

# SHS Wins, St. Mary Loses In Previews

## Balconi's Aerials Pace 12-0 Victory For Blue Streaks

A victory is sweet no matter how or when achieved, but Sandusky High's football team could do its followers a favor if they'd get untracked a little earlier.

Following the pattern of the Fostoria scrimmage earlier in the week when they suddenly erupted for six touchdowns in the late going, the Blue Streaks got moving after a slow start to whip Tiffin Columbian, 12-0, in the Tiffin Downtown Coaches' annual football preview Friday night at Columbian Stadium.

The abbreviated game, consisting of two "halves" of 12-minute duration each, served as a good tuneup for next Friday's regular season opener against Cleveland Rhodes at Strobel Field.

Ben Wilson's club came out of the fray with no serious injuries and, as it has since practice began August 20, continued to show improvement.

**GARY BALCONI**, a stalwart defensive performer last season who has taken to the quarterback duties like a kid to ice cream, directed the SHS attack almost flawlessly and accounted for one score and set up the other with his passing.

The running attack didn't match the overhead game, but the trio of halfbacks Jon Jackson

and Ben Espy and fullback Dave Scott showed it needs only more polish and work on timing to really blossom.

Blocking up front wasn't bad, and the limiting of Columbian to just one first down accentuated a good defensive effort... with a special bow going to the secondary for much-improved pass coverage that included two interceptions.

**THE STREAKS** got off 48 plays without needing to punt once, gaining 152 yards rushing on 36 attempts. Balconi's aerial log showed only five completions in 12 tries, but they were good for 107 yards.

After failing to make connections on his first six efforts (two were dropped), Balconi clicked on five of his last six.

Tim Ziemke hauled in three of them for 54 yards, Eddie Bryant a 30-yarder that was worth six points and Espy snagged one for a 23-yard advance. The team captain also had a 29-yarder to Scott that was wiped out by a penalty.

Jackson picked up 61 yards in 15 attempts, Espy 42 in 13 and Scott 26 in six cracks at the line, while Balconi went 11 and then 12 yards on two running forays.

The Streaks wound up with 12 first downs for their efforts, seven by rushing.

Columbian controlled the ball for only 19 plays, getting 25 yards on 10 rushing attempts; clicking on three of seven aerials for 16 yards, and punting twice.

**SANDUSKY FORCED** Columbian to punt immediately after the session opened, with Jackson scooting 24 to open a 44-yard bid that stalled on TC's 29.

The Streaks got the ball right back on Ken Nagel's interception three plays later—getting back nine yards to the TC 37—but Balconi overthrew Espy after two tosses were dropped to wind up matters on the host club's 41.

Buster Ebner hopped onto a fumble on Sandusky's 39 three plays later, but time ran out with the Streaks threatening on the Tiffin 11.

**SANDUSKY MOVED** 35 yards with the second half kickoff before a fumble lost possession on Columbian's 20, but the Streaks scored after forcing TC to punt.

Picking up three passing first downs enroute—the third a 25-yarder to Ziemke that carried to the nine—Espy turned his own left end and outraced two defenders going wide to cross the goal.

That score came with just 1:28 remaining, and the Streaks hit paydirt again after only 19 more seconds of playing time elapsed.

