

Richland Wins 21-18

THE YARDSTICK

RICHLAND		PASCO
12First Downs.....	7
200Yds Gain Rush.....	218
18Yds Lost Rush.....	52
20Yds Gain Pass.....	51
202Net Yds Gain.....	215
2Pass Att.....	7
1Pass Compl.....	3
1Punches.....	3
24Av Yds Punt.....	46
29Penalties Yds.....	30

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A fighting fullback's last-minute effort to snatch his team from defeat failed Friday night at Richland as the Bombers handed Pasco its first conference defeat 21-18.

Pasco scored 12 points first. Richland came back with 21. Pasco added six to make their score 18.

Then, as seconds ran out, Pasco's magnificent fullback, Talmadge "Duke" Washington, took the ball on his own 38 and slashed off tackle for 32 tough yards. On the next play he hit the other side of the line and dragged tacklers for 11 yards. A gain Washington carried the ball over guard for 13 yards.

On the next play he picked up five more bruising yards to the Richland seven. Then he ran out of gas. Other backs carried the ball to the two-yard-line where a fumble wrecked Pasco's chance to win. Richland ran six round plays and the game was over.

Spectators left the field with a lump in their throat for the Pasco fullback who wouldn't say die and almost broke his heart for his team in the waning seconds of the game. Washington was so tired he was helped from the field after the gun sounded.

For under-dog Richland, the victory shot them into number one spot in the southern conference and gave an unexpected impetus to the school's third annual Homecoming celebration.

The Pasco Bulldogs outgained the Richland team on the round 301 to 200 yards. However, the Bombers racked up 12 first downs to Pasco's seven. On the wind-swept field both teams only attempted two passes and completed one each.

WIND MOVES BALL

In the second half, the wind was so strong a referee had to hold the ball on the round between plays. Punt and kickoffs took weird flights and bounces.

Richland received the opening kickoff of the game. The Bombers marched straight down the field to Pasco's 25 where they lost the ball on downs. They made four first downs on the march. Neither team was able to do much in the first quarter.

As the quarter ended, Jim Christiansen, Pasco half, heaved a long pass to End Bernie Han-

cock for 51 yards. Ransler added two yards. Washington made 11, hit the line for one and then plunged the last yard through center to score. Washington's kick for point was blocked.

Richland took the next kickoff and again started to march. However on their own 40, the ball squirted from Jack Morrow's hands when he was hit and Washington grabbed it out of the air. He outdistanced would-be tacklers 60 yards to the goal to make it 12 points for Pasco. A pass for extra point attempted by Christiansen was no good. The half ended with the score 12-0 for Pasco.

A Pasco fumble on its own 20 set up the Bomber's first score. Bob Flake, Richland back, picked up six yards off tackle. Morrow hit the middle for one. Flake

skirted the end for three. Then Morrow plowed the last seven yards to pay dirt. He then ran the ball into the end zone for the extra point. The score Pasco 12, Richland 7.

Another Pasco fumble made the second Bomber touchdown easier. Ransler got a bad pass from center, had to chase the ball and lost it to green-shirted Richland players. After four plays had put the ball on the Pasco five, Flake sneaked through the middle of the line for a touchdown.

LOSING PLAYER HURT

Just before the score, Bob Van Sickle, Pasco tackle, had been taken from the game after being injured. The Bombers hammered the weak spot left by Van Sickle's absence for the score. Flake converted to make it Richland 14, Pasco 12.