# Fights Mar Game As Dons Drop Armstrong 19 - 7

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The Norte Del Rio Dons opened the 1965 Metropolitan League football season last night by downing Bishop Armstrong 19-7 in a fight-marred contest at the Grant Stadium.

On the first play of the second quarter, an argument developed between Steve Scully of the Falcons and the Dons' Artis Phillips. The heated words erupted into blows and both benches charged into the fracas.

It was five minutes before order was restored and the game was able to continue. Two players from each side were ejected.

Aside from the momentary display of tempers the luster of the Dons' victory was untarnished. Mike Groff completed 10 of 20 aerial attempts for 125 yards and gained 13 yards rushing to account for more than half of Norte's total offense.

### Just Too Much

From the outset it was obvious that the Dons' gigantic forward wall, led by 240 pound Randy Gale, was just too much for the Falcons. The offensive line opened gaping holes for hard hitting backs Bob Gonsales and John McClure and the charging defensive line crumpled any Armstrong hopes for a passing attack.

The Dons scored the first time they gained possession of the ball. Gonsales took a handoff from Groff, feinted as if to try a run around the right end, and slammed through a hole opened by Gale at the nine yard line for the score. Mike Basquez made his kick for the extra point and the Dons were up by seven.

### 27 Yard To Play

Neither team was able to score again in the first half and it was not until midway in the third period that Groff found Fred Wristen in the end zone with a 24 yard heave. Mike Ackerman attempted the kick but the ball flew wide of the mark.

Three plays into the final quarter, McClure broke through from the two to give the Dons their third marker. Basquez's attempted kick failed, leaving Norte on the happy end of a 19-0 score.

The Falcons finally hit paydirt with less than six minutes left. Mike DeAngelis slipped away from a tackler and broke across the middle for 16 yards and a touchdown. Tony Alvarado kicked the extra point to gap the Falcon scoring.

wide). McClure, 2, run (kick wide).
Armstrong—DeAngelis, 16, run (Alvarado kick).

**TEAM STATISTICS**

| Norte | | Armstrong |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | First downs rushing | 7 |
| 7 | First downs passing | 0 |
| 0 | First downs penalties | 1 |
| 14 | Total first downs | 10 |
| 127 | Net yards rushing | 140 |
| 125 | Net yards passing | 6 |
| 252 | Total net yards | 155 |
| 1 | Last ball on fumbles | 1 |
| 55 | Yards penalized | 45 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Rushing

| Norte | tch | yg | yl | net | avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Groff | 7 | 26 | 7 | 13 | 1.9 |
| McKinnis | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2.0 |
| Gonsales | 9 | 49 | 2 | 47 | 5.2 |
| McClure | 6 | 62 | 3 | 62 | 10.3 |
| Basquez | 4 | 9 | 14 | -5 | -1.3 |
| McKinnis | 3 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 2.3 |

| Armstrong | tch | yg | yl | net | avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DeAngelis | 11 | 61 | 1 | 52 | 4.7 |
| Chastain | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| DeAngelis | 11 | 52 | 1 | 52 | 4.7 |
| Francescom | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1.3 |
| Jackson | 4 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 1.5 |
| Habecker | 1 | 8 | 6 | -6 | -6.0 |
| Donato | 14 | 49 | 3 | 46 | 3.3 |
| Bisel | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 |
| Chastain | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Van Orman | 6 | 44 | 3 | 41 | 6.8 |
| Klane | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Passing

| | pa | pc | pi | net | td |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Groff N | 20 | 10 | 3 | 125 | 1 |
| Van Orman BA | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Partlo BA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Pass Receiving

| | pc | net | td |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bieff N | 3 | 45 | 0 |
| Gonsales NL | 2 | 34 | 0 |
| Wristen N | 1 | 54 | 1 |
| Mercado N | 1 | 17 | 0 |
| Macias N | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Bettancourt BA | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Francescom BA | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Punting

| | punts | yds. | blk. | avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gonsales N | 2 | 72 | 0 | 36.0 |
| Van Orman BA | 2 | 61 | 0 | 30.5 |