

Campbell's Catches Spark Offense

Axers Whip Poets, 46-29

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WHITTIER, Calif.—Courage was the name of the game yesterday as Northern Arizona's Lumberjacks blew Whittier's Poets from a smog-filled stadium with a 34-point second half to whip the Californians, 46-29.

Twice trailing by two-touchdown margins, the favored Axers got clutch plays from sophomore tight end Sonny Campbell, whose alertness and pass receiving gave NAU the go-ahead points. The Lumberjacks trailed 20-12 at the half and Whittier grabbed a 14-point advantage early in the third quarter when Pat Ferguson hit Ross Stewart with a 14-yard touchdown pass.

THAT SEEMED TO TRIGGER the Lumberjacks who went on to outscore Whittier in the second half, 34-9.

Campbell got the Axers going when he grabbed a deflected pass for an 18-yard touchdown play. And Rich O'Hara, who caught three passes during that 70-yard drive, got the two-point conversion on a pass

from Ted James.

Behind, 26-20, with 4:40 to go in the third quarter, NAU scored behind the running of Chick Harris and Gary Barnes. The latter, a senior fullback, went in from the five-yard line to tie the game, 26-all.

BILL HANNA MISSED THE extra point kick and it appeared to be fatal for NAU, especially after soccer-style kicker Bob Stillwagon booted a 36-yard field goal to give Whittier a 29-26 edge at the end of three quarters.

But the Axers weren't finished by a long way as they punched home 20 points in the final 15 minutes. The go-ahead touchdown was set up when Campbell made a fingertip catch of a Jim Velasquez pass for a 28-yard gain to Whittier's five.

It took NAU four down to get the score. Harris went inside left tackle for the touchdown that gave NAU the lead for good.

TWO MINUTES later, after the Lumberjack's de-

fensive line held firmly, NAU's Bruce Branstrom took a Whittier punt on his own 45 and raced the distance behind a wall of blockers. NAU's defense, once the big comeback was engineered by the offense, limited Whittier to only two first downs in the final quarter.

Leading that defensive charge were Bud Weidoff, Larry Small and Ernie Redmond.

The Lumberjack offense, that stalled badly in the first half, continued to function well up to the final gun. O'Hara took an 8-yard pass from James in the final five seconds of play.

NAU'S FIRST two touchdowns were credited almost entirely to the defensive unit. Five plays after 263-pound Don Sam recovered a Whittier fumble on the Poet 26, James scored from the two. The touchdown was set up on a James-to-Campbell pass for 19 yards.

With 15 seconds left in the first quarter, NAU's defensive end Bud Lane intercepted a pass and went 35 yards for the touchdown.

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Whittier barged in front with a 20-point second quarter. The Poet offense featured the pin-point passing of Pat Ferguson and the running of Stewart, who scored three touchdowns in the game.

THE VICTORY was Northern Arizona's first over Whittier

since 1951 and was only the fourth win in the 17-game series.

The Loggers, with a 2-2 season record, return home this week to celebrate homecoming. Their opponent will be Omaha University on Saturday night.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
	Att.	Gain.	Loss	Net
RUSHING				
Stewart (W)	14	79	7	72
Mele (W)	1	0	0	0
Ferguson (W)	5	0	47	-47
Haines (W)	1	3	0	3
Pointer (W)	6	31	1	30
Barnes (NAU)	14	63	2	61
Harris (NAU)	16	55	5	50
Warner (NAU)	5	23	0	23
Cole (NAU)	5	14	1	13
Youngs (NAU)	1	10	0	10
Fuller (NAU)	1	3	0	3
Ballew (NAU)	1	3	0	3
Valesquez (NAU)	3	2	6	6
James (NAU)	3	6	6	0

PASSING

Ferguson (W)	31	17	1	128
Mele (W)	2	0	0	0
Stewart (W)	1	1	0	14
Velasquez (NAU)	16	10	1	121
James (NAU)	5	2	0	28

PASS RECEIVING

Wooten (W)	8	52	1
Bergenthal (W)	3	84	0
Haines (W)	1	4	0
Stewart (W)	3	26	1
Mack (W)	1	6	0

Att. Comp. Int. Yds.

31	17	1	128
2	0	0	0
1	1	0	14
16	10	1	121
5	2	0	28

No. Yds. TDs

8	52	1
3	84	0
1	4	0
3	26	1
1	6	0

NAU WHITTIER

First Downs	13	12
Yards Rushing	144	56
Yards Passing	149	142
Return Yardage	223	217
Passes	12-21-1	18-33-1
Punts	6-34.6	8-26.8
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Yards Penalized	102	50

NAU

WHITTIER

12	0	14	20-46
0	20	9	0-29

- NAU—James 2 run (kick failed)
- NAU—Lane 35 pass interception (kick failed)
- W—Stewart 2 run (Randolph kick)
- W—Stewart 44 run (Randolph kick)
- W—Wooten 13 pass from Ferguson (kick blocked)
- W—Stewart 14 pass from Ferguson (kick failed)
- NAU—Campbell 18 pass from James (O'Hara pass from James)
- NAU—Barnes 5 run (kick failed)
- W—Stillwagon 36 FG
- NAU—Harris 1 run (run failed)
- NAU—Branstrom 55 punt return (pass failed)
- NAU—O'Hara 8 pass from James (Barnes run)