



FAKED OUT ESCORTS — John McCaslin of Oberlin College snares a pass for the Yeomen's third touchdown early in the second period of Saturday's game with Earlham. Yeoman Jack Coniam faked a field goal on the play and passed, while Earlham's center, John Powell (53), and halfback, Bill Phillips (26), merely escorted McCaslin home. (C-T Photo)

Earlham Fumbles Help Oberlin To 34-7 Victory

By RILEY JOHNSON

OBERLIN — A weaker defense and a freshman quarterback who cracked under pressure won the Oberlin-Earlham College football game Saturday for Oberlin's Yeomen, 34-7.

Perennially weak Earlham of Richmond, Ind., surprised the Yeomen with a shotgun offense. But the Earls hadn't the defense to back it up.

Yeoman John McCaslin, Alan Spiegelberg and Winnie Gould churned through Earlham's line continually, breaking through the backfield defenses on two touchdown runs.

Earlham's punned Oberlin's defense in a similar fashion. Sustained drives sent the Earls deep into Yeoman territory several times, but fumbles halted the threats.

The fumbles were by Earlham quarterback John Loose, who bobbled Oberlin to two touchdowns. A smooth ball handler at midfield, Loose clutched at crucial moments.

The first fumble came on Earlham's 23-yard line on the third play of the game. Loose bobbled the center snap and a host of Yeomen smothered the ball.

Spiegelberg hit the Earls' middle for seven, and McCaslin, replacing injured Harvey Singer, sliced through right tackle and weaved 17 yards to the 10. Mike Rice pushed to the one, and Spiegelberg dove over.

Jack Coniam's kick made it 7-0, Oberlin, with 2:17 gone in the game.

The remainder of the quarter saw Earlham dominate play, controlling the ball on 23 plays to Oberlin's six. The Earls pushed to Oberlin's 15 late in the period, but Loose fumbled and muffed a first down opportunity. The Yeomen took over.

In two plays Oberlin moved to its own 25 as the first quarter ended. On the next play, Coniam pitched out to Gould who cut across left end and galloped 74 yards to score. Coniam kicked and it was 14-0 with 11:45 left in the half.

It took the Yeomen two minutes to score again. Receiving a punt on their own 30, they moved to the seven in seven plays.

Oberlin lined up for a field goal; Earlham closed in to block it. Coniam took the snap, rolled out and passed to McCaslin in the end zone — Coniam's foot made it 21-0 with 7:50 left.

Earlham then launched its sole scoring drive, crossing the goal with :05 left in the half.

This was one drive in which Loose stayed loose at the helm. Pushing from its own 20, Earlham scored in 22 plays with Loose accounting for half the yardage through the air. Bill Phillips swept left end for two yards to tally. Tom Roser booted the conversion — 21-7.

The Yeomen fired back as the second half opened, pushing 52 yards in 13 plays for a touchdown. Spiegelberg tallied with 9:50 left in the quarter, and it was 27-7.

Gould Scores
The second play after the kickoff, Loose fumbled on his own 38. Jim Sutherland recovered, and Gould danced into the end zone; two plays later with 7:40 left, Spiegelberg kicked the game's final point — 34-7.

As the fourth period opened, Earlham was driving. In 10 plays, it had penetrated to Oberlin's three. But Loose cracked and Charles Marshall recovered the fumble.

A quick kick knocked Earlham out of Yeomen territory, and the Earls never returned. One final threat in the waning minutes of play was snapped by Spiegelberg intercepting a pass on his own 20.

Despite the score, Earlham had shown it was not the "toy" it has been in past seasons. The Earls compiled 251 net yards to Oberlin's 170, going for 17 first downs to the Yeomen's 11.

Earlham controlled 68 plays to its opponents' 34, but couldn't stop long runs or correct its quarterback's failings.

Offsetting the obvious show of shoddy defense on Oberlin's part was Spiegelberg's breaking of a school record.

