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Bearcats Lose Hard Fought Battle, 45-35

As I said last week, Friday night was a clash between the two Orange teams in the conference, as Anson headed to Marvin Ridge, where the students proclaim themselves the "Orange Crush." But the Anson orange didn't simply hand them the game, it was a hard fought battle for most of the four quarters, which includes a lengthy scoring summary. Both teams battled back and forth with lots of athletes finding the end zone. But, Anson would come up short with some untimely turnovers deep in their own territory. "It's turnovers like that we cannot have," said Coach Luke Hyatt. "We had two when we had good momentum going toward the zone, but couldn't take advantage."

The Mavericks would begin the scoring with a 43-yard field goal, but a Rodrick Evans 25-yard run for touchdown would put Anson on top, 6-3. Marvin Ridge hit next with a 33-yard run and sat atop with a 10-6 advantage. The Mav's would strike again from one-yard out and it was a 17-6 Marvin Ridge ballgame.

But the Cats were still clawing their way back up as Brandon Smith sprinted 56-yards and scored. With another missed conversion the scoreboard showed 17-12, Mavericks, while Anson worked hard and fought hard to lessen the gap. With another beautiful 55-yard run from Rodrick Evans, Anson would go up, 20-17 for the first time since the early moments in the game. But it was short lived as the Mavericks struck with another 1-yarder, an 11-yard touchdown pass and a 60-yard TD pass, thus widening the scoring gap to a difficult 38-20 deficit for Anson to overcome.

Smith and Evans would couple together for 8 points with Smith's 40-yard run and Evans' 2-point conversion. The score, now 38-28, looked doable for a Bearcat recovery and they never stopped fighting. To win, Anson would have to keep the Mav's out of their end zone however, but they proved unstoppable. With every bit of momentum the Bearcats found, Marvin Ridge countered with a score of their own, which upped their ten-point advantage to 17 late in the game.

It would be Anson scoring the final points of the game, with a 22-yard pass from Evans to Allen Campbell, 45-35 Marvin Ridge, and that's where it ended on the night. Smith ran for 182-yards on 19 carries and scored 3 TD's. Evans ran for 141-yards on 20 carries with 2 touchdowns. Allen Campbell had two nice receptions for 33-yards and a touchdown. Marvin Wright fought for 14 tackles.

Hyatt concluded, "We have to be a better third down team on both sides of the ball. Defensively, we have to get eleven guys flying to the football all night long. We have two regular season games left to play and we have to win them!" Hyatt continued.

This week Anson is on the road again. They travel to Porter Ridge where the Bearcats meet the Pirates at 7:30 p.m. Let's go Cats!
By Mel Lyon

FARM BUREAU ANSON

Anson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 25th

Location: Lockhart-Taylor Center
514 North Washington Street • Wadesboro, NC

Time: **Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.**
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.
Business meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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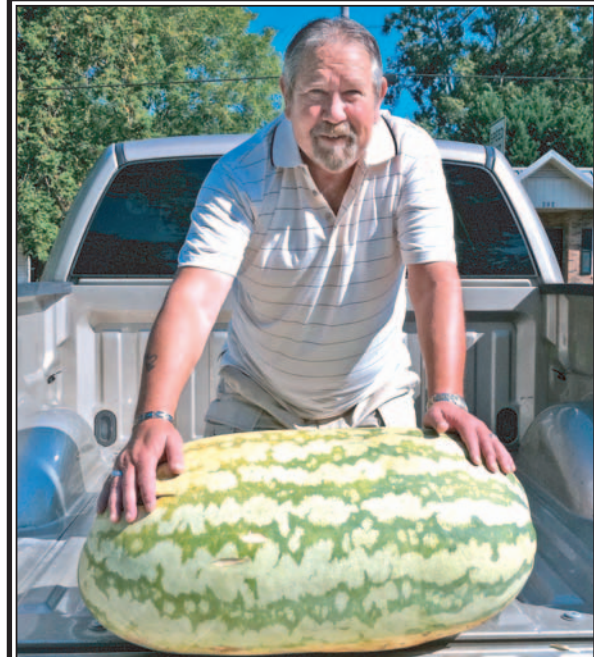
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How About a Watermelon... for 20 People!

Neal Raye came by The Express and told us about this giant watermelon he grew. He came in empty handed, so we asked why he didn't have it with him. "You will have to come outside to my truck," Neal said, "I can't carry the thing!" Sure enough, as you can see in the photo, it IS a giant watermelon...131 pounds worth!

Neal planted seeds in May and harvested this melon after 110 days, in early September. This particular watermelon is called a Carolina Cross Hybrid. "Take control, we can help." For more information contact Penny Parker at 704-705-1798 or pparker@arthritis.org.



The Guinness Book of World Records has the record size for a watermelon as weighing 262 pounds, grown in Texas. "I am going for the record, and hope to beat 262 pounds next year!" Neal said. We Ansonians are pulling for you Neal! (Plus, we want a bite of it too!)

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