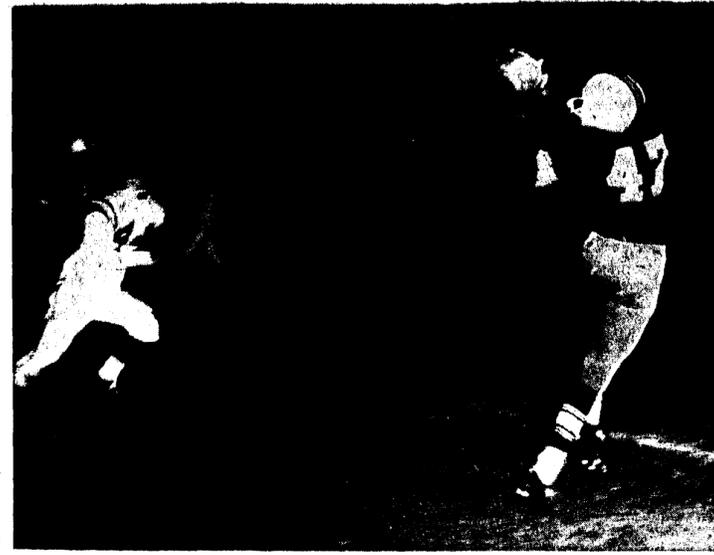
Ebner intercepted on Columbian's first play following the kickoff, and Balconi immediately zeroed in on Bryant who had outraced two defenders for a 30-yard payoff pitch.

**Erie Lumber Tops Bellevue VFW In Slow Pitch Tilt**

Erie County Lumber edged Bellevue VFW by a 9-8 score Friday night despite a four-run upsurge in the last of the ninth by the hosts.

Chuck Acierio paced the Lumbermen's hitting attack with three straight hits, while Bob Peters collected three out of four. Dave Weissenauer walloped a homerun and a double. Red Martin rapped out two hits for the losers.

Andy Anderson was the winning pitcher and Bob Miller the loser. A return game is scheduled for Thursday night at Battery Park beginning at 7 o'clock.



**HAULED IN** — Sandusky High's junior halfback Ben Espy picked off this aerial from Gary Balconi for a 23-yard advance.



NATIONAL LEAGUE		G	W	L	Pct.	'08
San Francisco	140	78	62	557	—	vs
Los Angeles	141	76	63	555	—	
Milwaukee	140	77	63	550	—	1
Pittsburgh	142	72	71	503	—	7 1/2
Cincinnati	142	69	73	496	—	10
Chicago	140	67	73	479	—	11
St. Louis	142	64	78	451	—	15
Philadelphia	142	60	82	423	—	19

AMERICAN LEAGUE		G	W	L	Pct.	'08
Chicago	142	87	55	513	—	4
Cleveland	140	82	58	586	—	4
New York	140	71	69	507	—	15
Detroit	141	70	71	496	—	16 1/2
Baltimore	140	69	71	486	—	17
Boston	141	65	76	461	—	21 1/2
Kansas City	139	60	79	432	—	25 1/2
Washington	141	58	83	411	—	28 1/2

**Browns Battle Lions Sunday**

**CLEVELAND** (UPI) — The Cleveland Browns hope to even their exhibition series against the Detroit Lions when the clubs meet in the Motor City on Sunday.

The Lions downed the Browns, 9-3, in a sluggish battle at the Akron Rubber Bowl last month. A victory would boost the Browns' pre-season record to 2-3.

Detroit has two victories, two losses and a tie in their five exhibition contests.

Milt Plum, now established as Cleveland's first string quarterback, will start against the Lions. Although he hit well on short passes against Los Angeles last Saturday, Plum is expected to try more long tosses against the Lions.

Four more players are expected to be cut after the game. The team must be reduced to 38 players by Tuesday night.

**Top Weighted**

**SALEM, N.H.** (UPI) — Eamone carries high weight of 117 pounds against seven rivals today in the \$7,500 Manchester Handicap at Rockingham Park. Starting against him in the mile and 70-yard event are Hi Delight, Battle Neck, Dark Tale, Lady Angora, Festival King, Thin Ice and Motor Line.

## Huron Looks Title Timber

**Vermilion, New London Break Even; Margaretta Loses Two**

Huron will again be a contender for Lakeland Conference honors if their showing in the four-team preview Friday night has any bearing on what to expect during the regular season which gets underway in less than a week.

The host Tigers posted an 8-0 victory over Vermilion in the opening 12-minute session and came back in the finale to blank New London by a 6-0 score. Vermilion edged Margaretta, 6-0, and New London scored twice in the first four and one half minutes of play to defeat Margaretta, 16-0, in other "games."