The 180-pound halfback, an Oberlin native, added 13 points to his season total, giving him 71. The previous record was made in 1945 by Jim Boswell with 66.

But Oberlin's head coach, Bill Grice, was more concerned about the bucking of his defense.

"They moved through our line even when we had the first string in there," Grice drawled.

"We couldn't stop their drives."

"Desire had a lot to do with it," he added. "Our boys have been down for two weeks. I just hope they're up for next week."

Oberlin meets Denison at home Saturday.

"We just made too many mistakes like fumbling," Earlham's first-year coach, Paul Glod, said. "That's about the story."

Oberlin: 24 13 0 0-34
Earlham: 7 0 0-7

TOUCHDOWNS: Oberlin — Spiegelberg 2 (11, 1 runs), Gould 2 (74, 27 runs), McCaslin (7 pass from Coniam); Earlham — Phillips (2 runs).

CONVERSIONS: Oberlin — Coniam (2 kicks), Spiegelberg (kick); Earlham — Roser (kick).



WHEELS FOR '61 — The four wheels (officers) who will head up the Northern Ohio Stock Car Racing Association were announced Saturday night at NOSCRA's annual banquet at the Elyria American Legion Home. Left to right behind the bank of starters' flags are L. H. (Shorty) Terrell, treasurer; George Valerius, president; Graham (Bud) Craig, vice-president; and Ray Yost, secretary. NOSCRA currently is negotiating for a five-year lease and asphalt paving at Lorain County Speedway, scene of past operations. (C-T Photo)

Keep 'Em Guessin'

Wolves, Illini Defy 'The Book'

By JOHN MOORE

ANN ARBOR — It's back to the books again after watching the Wolverines of Michigan edge the University of Illinois Saturday, 8-7 — the books being, in this case, Standard Operating Procedure for football tacticians.

Either the manual has been re-written since this writer was indoctrinated in recommended offensive principles of America's favorite fall spectator sport or the Wolves and Illini delight in weaving silver threads through the locks of their rosters.

Consider the following variations from usual modus operandi:
1) Michigan was leading by a single point at half-time. Yet the Wolverines attempted six passes deep in their own territory in the second half. One of them was completed, then fumbled, and recovered by Illinois on Michigan's 24. This led to an Illinois field goal attempt several plays later from the Wolverine 14 which, had it been successful, would have cost the host team its victory.

Another flat pass in the final period, should have been intercepted by Illinois but the defender, in his eagerness to catch the ball with daylight and plenty of the open Washtenaw County turf in front of him, dropped the pigskin. That was the last pass thrown by Michigan. Evidently someone pointed out the score to the Michigan Board of Strategy and the Wolves reverted to normal.

2) Illinois received the opening kick-off on its own 28. The next six plays and the gains were RT-5, LT-3, RT-5, LG-25, inside RE-7, and LT-14. So what did Illinois then try? A pitchout far to the right which was bobbled, recovered by Michigan and the Illini threat was thwarted. And power plays had been working so beautifully.

3) With fourth and one on its own 29, 10:40 remaining in the fourth quarter (and remember

that slim one point lead), Michigan went for the first down. It made it but, four plays later with fourth and two on its own 39, the Wolverines punted. Consistent?

4) In the fourth quarter Illinois was on Michigan's six with third and six, and the ball in the middle of the field in a perfect spot for a place kick. Illinois ran wide to the left, lost a yard, and the field goal attempt had to be tried from an angle. It wasn't even close.

It makes for very interesting football but it's hard on one's blood pressure.

The Brothers Elliott, head coaches Chalmers (Bump) of Michigan and Pete of Illinois, who had many glorious moments as gridder at Michigan years ago, were on opposite sides Saturday. This was the first time in the history of the Big Ten that brothers had faced each other as rival mentors.

