

# St. Mary's 19—Game Win Wait Over

A strong comeback in the second half enabled St. Mary's to huck away that long-awaited victory Saturday night as the Panthers halted their 19-game losing streak with a 20-14 triumph over Carey.

The victory celebration for the Panther gridders was a brief one which came immediately after the final seconds ticked away when they hoisted Don Smeznik onto their "shoulders" and carried the first-year coach to the bus in the parking lot for the trip back to St. Mary's School.

Smeznik wasn't the only person beaming, however, as many of the fans that filled out of Strobel Field displayed broad smiles for the Panthers return.

However, there were anxious moments in the first half when the Panthers failed to pick up a single first down and were seemingly on their way to another setback. But the locals came out for the last 24 minutes of play and were determined to pull this one out of the fire which they certainly did.

### Snap Two Other Streaks

How the win will affect the Panthers in the last two games of the season is uncertain, but the desire to give all they had was quite evident in the second half in snapping two other losing streaks as well. The Panthers hadn't posted a victory in their last 13 Sandusky Bay Conference outings and couldn't pull out a triumph at home in their last 10 appearances.

John Eschels startled the fans by returning the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to put the locals in front, 6-0, and he also added the extra points.

The senior halfback took a handoff from Tim Reardon coming around toward the left sidelines on the 10 and needed just one block (by Ken Yontz) and he was on his way and in the clear at the 40 with two teammates patrolling the area enroute. The run took just 18 seconds.

This was the first time in 13 games that the locals even had a lead to protect, but the Blue Devils battled back with 14 points in the second period.

They picked up a safety early in the quarter when the Panthers halted them on the three, but were forced to punt four plays later. Jon Ritzenthaler went into his own end zone to kick, but

## Second Half Rally Tops Carey, 20-14

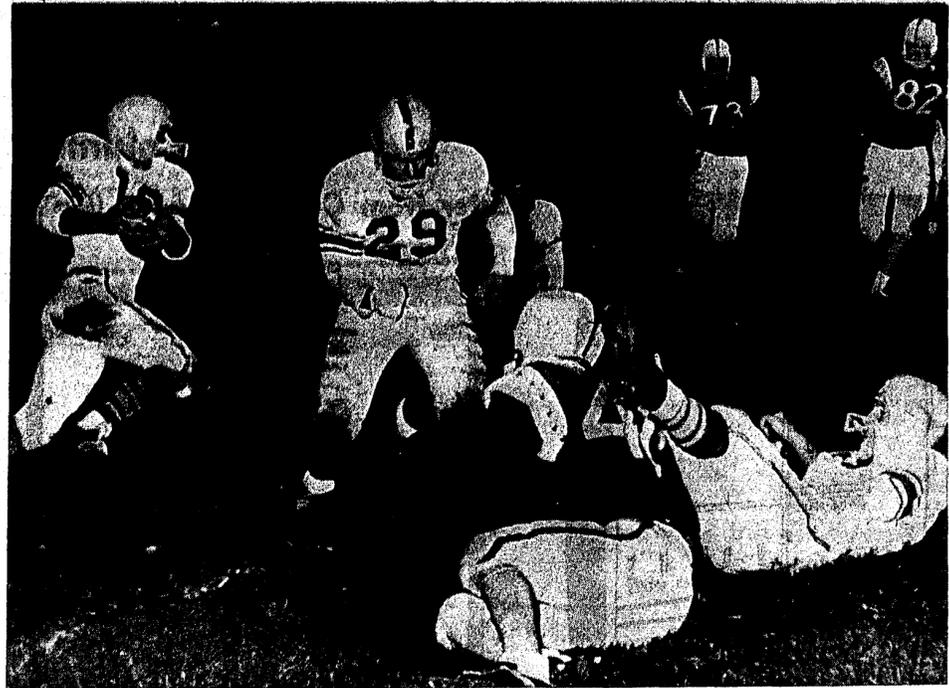
received a high snap from center and, with three Carey players rushing in on him wisely decided to give up the two points instead of trying to punt out or run.

The Blue Devils marched 44 yards after the free kick from the 20 to knot the count in 10 plays with fullback Dick Knowlton punching over from 2 yards out.

St. Mary's fumbled on the first play after the kickoff and senior

end Dick Tanner recovered on the 11 and Carey struck again. The first two plays gained nothing, but Jerry Worst gained 10 and a first down on a roll out and then handed off to Russell Chester who was in motion and the sophomore halfback cracked over with 39 seconds left in the half.