Vermilion received the opening kickoff, but were forced to punt and Huron gained possession on the Sailor 43. Halfback Pat Terry sliced off tackle for six to the 37 and quarterback Ray Majoy tossed to Keith Hamilton for a first down on Vermilion's 10.

Terry made three and sophomore Jim Boos skirted left end for six to the one-yard stripe with the junior quarterback taking the ball over himself with eight seconds left to play. Terry added the extra point on an off-tackle slant.

**THE SAILORS** came right back against Margaretta and took advantage of a poor punt to score a six-pointer with Ted Hoyman going the final 22.

The Polar Bears made one first down before their punt went only six yards and Vermilion took over on their own 47. The Sailors marched 53 yards in eight plays with Hoyman picking up 40 of it on two sweeps around left end. The senior halfback skirted the left side for 18 on his first carry and then went the rest of the way on the same play. Vermilion failed on its conversion with Margaretta stopping quarterback Cliff Bartome.

Right halfback Jack Murr grabbed the spotlight for New London in its 16-0 victory over the Polars. Murr raced 63 yards to paydirt on his first crack at the Margaretta line with Jim Crabbs adding the extra point.

**MARGARETTA** fumbled the kickoff with Murr recovering the loose pigskin and five plays later he went over from 23 yards out on the same play as before. Quarterback Bill Earle pitched out to Murr who scampered around left end unmolested both times. Cooke added the extra point with 7:27 yet to go in the period.

Joe Green was Margaretta's most effective runner and the Polar Bear halfback also turned in a fine defensive game, picking off a Wildcat aerial to halt another threat.

Terry returned New London's kickoff 24 yards to the Tiger 42 to get the final "game" underway and the 188-pound senior halfback then picked up 11 yards on two thrusts.

Sophomore fullback Jay Pressler then reeled off a 42-yard gainer to the Wildcat five with Terry slashing off tackle on the next play for the score. Boos was stopped on the extra point try.

**In State Tourney**

Sandusky Knight's of Columbus slow pitch team will battle a strong Lakewood team today in the semi-finals of the state slow pitch tournament at Columbus with the winner moving into the finals which will be played Sunday.

**In 6-0 Loss To St. Joe**

## Panthers Don't Score But Show Sharp Ground Attack

St. Mary showed great possibilities of a powerful running attack as they compiled a net total of 171 yards rushing and scored a pair of touchdowns, while Fremont St. Joe tallied only once, but the Panthers still found themselves on a short end of a 6-0 count.

The Panthers had easy going in the first period as far as yardage gained is concerned, but couldn't push over a score that was registered on the scoreboard in the Clyde Preview Friday night with both touchdowns being called back due to penalties.

John Galati's veteran club rolled up 110 yards in the first quarter, while the Fremont club had possession for only seven plays and netted 25, but the Panthers were stopped three times inside the 20.

**ST. MARY** received the opening kickoff with Dave Mosser moving it out to the 27. Dave Noftz hit off right tackle for a first down on the 39 and then Mosser zipped 61 yards for a touchdown.

The 150-pound senior halfback hit off right tackle and cut to his left, outracing the Crimson Streak secondary, but a clipping penalty on the four nullified the six-pointer and the Panthers stalled with St. Joe taking over on the 19.

On St. Joe's very first play from scrimmage, Fred Beiers fumbled and the Panthers gained possession once again on the 23, with Noftz moving the ball to the 11 on an off-tackle slant.

The 190-pound veteran halfback then skirted 11 yards to paydirt on an end sweep, but the Panthers were called offside. St. Joe then held on again to stop the local squad with Noftz being brought down on the six.

This time the Fremont team had the ball for three plays before they punted with St. Mary taking over on the Streaks 37. Mosser dashed 15 for a first down on the 22.