They were reunited at the end of the game as they walked off the field together. Older brother (by one year) Bump had his arm thrown around the shoulders of Pete and probably was whispering words of consolation. Whether their years of close association affected the play of their two teams is impossible to say yet, though it was an extremely hard-fought tilt, two five-yard penalties against Illinois were the only rules infractions called.

It is ironic that a game played on a field 100 yards long and 45 wide is still a game of inches. In its touchdown drive, Illinois picked up a first down on Michigan's eight by about three inches of the ball being past the end of the chain.

Illinois attempted a field goal in the third quarter from Michigan's 34. The ball hit the crossbar and bounded back into the playing field. About three inches higher and the words of consolation would have been provided by Pete.

Reserve Dumps Plymouth

WAKEMAN — Western Reserve High clinched a tie for the North Central (Public) Conference football crown Saturday by thumping Plymouth, 28-8.

Berlin Heights downed Black River, leaving Heights and Reserve with equal 3-0-1 won-lost-tied conference records.

Boyd Martin scored the first Roughrider touchdown on a first-quarter run of 10 yards. Larry Nosack converted.

Plymouth tied the game on Jim Russell's receiving a pass from Dayton Reed. Reed passed the conversion to Ken VanLoe.

Reserve's Rex Nichols clicked on a 44-yard aerial play to Martin in the second period for a score, and Dale Patrick clipped another tally on a five-yard plunge.

Nosack hit the middle in the last quarter for six yards and a touchdown. Patrick converted — 28-8, Reserve.

Roge McQueen of Plymouth was the game's only injury. He suffered a recurrence of a pinched nerve in his neck and left the game. He was released from Fisher-Titus Hospital, Norwalk, after treatment.

Plymouth edged the Roughriders in first downs with 12 to 11, but Reserve led in yardage with 218 to 171. Plymouth attempted 21 passes, completing eight for 55 yards. Reserve completed three of its seven attempts for 61 yards. One Reserve pass was intercepted.

Western Reserve 28 12 0 0-28
Plymouth 8 0 0 0-8

TOUCHDOWNS: Western Reserve — Martin 2 (10 run, 44 pass from Nichols), Patrick (3 run), Nosack (6 run); Plymouth — Russell (10 pass from Reed).

CONVERSIONS: Western Reserve — Nosack (run), Patrick (run), Plymouth — VanLoe (pass from Reed).

Race Permit Revoked
NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York state Harness Racing Commission has revoked the license of Robert Scuttlerworth of Tonawanda, N.Y. for falsifying entries in the eligibility papers of four horses he had leased.

Judo Match Set
NEW YORK (UPI)—The first judo tournament ever held in the East is scheduled for the New York Athletic Club gymnasium on Nov. 13. The one-day competition will match a team from the North against a Southern team.

Waterfowl Hunting Hours
Waterfowl hunting hours for tomorrow in the Elyria area are 6:41 a.m. to 5:18 p.m. EST.

Views of Sport



Gotham Grid Season Review

By Red Smith

NEW YORK — That was a mighty fine football season New York had Saturday afternoon. Army scored three points in the second period and six in the third. Syracuse got six in the fourth, and that was it for the big college sport in the Big Town this year, pending the post-season Gotham Bowl.

The conquest of America's defending champions brought West Point football its finest hour since the Navy game of 1938, when the last team coached by Red Blaik closed out a season without defeat. It was also a first-rate ball game, with the winners looking right down the cannon's throat through an afternoon of almost unrelieved suspense.

Twisting runs and long passes and free scoring are spectacular, but for excitement that lifts the hackles there's nothing to match a triumph of cross-grained defense over a superior attacking force. This is so because such a victory is an achievement of dogged will and unselfish effort.

Defensive patterns are planned, of course, and must be adapted to meet emergencies, but defensive football is essentially a matter of effort rather than skill. It wasn't Tom Blanda's place-kicking that won for Army, or Al Ruzhatz's plunging or young Dick Eckert's six-point roll-out run; it was the relentless pursuit and robustness of the West Point defense.

