

# Little Time for Turner Party

**By RANDY GALLOWAY**  
The victory celebration following R. L. Turner's win over Garland Friday night was just like Kirk Drew planned it: short and sweet. It clinched the District 7-AAAA South Zone crown for the Lions, giving the neighboring cities of Carrollton and Farmers Branch their biggest claim to fame since Turner joined the Class AAAA ranks three years ago.



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But Drew was back to serious business Monday and he definitely didn't have Denison (North Zone champ) on his mind. The Lions close out regular season play Friday night in a zone game at Mesquite before hosting Denison in a winner-take-all battle Nov. 18 at Lion Stadium.

And since the Skeeters are the current problem, they were the main concern for Drew and his staff.

"With Phillips (Eddie, quarterback) throwing and running, plus the good fullback (Wayne McKinney), Mesquite has a high scoring machine," the Lion mentor said.

TURNER HAS been a tremendous pressure ball club all year but especially during the

last two weeks (against Highland Park and Garland). Now that the race is over, and the

pressure off, at least for one week, it'll be interesting to see how the Lions function.

"It'll have to be a top effort," believes Drew, "because you just don't let down against a team like Mesquite and hope to win."

But a letdown is something Turner fans haven't had to wor-



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ry about this year. The Lions always seem to be ready.

In fact, over-eagerness put Turner in the hole early in the Garland game. On the first play from scrimmage Owl speedster Eddie Washington hit over right tackle, zigged, then zagged and raced 80 yards for a touchdown. Garland got the two-point conversion and led 8-0 before a minute was gone off the clock. "Our kids just froze up," Drew said. "They were keyed up and he (Washington) got a good jump. That's what happens when you play that speed, you can't miscue a step."

**TWO FACTORS** figured greatly in the Turner win—the kicking games and the Lion defensive backfield. The first two Turner touchdown drives came after short Garland punts against the wind, giving the Lions field position around mid-field.

Then after Turner opened a drive deep into Owl territory to start the second half, Bill Montgomery dropped back to punt on a fourth down situation at the Garland 30. He faked a run, and punched a kick that was killed at the Owl 1. That move left Garland in poor field position the entire second half.

The Lion secondary — Mike Blalock, Montgomery, Jimmy Gunn, Gary Chrisman and Preslie Hodge — played a tre-

mendous part in stopping the Owl offense.

"We were spread thin on defense to contain them outside so it left a lot of responsibility on our secondary," Drew said.

**CROSS COUNTRY**—With the state playoffs right around the corner, most district races are going down to the wire.

Something has to give in District 4-AAAA this week as both zone races are still up for grabs.

In Zone I, Richland travels to Wichita Falls Friday and a win by the Coyotes would give them the title . . . but if Richland wins, and Grand Prairie stops Irving, then GP will be the winner . . . and Richland gets the title if they beat Wichita Falls and Irving upsets the Gophers. Things aren't that complicated in Zone II . . . Wichita Falls Rider hosts MacArthur Thursday night with the winner taking the crown.

McKinney, the state's No. 1 ranked Class AAA team can sew up the District 6-AAA bunnies Friday night . . . the Lions invade surging Lake Highlands, which will put a 4-1 district record against the 5-0 McKinney mark. In District 8-AAA, Athens was upended by Ennis last week and the latter could win the title by taking its remaining two games . . . Ennis is at Duncanville this week.

**DISTRICT 7-AAAA**

**SEASON**

**Team— SOUTH ZONE**

R. L. Turner	8	1	0	181	84
Highland Park	8	3	0	141	86
Garland	5	5	0	108	106
Mesquite	4	5	0	188	164
Richardson	3	5	1	98	99

**Team— NORTH ZONE**

Denison	8	1	0	141	83
Sherman	6	2	0	101	81
South Garland	6	2	1	174	101
Paris	4	5	0	186	166
Denison	4	8	0	51	149

**DISTRICT 7-AAAA**

**SEASON**

**Team— SOUTH ZONE**

*R. L. Turner	3	0	0	40	21
Highland Park	2	2	0	47	35
Garland	1	2	0	63	41
Mesquite	1	2	0	60	51
Richardson	1	2	0	21	41

