

# Oak Harbor Surprises St. Mary In 12-8 Win

Unable to get any kind of drive underway after scoring their lone touchdown in the second quarter, the St. Mary Panthers suffered a bitter 12-8 loss at the hands of Oak Harbor Saturday night at Strobel Field.

With just six members of the 1958 squad returning, Oak Harbor was supposedly on a downward trend but you couldn't prove it by asking the veteran Panthers who were outmaneuvered all the way.

The youthful Rockets scored the first time they gained possession in each half to derail the locals bid for a successful start in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Last year the Ottawa County 11 scored a 14-12 triumph over St. Mary and only six members of the present squad played in the thriller.

John Erwin, in his fourth season at the head of the Rockets, was forced to rebuild and on their play Saturday night, must have found the right combination.

The Panthers' defeat was their first in two outings. They will try to get back on the right foot when they travel to Sebring Saturday to play Goshen-Union High school who come from Damascus . . . complicated, but that's right.

John Galati's club wore down Genoa in running up a 32-6 victory last week and it was hoped as the game progressed, that they would repeat. Unfortunately for the parochial 11, Oak Harbor became much stronger as the time marched on.

ST. MARY received the opening kickoff, but Dave Nofz fumbled on the second play from scrimmage and Oak Harbor recovered on the 22.

With 135-pound quarterback Jake Egbert at the controls, the Rockets went in to score in five plays with the junior letterman hitting Bob Tornow for the score.

Held to three yards in two rushing plays, Egbert connected with Gary Noble on a down and

out pattern with the big senior end moving to the 11.

After fullback Dick Tallman bulldozed his way to the six, Egbert flipped to Tornow on a jump pass over center for the touchdown with 9:23 remaining in the opening quarter. The extra point try by Egbert on a kick was blocked by Chuck Smith.

THREE PLAYS after the ensuing kickoff, the Rockets gained possession again when Egbert intercepted a Bob Jarvis aerial which bounced off Dave Nofz into the waiting arms of the safetyman.

The Panthers held, however, and took over on their own 26. Dave Mosser skirted right end for 24 yards on the first play with Smith throwing a key block and the locals seemed to be headed for the equalizer.

James darted 19 yards in the march which gave St. Mary a first down on the 16, but Mosser fumbled a pitchout on a fourth and five play from the 11 with Oak Harbor taking over on downs.

ST. MARY marched 38 yards early in the second period to take the lead with Nofz darting inside right end from the four to knot the score. Mosser added the two-pointer on a left end

sweep with 6:39 yet to play in the first half.

The Panthers started from the Rocket 38 after a punt with thrusts by Nofz and Mosser giving them a first down on the 28.

After James recovered his own fumble for a two-yard loss back to the 30, the senior quarterback skirted the right side to the 27 and lateraled back to Mosser who moved it down to the 22.

Fullback Tim Ball roared off right tackle to the 10 and carried on the next play to the six. Nofz picked up two and then the 190-pound senior scampered into the end zone with Mosser and Charles Stanley throwing key blocks to open a big hole.

The equalizer came at the 6:39 mark and Mosser put the Panthers ahead with the extra points with a block by Ball sending him on his way.

HOWEVER, St. Mary was unable to penetrate the tough Rocket defense from then on and picked up just four first downs in the second half, never getting into Oak Harbor territory.

The victory-hungry Rockets, 30-6 victims to Carey in their SBC opener last week, tallied the winning marker by driving 66 yards with the second half kickoff.

A pair of first downs put the ball on the St. Mary 43 and then Tallman rambled 33 yards to the 10 . . . the 175-pounder shot off left tackle with the pigskin after taking a handoff from Egbert who faked a pitchout to the right and Tallman was finally ridden out of bounds.

Egbert went halfway on a sweep and Dick La Fountain scored the touchdown on a pitchout around the left side. An Egbert to Tallman pass was knocked down on the extra point try.

ST. MARY moved from its own 13 to the 49 midway through the final period, but Jack Etowski was stopped just short of a first down on a fourth and one situation with Oak Harbor taking over. The Panthers had the ball for just one more play, but DeeWayne Brindley intercepted a pass by

James and the Rockets proceeded to run out the clock and hand the locals a stunning setback.