Evidently that is the only sort of play that's going to beat the contumacious Orange, for although the Syracuse attack this year has not produced the results delivered last season, Ben Schwartzwalder still has

one of the more miserly defensive units in the land. As Pittsburgh demonstrated and Army confirmed, the opposition doesn't score freely against Syracuse and must rely on the defense for a shutout or something near it.

Army mounted comparatively light artillery in Yankee Stadium. At least, it had no weapons big enough to maul the enemy. Army varied its attack, some

times using the lonely end with a flanking back and a man in motion to spread the defense, sometimes integrating ends as well as backs in a tight T-formation.

Nothing loosened up Syracuse for long gainers. George Kirschenbauer got away with some valuable shots but there was no shaking the fleet Pete King loose. Blanda had a tough day with his passes and sometimes got around the corner on roll-outs, but he isn't a fast runner.

When he was in at quarterback, Eckert looked like a high-grade rookie, a good runner and poised passer. Mostly, however, Army had to rely on short, sharp jolts by the resolute and persevering fullback, Ruzhatz.

The Word Is "Desire"
It is not criticism of the Army backs to suggest that none has the natural endowments of the Syracuse hatcher man, Ernie Davis. When he and Art Baker began to flog the tiring Cadets in the fourth quarter, West Point rooters held their breath, wondering how long a meager lead could be preserved against such hammering.

They found their answer in

the depths of Army's desire. When they seemed clearly to be wearing down, the Cadets called on something extra and managed to hang on.

Indeed, they did better. When Syracuse had the ball for what everybody realized would be its last chance, Army held for three downs, creating a kicking situation in Orange territory. The boys from upstate, resolved to keep possession if possible, called Tom Gilburg, a tackle, back in punt formation and he tried a fourth-down pass.

Fatigue didn't dull the defense. Prepared for the fake, Roger Zalkas picked off the throw with a running catch and raced to the Orange 14-yard line, whence the Cadets ground ahead until the clock stopped them one foot from another touchdown.

Anyone For Quarterback?
Throughout the game, the Syracuse quarterbacks caught hell. Schwartzwalder opened with Bob Thomas, heir-presumptive to the varsity job last year until a back injury took him out for the season. In the very first series of downs he was flattened by Al Vanderbush as he got a pass away, then rushed so hard on a pitch-out that he threw the ball away, Ruzhatz recovering to set up a place kick that missed.

Thereafter Schwartzwalder tried Dave Sarette and Dick Easterly at quarterback but none of the trio could get the attack rolling against that intractable defense.

Last season closed with Army taking scandalous abuse as Navy romped, 43 to 12. This year Navy was unbeaten until the loss to Duke on Saturday, and Joe Bellino was an ugly expression at West Point. Even that a redoubtable midshipman would have found the going sticky in the Stadium this day.

Triplett, Blake Top Bowlers

It was another "Be Kind To Bowling Pins" weekend among Elyria's leagues with Hal Blake rolling the only 600 individual series, 628.

Blake bowled in Harvey's Mixed Doubles League at Evans' Lanes. His female cohort was Patricia Triplett who tossed 507, women's high series.

Triplett zeroed in two 190 games (197-190) on opening and closing, but spiraled down to 120 in the second game. She tumbled in Rudy's Couples League.

Hazel Blake of Soney's Mixed League rolled a 189 starter, fell to 147 and finished on 163 for her 505. Helen Ritter fashioned a 501 in the His and Her League at Bowl-O-Drome.

600 Club
Hal Blake—638

500 Circle
Patricia Triplett—507
Hazel Blake—505
Helen Ritter—501

Midview Junior High 11 Wins

GRAFTON — Midview Junior High's football team closed its season with a 6-1 won-lost record Saturday night, defeating Oberlin, 14-0.

Melvin Nelson scored both touchdowns, on a 32-yard run from scrimmage and on a 95-yard pass interception return with 45 seconds of play remaining. Bob Strickland ran a conversion after the second touchdown.

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