



COOKE FINDS RUNNING ROOM — New London fullback Steve Cooke barges past Huron's Frank Sowecke and finds daylight in Friday's Lakeland Conference clash in which the 185-pound senior fullback scored four touchdowns in New London's 40-8 conquest. The victory gave the Wildcats a share of the conference crown. (Register Photo — Dick McCullough)

Cooke Paces 40-8 Wildcat Romp

New London Rips Huron To Share Lakeland Title

New London ripped Huron, 40-8 to grab a share of the Lakeland Conference grid championship and finish its first season under coach Gary Praht with a glossy 8-2 record. The Wildcats coasted to their seventh Lakeland win in eight encounters to the Oberlin for the title. It marked the first time in the 11-year history of the conference that the Wildcats have been involved in a championship. Fullback Steve Cooke closed out a brilliant career by scoring four touchdowns and the 185-pound senior finished with 130 points on 20 touchdowns and five PAT runs. He gained 161 of New London's 270 yards rushing to wind up with 1,341 yards for the 10 games. NEW LONDON gained a 6-0 lead in the opening period when Cooke rambled 57 yards up the middle midway in the season. The Wildcats moved out to a 20-0 lead by halftime. Quarterback Dave Neel passed for 29 yards to Rick Evans and Cooke banged over for the PAT early in the period and the hard-running Cooke plunged one yard late in the quarter. HURON'S LONE touchdown came early in the third canto. Halfback Wayne Majoy scampared 21 yards and John Perrin passed to Bill Seder to make it 20-0. The Tigers finished 7-3 for the year and tied for third at 5-3 in the conference. However, New London stormed back with 14 more points in the quarter. Cooke cracked over from 6 yards out and Joe Hinton dashed 39 yards up the middle and Ed Morman added the bonus points to raise the hosts lead to 34-0. The final tally came when Cooke smacked over from the 3 midway through the fourth stanza. VERMILION GRABBED an 8-0 lead late in the first period by driving 60 yards with Dan Gray plunging the final yard. Nowacki passed to McGraw for the bonus points. Clearview knotted the margin in the second quarter with a drive of 79 yards in which Leroy Peyton covered the last four and Dennis Engrish passed for the PAT. The Clippers grabbed a 16-8 lead with 2:04 left in the third canto on a pass for 21 yards from English to Rich Montgomery. However, the Sailors tied the score again when Nowacki and McGraw teamed up on a 54-yard pass play on the second play after the kickoff. Nowacki's pass to Dave Fisher made it 16-16 and set up McGraw's jaunt with the pass interception. Vermilion wound up its season at 5-4-1 compared to Clearview's 6-4 showing. The Clippers captured the conference title a year ago. WELLINGTON HELD Amherst inside its 20 four times in the second half and scored the deciding points in the third period when quarterback Tom Steley plunged one yard to snap a 14-14 deadlock. The Ducks closed out their season at 2-7-1 compared to just one win in 10 games for the Comets. VERMILION HANDED Clearview a 24-16 reversal and Wellington halted Amherst, 20-14, in other Lakeland finales. Paul McGraw's pass interception in the fourth quarter set up Vermilion's winning touchdown. McGraw picked off a Clearview pass and returned 70 yards to the 3 with the score knotted at 16-16. Two plays later Jack Konrad cracked over from the two and Bill Nowacki passed to McGraw for the bonus points. MARGARETTA suffered a 20-14 loss at the hands of invading Tiffin Calvert in its finale Friday and the Polar Bears wound up their 1964 season with a 4-4-2 record. The Polar Bears, playing without regular backs Herman Gant and Barry Brunner due to injuries, were unable to contain Calvert fullback Tim Fox who accounted for all of his teams points. Calvert marched in for its first marker following the opening kickoff with Fox cracking over from 4 yards out at the 9:10 mark and he also added the bonus points. The 185-pound senior dashed 7 yards to paydirt on the first play of the second quarter to give the Senecas a 14-0 lead and it remained that way until the third quarter. Calvert boosted its lead to 20-0 with 4:55 left in the period when Fox knifed over from the 9. MARGARETTA finally began to mount an offense and scored its initial marker moments later. Rick Dayhuff, 135-pound junior halfback, galloped 70 yards on a dazzling run to get the Polar Bears on the scoreboard and Dwayne Keegan added the bonus points. The Polars narrowed the gap to 20-14 midway through the final canto with Dayhuff again scoring. Quarter back Dennis Wiedenheft connected on a 38-yard scoring pass to Dayhuff. The latter also scored last week on a fourth-period touchdown pass which enabled Margaretta to rally and gain a 22-22 tie with Gibsonburg.

