

# Rockwall Team Stages Game Comeback to Nose Out Win Over McGregor to Cop Title

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ROCKWALL, Texas, Dec. 11.—A courageous band of Rockwall Yellow Jackets battled against odds here Friday afternoon to stage a last-period comeback and nose out the husky McGregor Bulldogs, 14 to 13, for the championship of Region 3 in the Class B schoolboy football chase.

It was the final game of the race as no elimination is held in Class B circles after the seven regional titles are determined and supporters of each eleven were of the belief that their clubs played their season's best game. The McGregor eleven went into the fray a top-heavy favorite, but the scrapping Rockwall team, coached by J. A. Wilkerson, did a great comeback act to cinch the honors.

#### Rockwall Line Stars.

The Rockwall team's line play stood out head and shoulders above the rest of the play and three times the Yellow Jacket forwards stopped the McGregor attack in the shadow of their own goal. It was the Smith boys, Jake and Carl, who furnished the offensive thrills of the day for Rockwall while the entire line covered itself in glory. For the Bulldog eleven another family was prominent—the Elms boys, who formed three-quarters of the McGregor backfield. Mansker, fullback and fourth member of the backfield, was of the bruising type. He was stopped in the first and fourth sessions, but in the other periods he ran hog wild.

Outweighed, Rockwall used its speed and deception to good advantage and outplayed the foe in the first and last periods. However, in the second and third sessions the husky Bulldog eleven mustered its power and like a steam roller marched into the lead.

The extra point after the second Rockwall touchdown meant victory for the Jackets as without it the contest would have been awarded to McGregor on first downs. The penetrations were square at 5 each, but McGregor led in first downs, 16 to 9.

#### Jackets Score First.

Both teams opened the encounter cautiously, playing a kicking game and waiting for a break. Out of a clear sky the Yellow Jacket quarterback pulled out one of the oldest trick plays in football, an end around end play. Carl Smith circled left end, reversed his field beautifully and outran several would-be tacklers for a 50-yard gain and the initial score of the game. A short pass, Charles Atkins to Wade, netted the extra point after the first attempt had brought about a 5-yard penalty for motion in the backfield.

Then after a long pass had placed the ball on the Jacket 12-yard line, the Rockwall line made its first stand. The visitors started a touchdown drive. A 60-yard march was completed when G. Elms took the ball across from the 6-yard line on an off-tackle thrust. The extra point place kick was blocked by a bevy of Rockwall linemen.

Late in the third period, after the Bulldogs had carried the ball to the Rockwall 10-yard stripe three times only to be stopped cold, the McGregor eleven placed the ball in scoring position for its final score. On the first play of the last period a short pass gave the Bulldogs a first down on the 2-foot line and it was no trouble to push it over from there.

#### Jackets Overtake Lead.

Coming back desperately, the Rockwall team began to scrap furiously. On the first play after the kick-off with the ball on the Rockwall 20-yard line, Jake Smith took a short pass and galloped 65 yards down the field to be run out of bounds on the McGregor 10-yard stripe. This threat was turned back, however, and the Bulldogs punted out of danger. A few minutes later a long pass to Carl Smith netted 45 yards and the final Rockwall touchdown, tying the score. On the try for the extra point, Jake Smith plunged through center, making the score standing up.

#### Score by periods:

Rockwall .....	7	0	0	7-14
McGregor .....	0	6	7	0-13

#### First downs by periods:

Rockwall .....	2	1	0	6-9
McGregor .....	1	5	8	2-16

#### Penetrations:

Rockwall .....	1	0	0	4-5
McGregor .....	0	2	3	0-5

#### Starting line-ups:

Rockwall.—C. Smith and H. Smith, ends; Sellars and Crawford, tackles; Adams and Vernon, guards; Walker, center; Barnes, quarter; C. Atkins and Wade, halfbacks; J. Smith, fullback.

McGregor.—Smith and Bredthauer, ends; Webb and Cooper, tackles; Wallace and Wells, guards; Westerfield, center; M. Elms, quarter; G. Elms and D. Elms, halfbacks; Mansker, fullback.