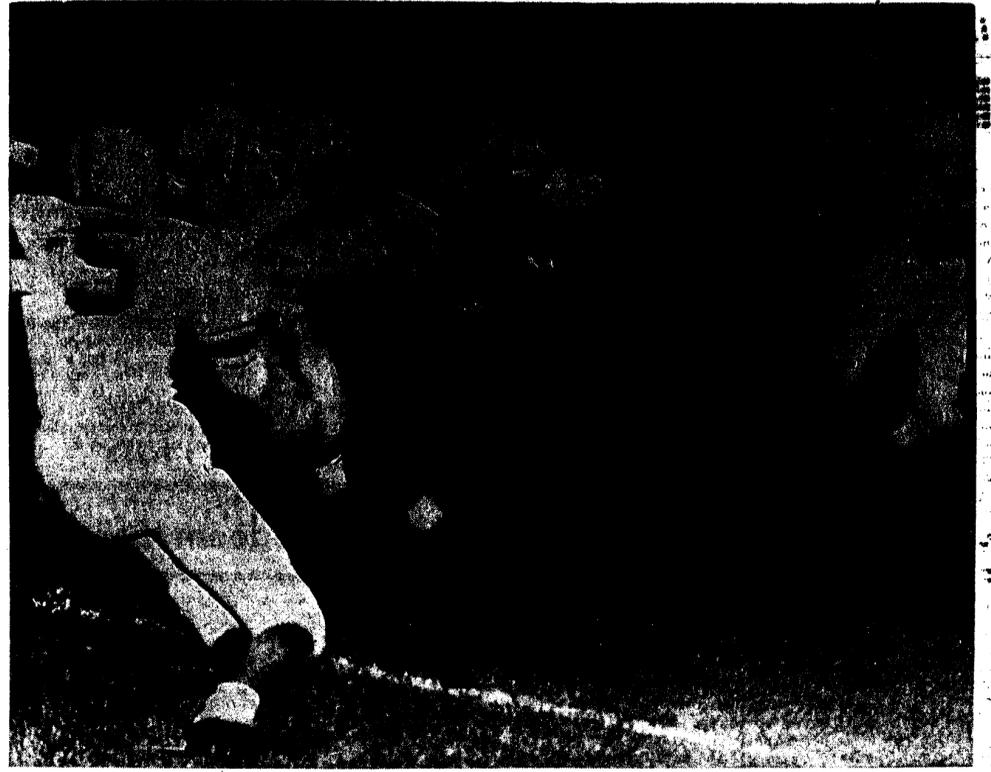
Egbert, after connecting on his first four tosses, had six for 14, while St. Mary attempted just three with two of them being intercepted.

While the defeat sidelined the locals bid temporarily for a SBC title, they can climb back into the race Oct. 11 when they invade Fremont St. Joe. Both St. Joe and Tiffin Calvert have 1-0 records, while the other teams have been defeated once.

## Lineups

**OAK HARBOR—12**  
 ENDS—Noble, Hughes, Tornow  
 TACKLES—DeWitt, Cover, Schoch  
 GUARDS—S. LaFountain, Dornbrust, Buchler  
 CENTER—RILEY  
 BACKS—Egbert, D. La Fountain, Brindley, Tallman, Sutter, Williams, Kales

**ST. MARY—8**  
 ENDS—Boehmer, Stanley  
 TACKLES—Smith, Herzog, Stehle  
 GUARDS—Hug, Calabria, Dubois  
 CENTER—Fedlam  
 BACKS—James, Nofz, Mosser, Ball, Kramer, Etowski, Derrick  
 Score by quarters:  
 Oak Harbor . . . . . 6 0 6 0—12  
 St. Mary . . . . . 0 8 0 0—8  
 Oak Harbor — Tornow (6, pass from Egbert), D. LaFountain (6, run).  
 St. Mary—Nofz (4, run). Extra Points—Mosser (run).



## As Bears, Browns Well Know

# Packers, Steelers Pull Shockers As NFL Opens

United Press International

The National Football League season is just three days old, but George Halas and his Chicago Bears already are sorry Vince Lombardi left the New York Giants to take over the stumbling Green Bay Packers.