Clay Probably Idled Three Months

Cassius Has Surprise Hernia Operation

By JACK CUDDY UPI Sports Writer BOSTON (UPI)—Heavyweight champion Cassius Clay was recovering satisfactorily today from a "Friday-the-13th" hernia operation in the Boston City Hospital and Monday's \$5-million return title fight with Sonny Liston was knocked out indefinitely. The 22-year-old champion's surprise hour-long operation late Friday night will keep him in the hospital for a week, in convalescence for about a month, and out of the ring for nearly three months, Chief Surgeon William McDermott said. Accordingly, chairman Herman Greenberg of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission estimated that Boston's second world heavyweight championship match cannot be rescheduled until March or April. "But it definitely will be held in Boston," Greenberg emphasized, "because all parties concerned are under contract to hold the fight in this city." Routine Check Ordered Meanwhile Gov. Endicott Peabody and State Public Safety Commissioner Robert W. McDonald ordered the state police to make a routine investigation of conditions surrounding Clay's illness and postponement. Cassius, who was pronounced in perfect condition by Dr. Nathan Shapiro of the boxing commission on Monday and appeared at his "peak" in Thursday's final sparring workout, was stricken in his hotel at 6:30 p.m. Friday after a steak dinner that made him nauseous. He was taken in a police wagon to the hospital where he signed in as "Muhammad Ali," his Black Muslim name. The surgery was performed by Drs. McDermott, George Starkey and Thomas O'Brien of a surgical team headquartered at Harvard University. They said the operation was a "complete success." Could Become Serious McDermott said the abdominal weakness, a swelling about the size of a lemon that occurred in the lower right bowel wall—like a blown out weak spot on an automobile tire—refused to recede and threatened to become a strangulated hernia instead of an incarcerated or common hernia. McDermott said the condition that led to the hernia had been present since Cassius' birth but had caused no real illness until Friday night. Clay's pain apparently will be of much shorter duration than that suffered by promoters of the scheduled 15-round fight. Co-promoters Sam Silverman and Intercontinental Promotions, Inc., who were staging the "live" fight at Boston Garden, expected to lose about \$50,000 because of the postponement. But the really big losers would be Sportsvision, Inc., who might drop between \$150,000 and \$250,000, according to President Fred Brooks.

To Fostoria

Port Clinton Drops 30-19 GLL Decision

Port Clinton dropped a 30-19 decision to Fostoria in a free-scoring Great Lakes League meeting Friday in which four of the seven touchdowns were scored in the opening quarter.

Fostoria moved on top when Charlie Green raced 52 yards, but the Redskins came right back with Steve Peto electrifying the crowd with a 72-yard scoring jaunt and Bob Below's kick made it 7-6.

However, Port Clinton's lead was short-lived as Al Jeter broke loose for 30 yards to put the visitors on top and Green rambled 55 yards later in the period to make it 22-7.

Plymouth Is Handed 60-0 JAC Lacing

Plymouth absorbed a 60-0 drubbing at the hands of Clearfork and Johnny Applesced Conference individual scoring champion Jon Hollar Friday in its finale.

Clearfork rolled up a 36-0 half-time advantage and continued the onslaught in the second half with Hollar racking up 36 points.

Hollar Collared Five Touchdowns

HOLLAR COLLARED five touchdowns and added the bonus points three times. The senior halfback cracked over from three yards out twice and from the two another time in the opening stanza. He accounted for the last two markers as well on a 34-yard pass from Duke Snyder and a run of 36 yards in the final canto.

Plymouth finished its season with just two wins in 10 starts. The Big Red was directed by assistant coach Hugh Maxwell due to the illness of head mentor Richard Carpenter, who contracted scarlet fever earlier this week.

Soccer Playoffs

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI)—The Air Force Academy and San Jose State University have been selected to meet in the Far West national soccer championships Nov. 19.

Browns Hope To End Jinx With Lions

CLEVELAND (UPI)—The Cleveland Browns will have plenty of incentive when they face the Detroit Lions Sunday before another sellout crowd at Municipal Stadium.

The Lions have virtually "owned" the Browns since Cleveland entered the National Football League in 1950. Since then the Lions have rolled up five straight triumphs over Cleveland in the regular season including a 38-10 decision last season that knocked the Browns out of the title race.

Detroit also has whipped Cleveland three out of the four times the teams played for the championship. And the Lions have won 13 of 21 exhibition games with the Browns winning seven. There was one tie.

The Browns are seven point favorites to make the Lions their fifth victims in a row but Detroit needs a victory to retain its remote chance of winning the Western Division crown and should be up for the game.

The Lions also have been rough on Jim Brown. The record-breaking fullback first went against Detroit in 1957, his rookie season, and he gained only 38 yards in 16 carries. Brown picked up 83 yards on 21 carries in 1958 against the Lions and in that game last season he got 61 yards in 13 attempts.

Brown hasn't been able to score against the Lions, however, so he too will have a mission.

Vikings Won Opener

Colts Seeking Revenge

By United Press International Frustrated sports fans in Baltimore vow "this time it won't get away."

At a comparable stage during the baseball season plans were being made throughout the state of Maryland to take in the Orioles-Phillies World Series. Although these plans were naturally scuttled, the talent-laden Baltimore Colts now are well on their way to the National Football League championship game.

Don Shula's crew can set the ticket printing machines in motion Sunday with a victory over Minnesota (5-4) the only team to have beaten the Colts (8-1) this year.

Celtics Bow Again

By United Press International The Boston Celtics are in a slump—they've lost two straight games.

