified the act.