**Team— NORTH ZONE**

*Denison	4	0	0	58	37
South Garland	4	0	0	63	29
Sherman	2	1	0	87	45
Paris	0	3	0	48	70
Denison	0	3	0	18	68

**CLINCH GAME**

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

R. L. Turner 28, Garland 8; Denison 13, South Garland 8; Richardson 7, Highland Park 1; Sherman 28, Paris 22; Mesquite 9, Denison 0.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Friday—R. L. Turner at Mesquite; Denison at Highland Park; Paris at Denison; South Garland at Sherman; Richardson at Garland. (\*—Denotes zone game)

**DISTRICT 4-AAAA**

**SEASON**

**Team— ZONE I**

Richland	5	1	0	142	79
Wichita Falls	5	3	1	138	67
Arlington	4	3	2	86	76
Grand Prairie	4	3	0	100	41
Irving	3	6	0	102	138
Haltom	1	7	1	35	144

**Team— ZONE II**

Rider	7	1	0	169	68
MacArthur	5	4	0	107	107
Sam Houston	4	5	0	71	122
Castleberry	1	6	2	63	107
Bell	0	8	0	58	133

**DISTRICT 4-AAAA**

**SEASON**

**Team— ZONE I**

Grand Prairie	3	1	0	63	30
Richland	3	1	0	77	39
Wichita Falls	3	1	0	100	41
Arlington	2	2	0	30	62
Irving	1	3	0	55	61
Haltom	0	4	0	9	89

**Team— ZONE II**

Rider	3	0	0	81	26
MacArthur	3	0	0	43	19
Bell	1	2	0	35	42
Sam Houston	1	2	0	78	76
Castleberry	0	3	0	20	45

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

Wichita Falls 21, Grand Prairie 14; Irving 27, Haltom 0; Rider 42, Sam Houston 6; MacArthur 14, L. D. Bell 6; Richland 28, Arlington 14, Austin Travis 14, Castleberry 10.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Friday—Castleberry at L. D. Bell; Thursday—MacArthur at Rider; Richland at Wichita Falls; Haltom at Arlington; Grand Prairie at Irving; Sam Houston—open. (\*—Denotes zone game)

**DISTRICT 6-AAA**

**SEASON**

**Team—**

McKinney	8	0	0	178	8
Gainesville	6	2	0	138	70
Sulphur Springs	5	3	0	71	65
Lake Highlands	4	4	0	150	73
Greenville	3	5	0	71	67
Lewisville	2	6	0	69	102
Bonham	2	6	0	75	67
Mt. Pleasant	0	8	0	21	171

**DISTRICT 6-AAA**

**SEASON**

**Team—**

McKinney	5	0	0	114	0
Lake Highlands	4	1	0	123	51
Gainesville	3	2	0	81	58
Sulphur Springs	3	2	0	70	37
Bonham	2	3	0	41	96
Greenville	2	3	0	30	61
Lewisville	1	4	0	34	143
Mt. Pleasant	0	4	0	21	131

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

McKinney 41, Lewisville 0; Greenville 8, Gainesville 0; Sulphur Springs 27, Mt. Pleasant 6; Lake Highlands 20, Bonham 0.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Friday—McKinney at Lake Highlands; Sulphur Springs at Greenville; Gainesville at Lewisville; Bonham at Mt. Pleasant. (\*—Denotes zone game)

**DISTRICT 8-AAA**

**SEASON**

**Team—**

Altova	7	2	0	151	49
Waxahachie	5	3	0	80	86
Ennis	5	3	0	111	88
Terrell	4	4	0	81	98
Lancaster	4	4	0	198	136
LaVega	3	5	0	87	116
Duncanville	2	5	1	151	136

**DISTRICT 8-AAA**

**SEASON**

**Team—**

Athens	4	1	0	101	22
Paris	3	1	0	53	37
Waxahachie	2	2	0	47	66
Terrell	2	3	0	52	44
Lancaster	2	3	0	60	86
LaVega	1	3	0	32	70
Duncanville	0	3	1	42	82

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

Ennis 7, Athens 6; Lancaster 18, LaVega 6; Terrell 14, Duncanville 0; Waxahachie—open.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Friday—Terrell at LaVega; Waxahachie at Athens; Ennis at Duncanville; Lancaster—open. (\*—Denotes zone game)