The Celts, who dropped their first of the season to Philadelphia Thursday night, took another one on the chin Friday night, 114-112, at the hands of the Los Angeles Lakers and all of a sudden the Boston contingent doesn't seem so invincible.

Oak Harbor Loses Finale

Oak Harbor went down to a 13-0 defeat at the hands of Genoa in its finale Friday with fullback Tom Spittler sparking Genoa's attack.

Spittler scored on a 62-yard jaunt in the second period which put the 200-pound junior over the 1,000 yard mark in rushing. Oak Harbor finished 6-2-2 on the year, while Genoa wound up with a 7-2-1 record and placed third in the NLL.

Billy 'G' Snares Lead

COLUMBUS (UPI)—Billy Golembiewski of Detroit, Mich. led a field of 16 into today's final round of the Professional Bowlers Association's \$27,500 Columbus Open.

"Billy G" shot the highest six-game total during Friday night's competition, a 1,468, to total 5,481 for the 24 qualifying games.

That was 13 pins better than second-place Gene Rhoda of Valparaiso, Ind. Ray Bluth, the veteran from St. Louis, Mo., who led through 20 games of the qualifier, slipped to third place with 5,446.

Earlier in Friday's competition, Rhoda shot the highest six-game block in the history of bowling when he hit 1,532. This bested Bluth's mark of 1,525 set in April of this year at New Brunswick, N. J.

How UPI's Top 10 Fared

Only four of the teams ranked in the top ten in the United Press International Ohio high school football ratings played Friday, and all four were victorious.

The major action among the top ten will take place today, when top-rated Massillon plays second-ranked Canton McKinley. Fifth-rated Cincinnati Roger Bacon plays seventh-ranked Cincinnati Elder on Sunday.

Here's how the top ten fared: 1. Massillon plays Canton McKinley today. 2. Canton McKinley plays Massillon today. 3. Elyria beat Lorain, 23-14. 4. Springfield South beat Hamilton Fairfield, 42-0. 5. Cincinnati Roger Bacon plays Cincinnati Elder Sunday. 6. Upper Arlington completed its season last week. 7. Cincinnati Elder plays Cincinnati Roger Bacon Sunday. 8. Cleveland St. Ignace plays Cleveland West today. 9. Sandusky beat Mansfield Senior, 48-6. 10. Columbus East finished its season last week.

Statistics

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, Team 1, Team 2. Rows include First Downs, Rushes, Yards Gained, etc.

Big Haul For College Grid Stars Nears

By MILTON RICHMAN UPI Sports Writer NEW YORK (UPI)—Hey, fellows, better bring a wheelbarrow—they're planning to give more money away than ever two weeks from today.

That's the day both the National Football League and the American Football League will conduct their annual college player drafts and that's also the day when the owners in both circuits begin removing the rubberbands from their bankrolls.

Since the NFL received \$28 million from CBS for two-year television rights and the AFL was paid \$35 million by NBC for a five-year period, there will be no money shortage for signing all those eager collegians.

And just in case there was any doubt about the rising cost of procuring talent, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle put the financial record straight. "It will cost us more to sign players this year than it did last," he said. "Fortunately, we have the income to pay it."

Rozelle's statement must come as a distinct piece of good news to every graduating college football player who has his heart set on playing with the pros next year.

As anxious as the NFL and AFL are to end their financial "war" over the signing of players, there appears to be no armistice in sight, and that also must come as good news to the collegians.

Both leagues, of course, will try to get to the players they want, as the old saying goes, "fastest with the mostest."

This situation could make it a mighty happy Thanksgiving Day for such graduating standouts as Craig Morton of California, Dick Butkus of Illinois, Tommy Myers of Northwestern, Gayle Sayers of Kansas, Jimmy Sidle of Auburn, Jack Snow of Notre Dame, Larry Elkins of Baylor, Jim Nancy of Syracuse and Fred Mazurek of Pitt, to name only a few.

Occasionally, a collegian has a definite leaning toward one league or another, but usually he goes where the money is. Most of them feel like Mazurek.

"I'm interested in the team which makes me the best proposition," the Pitt quarterback says candidly.

Rozelle is particularly proud of such NFL rookies as Paul Warfield of Cleveland, Tony Lockett of Baltimore and Charley Taylor of Washington and would enjoy seeing more like them in the league next year.

The NFL, naturally, still feels it has more to offer a rookie than the rival AFL. "We're quite proud of our fine pension system," Rozelle said, "and even though we had our best year ever in 1963, our admissions are up five per cent right now and it would appear we're going to have an even better year this year than we did last."

No ostrich, Rozelle is aware that such AFL teams as the New York Jets and Buffalo Bills also are drawing record crowds. He doesn't resent the fact, either.

"Whatever success they have will not be at our expense," pointed out the capable, young NFL commissioner. "They'll build their own fans."

What it amounts to is that business is great in both leagues and there's plenty of money all around. Take it easy now, fellas. Don't get killed in the rush.

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Knockout Win

ORERBRO, Sweden (UPI)—Bo Hoegberg, promising Swedish middleweight, knocked out Ray Philippe of Luxembourg at 2:40 of the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round Friday night. It was Hoegberg's 21st victory and 15th kayo in 22 pro fights.

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