And Paul Brown's Cleveland Browns are equally sorry quarterback Bobby Layne ever switched from the Detroit Lions to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Baltimore Colts and Giants began defense of their division ti-

opening week-end show by upsetting two of the other title favorites.

Green Bay, which had the worst season (1-10-1) in its history in 1958, shocked the Bears Sunday, 9-6. It was a tremendous opening triumph for Lombardi, who became head coach and general manager of the Packers this year after five seasons as offensive coach for the Giants. It was scored before a capacity crowd of 32,150 victory-starved Packer fans at Green Bay.

Cleveland, seeking its eighth Eastern crown in 10 tries, was upset by Pittsburgh, 17-7. The Steelers haven't lost since Layne began clicking after joining them during the 1958 campaign. He fired two touchdown passes and kicked a field goal and two extra points to erase a 7-0 Cleveland lead Saturday night and boost Pittsburgh's unbeaten string to eight games.

The Colts, defending league and Western Division champions, trailed the Lions, 9-0, late in the third period but rallied for a 21-9 victory. While their defense throttled the Lions before a record Baltimore opening day crowd of 55,558 the Colts won on Alan Ameche's scoring plunge and two touchdown passes from Johnny Unitas to Ray Berry and Jim Mutscheller.

New York, defending Eastern Division champion, frittered away a 17-0 lead Saturday night in the Los Angeles Coliseum, then stunned 71,297 Ram rooters by rallying to win, 23-21. The Giants won on two Pat Summerall field goals in the final period, the decisive boot traveling 18 yards with only 1:58 remaining.

In Sunday's other openers, Bob- by Joe Conrad of the Chicago Cardinals scored 25 points on three touchdowns and seven conversions to spark a 49-21 triumph over the Washington Redskins and punt returns by Abe Woodson (56 yards) and Eddie Dove (62) helped the San Francisco Forty-Niners down the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-14.

## Over Plymouth

# Berlin Registers 22-6 NCC Victory

BERLIN HEIGHTS—Berlin Heights successfully opened defense of its North Central Conference crown here Saturday by defeating Plymouth, 22-6.

With the score knotted at 6-6, the Tigers produced 16 points in the final 12-minute session to even their season record after losing a non-conference game to Firelands in the season opener.

Berlin began its drive for the second touchdown late in the third quarter after holding Plymouth on downs at the 23. The Tigers covered 77 yards in 11 plays with fullback Bob Perkins crashing over from the three.

JOHN WEAVER's pass to Ray Otto good for 14 yards to the three was the key play in the drive and the Tiger quarterback connected with Bruce Burnham

for the two-pointer.

Berlin Heights added an insurance marker late in the period when they drove 32 yards after a recovery of a Plymouth fumble.

Perkins scored his third touchdown of the afternoon when he darted in from the 12 after gaining 12 yards in three attempts. Weaver and Burnham again combined to add the final points.

BERLIN HAD taken a 6-0 lead in the second stanza when they marched 68 yards with Perkins going over from three yards out. The veteran fullback had set up the score with a 37-yard gain. Weaver's pass fell incomplete on the extra point try.

Plymouth tied the score in the third quarter by taking the second half kickoff all the way with Fate Christian banging in the end zone from the four. Christian was the big gainer in the drive with 42 yards in three carries highlighted by a 28-yard advance. A placement attempt by Bill Strine for the extra point was blocked.

## Boosters Meet At Barone's Tuesday

Blue Streak Boosters will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant on Perkins Ave.

Sandusky High football coach Ben Wilson will show movies of the Cleveland Rhodes and Elyria games with refreshments following.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Oak Harbor 12, Sandusky St. Mary 8  
 Berlin Heights 22, Plymouth 6  
 Western Reserve 52, Milan 0  
 Norwalk St. Paul 27,  
 Margaretta 14

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## Bridges Also Here

# Mullin, Gromek To Attend LL Banquet

Detroit Tiger scouts Tommy Bridges, Pat Mullin and Steve Gromek will be in attendance at the 12th annual AMVET Little League banquet honoring over 400 youths in the 9-11 age bracket Tuesday at the Sandusky Senior High School.

Bridges, instructor for minor league clubs and scout-at-large for the Tiger organization, is one of the all-time greats of Detroit and American League annals.

A 20-game winner for three consecutive seasons, Bridges was named to the all-star team six times and participated in four World Series.