The Panthers wound up with minus 21 yards in the first half in 14 rushes, but were a completely different club in the second half



CLEAR PATH AHEAD, BUT NOT FOR LONG — St. Mary's halfback John Eschels has plenty of room to ramble on this play as he changes directions toward the middle of the field, but was upended after a 15-yard advance. However, the 175-pounder had his moments when he returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a score and ran 83 and 43 yards from scrimmage with the longest jaunt called back by a penalty. Rick Leibacher (29) is directing his attention at Carey's Dick Knowlton who has already been dumped by Ken Yontz. (Register Photo — Kenneth Eckler)

### Over Plymouth

## Milan Barrels To 6th Victory, 26-6

Milan struck for three long-distance scores in the first half enroute to a 26-6 victory over Plymouth Saturday afternoon in which Joe Steele's injury-riddled Indians wrapped up their sixth triumph in seven starts.

Despite three offensive and four defensive starters sitting this one out due to injuries, Milan had too much for the Big Red with quarterback Joe Bibb having a field day in the passing department.

Bib connected on six out of seven passes for 163 yards and a pair of touchdowns to Jim Ohlemacher. Bibb found the senior halfback in the open on the very first play from scrimmage and the pass was good for 54 yards and six points.

The Indians boosted their advantage to 12-0 in the second period when John Fox raced 65 yards on a sweep of left end.

Plymouth's lone marker came as a result of a fumble recovery on the Milan 45. The Big Red passed for 15 and then an interference play gave them possession on the eight with Jim Hamman plunging over from the 1 on the third play.

Milan came back with another touchdown in the second canto with Bibb again hitting Ohlemacher, this aerial covering 67 yards, and Bob Burdge smacked over for

the bonus points to make it 20-6 at intermission.

The final tally came in the final period after Burdge returned a Plymouth punt to the visitors 25, Larry Stoll slashed for 23 to the 2 and a penalty pushed the Indians back to the seven. Substitute quarterback Chuck Lindcamp then connected for the six-pointer to Bill Denzer.

Bernie Kraft was outstanding on defense for the Indians, the veteran middle guard being in on 23 tackles, while tackle Bob Schnell and linebacker Phil Lorchner were in on 20 and 18 tackles respectively.

Milan will entertain Perkins Saturday afternoon in a Firelands Conference game with the victor assured of placing second to champion Western Reserve in the final standings.

## Mitchell Displays His Soon-To-End Worth To Browns

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Playing his next to last game with the Cleveland Browns before leaving for the Army, Bobby Mitchell demonstrated how sorely he will be missed.

The speedy halfback had touchdown runs of 7, 9 and 18 yards in Sunday's 30-28 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in which the Browns came from behind twice to win.

All the other Cleveland scoring was from the golden toe of veteran Lou Groza, who kicked three field goals and three extra points. The victory kept the Browns (4-2) within one game of Philadelphia

and New York, who are tied for the lead in the eastern division of the National Football League with 5-1 records.

Mitchell gained 119 yards in 12 carries and caught four passes for 47 yards.

Cleveland had a 10-0 lead at the half on Lou Groza's 24-yard field goal in the first quarter and a six-yard scoring run by Mitchell in the second period.

But the Steelers came to life in the third period after intercepting a pass. Six plays later, Pittsburgh quarterback Rudy Bukich hit Buddy Dial in the end zone with a 12-yard heave.

That was the first of two touchdowns by the rangy Steeler end, who caught nine passes for 235 yards.

Tom Tracy, who scored Pittsburgh's other two touchdowns, plunged over from the one a few minutes later to put the Steelers in front.

The Steelers led 14-13 at the end of the third quarter after Groza kicked a 36-yard field goal.

Mitchell's second score got the lead back for the Browns, but not for long. Bobby fumbled a pitch-out from Milt Plum, and Pittsburgh recovered on the Cleveland 22.

Dial caught a pass from Bukich on the Cleveland 1, and Tracy plunged over for the score. The extra point gave the Steelers a 21-20 lead.

The Browns drove from their own 27 to the Steelers' 18 in six plays, and Mitchell darted and danced his way around end for the score.

Groza capped the Cleveland scoring with a 12-yard field goal, giving the Browns a 30-21 lead with time running out.

The last score came when Bukich hit Dial on a pass play that covered 88 yards for a touchdown. Dial broke around Jim Shofner, caught the pass at about the Cleveland 38 and dashed across the goal line.

### Tornadoes Post Another Shutout

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — The Toledo Tornadoes have scored three straight shutouts in the American Football Conference to stay on the heels of league-leading Sarnia.

The Tornadoes boosted their record to 6-1 Saturday night with a 28-0 victory at Cincinnati.

### Lineups

CAREY—14  
ENDS—Krom, Kessler, Arlington, Twining.  
TACKLES—Klein, Campbell.  
GUARDS—Arnett, Rettig, Knapp.  
CENTERS—Duffield, Fox.  
BACKS—Worst, Pratt, Chester, Knowlton, Row, Siefert, Brandt.

ST. MARY'S—20  
ENDS—Hiss, Herb, Sturzinger.  
TACKLES—Davis, Jon Ritzenthaler, Krafty, Stanley.  
GUARDS—Leibacher, McKittrick, Boehner.  
CENTERS—Joe Ritzenthaler.  
BACKS—Michel, Eschels, Reardon, Yontz, Biehl, Schnurr, Derrick.

