

PEACHTREE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



PEACHTREE RIDGE AT SOUTH FORSYTH

PEACHTREE RIDGE LIONS (7-A AAAA)

- **Coach:** Bill Ballard
- **Record:** 6-1, 5-0 region
- **Last week:** Beat Collins Hill 21-7

SOUTH FORSYTH WAR EAGLES (7-A AAAA)

- **Coach:** Wendell Early
- **Record:** 1-6, 1-4 region
- **Last week:** Beat Duluth 27-0

Peachtree Ridge picked up a huge victory last Friday, knocking off unbeaten Collins Hill, and Lion head coach Bill Ballard said his team can't afford a let-down this week against 1-6 South Forsyth.

The War Eagles, under former Berkmar head coach Wendell Early, have scrapped the spread offense the past two weeks and gone to an I-formation. Ballard said the switch has helped the offense move the ball much better.

The Lions did enough on offense to win last week, behind the playmaking of Nick Lombardo and Brandon Stanley, but Ballard wants improvement.

"I really do feel like we could have played better on offense," he said. "We're making some execution errors that we need to fix. And we were too conservative on offense last week and that's my fault. We didn't throw the ball enough."

There weren't too many complaints with the Lions' defense, which shut down Collins Hill star back Charles Perkins, a Georgia Tech commitment. Peachtree Ridge limited Perkins to 17 rushes for 45 yards, sacked the Collins Hill QB three times and forced two turnovers, including an interception by Sterling Jones.

■ **Last meeting:** Peachtree Ridge won 22-16 last year

■ **Directions to South Forsyth High School:** Ga. Hwy. 400 north to exit 13, which is Peachtree Parkway or Ga. Hwy. 141. Turn right off the exit ramp and school is 1/3 mile ahead on the left.



Brandon Stanley