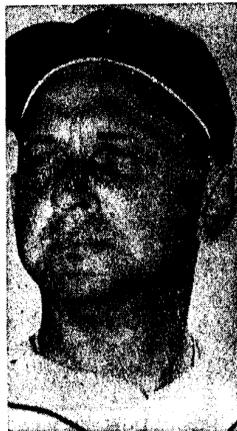
Mullin was signed in 1937 and has been with Detroit ever since and played with the Tigers for 10 seasons. The former outfielder accepted the job as fulltime scout in the Detroit area in 1957.

Gromek was also a pitcher and has 16 years of major league experience most of which was obtained with the Cleveland Indians.

Player-manager at Erie for the Tigers in 1958, Gromek worked with the Detroit tryout camps this spring.

His top season was with the Indians in 1945 when he posted a 19-9 record and had a 9-3 mark in 1948, the year that the Tribe won the World Series.

The annual AMVET event will get underway at 6:30 with over 500 players, managers, coaches and wives to attend.



STEVE GROMEK . . . former Indian

## Statistics

	SM	OH
First Downs (total)	9	15
by rushing	9	9
by passing	0	6
by penalty	0	0
Rushing (number of)	49	44
rushes	213	196
yards gained	24	26
yards lost	180	170
net yards gained	39	39
average gain	0.9	0.9
Forward Passing		
attempted	3	14
completed	0	6
yards gained	—	61
yards lost	—	10
average gain	—	2.0
had intercepted	2	0
Total Plays (rushes and passes)	52	58
Totals Net Yards		
Gained	189	231
Lost	150	134
Points (number)	4	37
average yards	39	42
had blocked	0	0
Punt Returns (number)	2	2
average return	4	14
Kickoff Returns (number)	2	2
average return	10	16
Fumbles (number)	3	0
lost	0	0
Penalties (number)	6	4
yards penalized	40	40

## By 52-0 Count

# Western Rips Milan

WAKEMAN — Halfback Dave Eungard's flashy three-touchdown performance was the big news here Saturday afternoon as Western Reserve routed Milan, 52-0, before a "Dad's Day" crowd in the North Central Conference opener for each school.

The speedy 135-pounder chalked up scoring dashes of seven, 16 and 34 yards in leading the Roughriders of Coach Tony Aiello to their second straight win.

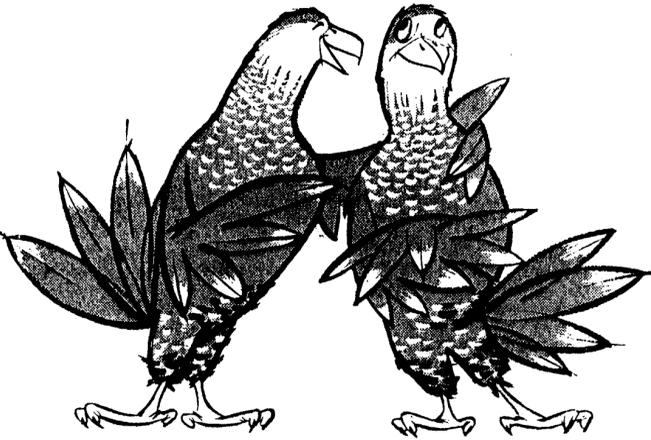
Larry Nosack scored the first of three first quarter touchdowns on a seven-yard scamper, Eungard followed with one of the same distance and Roger Kuhn raced 60 yards with an intercepted pass as the host club piled up a 20-0 lead.

The winners built their half-time advantage to 34-0 as Ken

Allan went seven yards and Eungard 16 for second period tallies.

Eungard went 34 yards and Lynn Walton four to pay dirt in the third period and John Cassidy reeled off the longest gainer of the day—83 yards—to finish off the eight-touchdown parade in the final 12 minutes.

Boyd Martin and Paul Adams ran for the extra points after two of the scores.



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ROCKET BACK HALTED — Oak Harbor quarterback Jake Egbert runs into a pack of St. Mary gridders after a short gain in the Rockets 12-8 upset over the Panthers at Strobel Field. Closing in on Egbert is Dave Mosser (5), Tim Ball (13), and Charles Stanley (27), with Tom Boehmer making the initial stop.

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