Score by quarters:  
Carey ..... 0 14 0 0—14  
St. Mary's ..... 8 0 6 6—20

Carey scoring: Touchdowns — Knowlton (2 run); Chester (2 run); Safety (tackle Jon Ritzenthaler in end zone).  
St. Mary's scoring: Eschels 2 (90, kickoff return, 43 run); Biehl (15 run). Extra Points—Yontz (run).

### Statistics

First Downs (total)	C	SM
by rushing	10	8
by passing	5	1
by penalty	0	0
Rushes (number)	40	37
yards gained	99	167
yards lost	25	47
net yards gained	74	120
average gain	1.8	3.2
Forward Passing		
attempted	14	5
completed	9	5
yards gained	132	16
average gain	14.6	3.2
had intercepted	1	0
Total Net Yards Gained	206	138
Total Plays (rushes and passes)	54	42
Punts (number)	5	5
average yards	33	28
had blocked	0	0
Punt Returns (number)	0	1
average return	0	11
Kickoff Returns (number)	4	3
average return	14	48
Fumbles (number)	6	5
ball lost	2	3
Penalties (number)	10	3
yards penalized	45	25

### Grade 'Review' Tonight At 6:30

The annual "review" of the grade school football program is scheduled for Strobel Field tonight starting at 6:30 p.m.

All four teams will be in action. On hand to provide entertainment will be the Sandusky High School marching band, Moose Majorettes, Lake Erie Drum & Bugle Corps and Eaglesettes.

Admission is just 50 cents, with proceeds used by the sponsoring Blue Streak Boosters to finance the program.

### NCAA Huddles

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Association council started its three-day meeting today amid speculation that it would mete out penalties to errant members.

### Jim Grant Called Up

CLEVELAND (AP) — Right-hander Jim (Mudcat) Grant, ace of the Cleveland Indians' pitching staff the past season, was notified today to report for Army duty at Ft. Belvoir, Va., Nov. 2.

A club spokesman said Grant would serve a one-year hitch.

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when they gained 141 yards in 23 attempts with Eschels providing the long breakaway runs and Tom Biehl the short advances.

### Eschels Goes 43 For Tie

St. Mary's knotted the count midway through the third period when Eschels broke through a huge gap off right tackle and outraced three Carey defenders for 43 yards on the first play after Yontz recovered a fumble. Michel was dropped on the PAT try when he couldn't find a receiver and it was 14-14.

Eschels, 175-pound senior who missed several games this season due to injury, had earlier exploded for a run of 83 yards on the third play the Panthers had possession in the period, but the long jaunt was called back by a penalty.

Even though it didn't count, this run seemed to give the Panthers the boost they needed.

The Panthers missed two golden opportunities to move in front early in the fourth period by losing fumbles.

They drove to the Carey 12 on the sixth play of the quarter only to lose possession when Tanner recovered. Biehl intercepted a Blue Devil aerial one play later and returned to the 20, but the Panthers again were halted by a fumble on the second play with Chuck Arnett recovering this one.

St. Mary's took advantage of one more break to grab the victory when Carey gambled with five minutes left on the St. Mary's 40 with fourth and 14, but Worst was stopped on the 31 on a run and the locals marched 69 yards in eight plays to end the drought.

The locals picked up huge gains time after time in the drive with a Michel to Bob Herb pass for nine igniting the march. Michel then rolled out to his left for 10 to the Carey 45 and Biehl was forced out of bounds on the 30 after a pickup of 15 on a pitch-out.

After an incomplete pass, Eschels scooted 15 to within 15 yards of paydirt around left end and then Biehl caused the fans to go wild when he carried three Blue Devils into the end zone on a sparkling run in which he was seemingly halted on three occasions before breaking loose for good with 1:55 remaining. Biehl's spurt was a shining example of desire and sheer determination.

Carey's passing attack, which was a thorn for the Panthers all night long, had to be contained in the final minute and the locals ran out the clock.

Worst, 150-pound junior quarterback, connected on nine out of 14 aerials in a great performance of pinpoint passing for 132 yards and he was consistently making connections with Chester. Only 140 pounds and 5-6, Chester grabbed five passes, two on the sensational side, for better than 80 of the yardage.

St. Mary's travels to Tiffin Calvert for another SBC game Friday and then winds up the season on Saturday, Nov. 4, in entertaining Mohawk.

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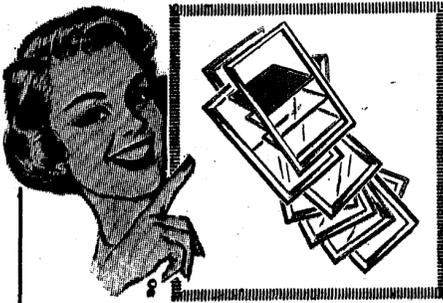
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