Mosser made five and Noftz four to make it third and one on the 13, but a fumble in the backfield halted Galati's club temporarily. However, Noftz added another first down on the 11 with a three yard pickup on fourth down.

After Noftz picked up three to the eight, the Panthers were called for offside again and then another fumble which was recovered by St. Joe's defensive guard Tim Weltin on the 15, stopped the final Panther threat.

**THE FIRST** period ended with St. Joe on the Panthers 46 in which Fred Beiers tossed a 20-yard pass to left end Al Binsack and came right back with a 17-yard spurt.

The Crimson Streaks then turned the picture around when they took the second quarter kickoff and marched 45 yards in five plays with Beiers cracking off left tackle from the 10 for the lone score of the game with 8:50 yet to play.

Bill Myers ran the kickoff back to the Panthers 45 and Beiers then made it to the 40. Myers followed with a 21-yard jaunt off right tackle to the 19 and Beiers followed with a nine-yard gain.

The 180-pound junior letterman then tallied on a 10-yard burst off left tackle. Myers' kick for the conversion was wide to the right and the Streaks were out front, 6-0... and that's how it remained.

St. Joe moved the ball again to the St. Mary 15, but was halted with the locals driving 55 yards only to be stopped on the visitors' 30 when fullback Tim Ball was stopped three yards short on a fourth down play. Earlier, Ball had marched 33 yards, getting 18 of it after hurdling a pile of defenders.

The Fremont 11 gained the ball and Myers ripped off 33, but were stalled on a holding penalty after which Beiers fumbled on the St.

them in the first period and St. Joe recovered one of them, while the Fremonters fumbled four times, with the Panthers grabbing two.

St. Mary looked very sharp in the first period, but St. Joe was in command the second period behind the effective running of Beiers and Myers who were able to get off several long gainers through huge holes in the Panther line.

Well the preview doesn't go on the season record as they are held to find out what a ball club can do under game conditions. Galati must iron out a few mistakes before the Panthers open the regular season one week from tonight at Strobel Field.

**IN THE OTHER** 24-minute "game," host Clyde and Oak Harbor battled to a 0-0 tie with Clyde being sparked by 210-pound fullback Ron Baker who gained well over 100 yards rushing, but the stubborn Oak Harbor defense stopped the heavier Flyers when the going got rough.

The light Rockets squad was unable to muster any offensive threat at all, but John Erwin's 11 went through a heavy workout on defense and came through in fine style.

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## East Humbles West In NCC Grid Show

Five touchdowns and a safety were scored by the East in routing the West by a 38-0 score in the North Central Conference football preview at Medina Friday night.

Members of the East included LeRoy, Seville, Black River and Lodi, while Western Reserve, Plymouth, Milan and defending champion Berlin Heights made up the West contingent.

LeRoy clipped Western Reserve 2-0, scoring a safety with less than a minute to go in the quarter, while Seville stopped Plymouth, 14-0, with Bob Chidsey scoring from 10 yards out and Bill Oberli dashing 35 yards with John Armstrong adding the extra point after the second tally.

Black River marched 53 yards with the second half kick-off in 10 plays with Dave Howe going in from the four. The attempted run for the extra point was stopped, but Milan fumbled and Black River recovered on the 35.

A clipping penalty moved the ball to the midfield stripe, but halfback Bill Benford shot off tackle and skirted down the right sidelines on the next play for a 50-yard scoring burst. Howe banged over for the added points to give Black River a 14-0 victory over Milan and the East a 30-0 bulge.

In the final session of the night, Lodi blanked Berlin Heights, 8-0, driving 64 yards in 12 plays with Nicholas slashing off left tackle from the four for the six-pointer. Bob Packard added the extra point.

Nicholas and Pope spearheaded Lodi's march in which they consistently picked up yardage over the Tigers right side.

### Bathgate Signs

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT. (UPI) — Andy Bathgate, the right wing who was voted the National Hockey League's "most valuable player" last season, today signed for the 1959-60 campaign and received a raise.

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