## **GREAT FALLS**

Marshall came from behind for a 17-to-7 victory over visiting Oakton and an almost certain berth in the Virginia AAA Northern Regional game.

The Statesmen, now champions of the Great Falls District for the second time in three years, have only to beat Madison Friday to qualify for the regional championship game against the winner of Friday's Annandale-Fairfax game.

The victory could be costly for Marshall, however. Mike Oliff, a three-year starter at quarterback, hurt his ankle late in the third period and sat out the rest of the game.

Oakton took an early 7-0 lead after a 24-yard punt gave it possession on the Marshall 42. Three plays later, Tom Schrinel hit John Behrens with a 36-yard scoring pass.

In the second quarter Marshall drove 95 yards in nine plays after Jeff Bush intercepted a pass. The touchdown, a 37-y ard pass from Oliff to Tom Davis, followed a 24-yard run by Mike Jones on a key third-down play.



After Blair synn kicked a 33-yard field goal to give Marshall a 10-7 lead, the Statesmen put the game away with a third-quarter touchdown.

It was set up by a 24-yard interception return by Gary Smerdzinski that gave the Statesmen possession at the Oakton 17. Five plays later Jones dived over from the two to score.

Herndon's Rusty Bechtelheimer threw two touchdown passes in a 12-7 victory over Washington-Lee at Herndon. Bechtelheimer completed 16 of 30 passes for 219 yards.

Both Herndon touchdowns came in the first quarter, Stanley Fleming and Scott Arnold both scoring on 14-yard passes. Washington-Lee's John Elliot scored in the fourth quarter on a five-yard run.

McLean topped Madison,

15-12, as wingback Rich McLean caught three passes for 78 yards including a touchdown on a 53-yard option play from tailback Brad Schwartz.

Madison played catch-up ball in the second half behind quarterback Robbie Slingerman, who scored on a 40-yard run and gained more than 100 yards rushing but could not overcome Mc-Lean's 15-point halftime lead.

Langley defeated Yorktown, 17-2, as Bruce Allen, son of Redskin coach George Allen, kicked a 22-yard field goal and two extra points.

Allen's three-pointer followed a 57-yard pass interception return by Jim Clark and gave Langley a 10-2 half-time lead. Langley's Joe Mc-Mahon teamed with Dave Royer on a 15-yard touchdown pass in the final quarter.

# Results Programme State State

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Marshall—Davis (37, p			m	Oliff);
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By RON GROVER Special to The Star-News

Marshall High School Coach Ed Henry must know exactly

how George Allen of the Redskins feels.

Although his Statesmen defeated defending Virginia AAA Great Falls District champion Oakton 17-7 last night at Marshall to win their second title in three years, he may have lost his starting quarterback, Mike Oliff, for the Northern Region

Oliff, a redhead like the Redskins' Sonny Jurgensen and a starter for three years, was helped from the field with an ankle injury midway through the third period after he had led

Marshall back from an early 7-0 deficit.

"The doctor doesn't think that the ankle is broken," Henry said after the game, "but we'll have X-rays taken to make

sure. All I know is that he can't stand on it."

Should Oliff's injury prove severe enough for him to miss Friday's game with winless Madison, it may cost the Statesmen a chance to enter the playoff against the winner of the Fairfax-Annandale contest.

"If Mike does miss the game," Henry said, "we'll go either with Brent McDaniel or freshman Scott Schwemley, both of whom I have a lot of confidence in. Needless to say, our offense is going to change greatly without Oliff. He's a real leader."

Oliff, who hit on only five of 13 passes for 97 yards, made the most of his few completions after the Cougars had taken a

7-0 lead with 3:17 left in the first period on a 36 yard juggling touchdown pass from Tom Schrinel to John Behrens.

Oliff's first completion started an 85 yard drive that began with Jeff Bush's interception of a Schrinel pass. Six plays later, Oliff found Tom Davis free for a perfectly thrown

37-yard scoring aerial.

On the Statesmen's next possession, Oliff and end Larry Caynor made connections for a 35 yard pass to the fifteen that set up a 33 yard field goal by Blair Flynn to give Marshall a lead that it never relinquished.

McLEAN, 15-12: Rick Koryda intercepted a desperation pass with 15 seconds to play as the Highlanders held off rallying Madison in a battle of cellar dwellers in the Great Falls District. It was McLean's first victory in eight games. \*

LANGLEY, 17-2: he Saxons, although losing the total offense battle, capitalized on two interceptions and a pair of fumbles to frustrate host Yorktown in a Great Falls District game.

HERNDON, 12-7: Quarterback Rusty Bechtelheimer connected on two 14 yard scoring passes to give the Hornets their second victory in six starts in Great Falls District play over visiting Washington-Lee. Bechtelheimer, who has 14 touchdown passes this season, connected on 16 of 30 attempts for 219 yards.

Fairfax Tops Ratings

> RICHMOND-Fairfax was rated the top team in the State through Oct. 31 by the Virginia School

> High School Fairfax with an 8-0 record received 96 points for the wins, 29.5 points from the victories and ties of the opponents they have beaten for a total of 125.5. When averaged over the 8game schedule they come rating of 15.7. Hayfield is 16th in the rankings with a 12.1 average.

> What all this means is that if the regional playoffs were held on the basis of this rating Fairfax would meet Marshall in the playoff game. Annandale, though they rank second in the Northern area, would not qualify because they are in the same district as Fairfax.

> The closest team to Fairfax is the E.C. Glass team of Their rating Lynchburg. average is 15.5.

closest Northern The Virginia team to Fairfax is Annandale. They rank a distant tenth in the state with a 13.1 average.

George Marhall is two places behind Annandale with there will be two a 12.8 more rating periods before the final are decided and anything can happen in Virginia football.

## Statesmen

TYSON'S Great Falls District, pushing Mike Oliff completed 4 of 13 aside their final contender, attempts and one touchdown. Oakton, as they whipped the Statesman field.

game next week for the the ground. NORTHERN Region title.

Oakton jumped to a quick lead over Marshall, but the Statemen came back strong and took a 10-7 halftime lead, and added another score in the third period as the defense stiffened and held the Cougars scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Peyton Bailey was the top nusher for Marshall, picking up 84 yards in 18 carries.

CORNOR--- Marshall showed 159 yards Marshall wrapped it up in the rushing, 90 more passing as

Oakton quaterback Tom Cougars, 17-7 last night on the Schrinel three 12 aerials, completed three, one of these IN ALL PROBABILITY, the lose Cougar score, in Marshall will face the winner totaling 64 yards by the air of the Annandale-Fairfax route and adding 148 more on

The win leaves Marshall with a 6-0 Great Falls District record, Oakton dropping to 4-

Following an exchange of punts, Oakton took possession in Statemen territory, and Schrinel tossed the bomb to end John Behrens who raced across the goal 37 yards out. Alan Wyatt added the extra point as the Cougars took a short lived 7-0 lead.



Oakton halfback Ron Richards (white jersey) was on his way to a long gain when he happened to meet Marshall defender Charley Payne (31) seven yards from the line of scrimmage.

' -Star-News Photographer Geoffrey Gilbert

Richards ended up with his nose in the turf and his team ended up on the wrong end of a 17-7 score.

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