

Berlin Heights Halts Winless Skein In Last Game

Berlin Heights played its last football game Friday and the Tigers emerged with a 6-0 victory over Monroeville and halt a 13-game winless streak.

Berlin Heights and Milan will merge next year under the banner Edison High School and last night's game marked the end of 22 years of football for the Erie County squad.

The Tigers initiated football on a six-man level

in 1946 and changed to 11-man in 1955 when they handed Maumee Valley a 13-6 loss in their first encounter.

Berlin Heights started playing 11-, an football on a full scale in 1956.

The Tigers were once the terrors of this section of the state and reeled off 16 straight wins from 1954-56 which included perfect seasons in both 1954 and

1955.

BERLIN HEIGHTS ALSO ENJOYED great success when moving to an 11-man level and were Firelands Conference champions.

However, they ran into trouble in the last two seasons and managed only a 1-6-2 log in 1966 and lost eight straight before Friday's finish.

The Tigers scored their only touchdown on the last play of the opening period when quarterback Kelly Shook dashed 15 yards to paydirt and cap a 55-yard drive.

Monroeville quarterback Jeff Eby suffered a broken collarbone during the hard-hitting battle.

The Eagles also concluded their season with a 1-7-1 record and were 1-5-1 in the conference.

Milan Claims Second Perfect Season

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Milan, paced by the brother combination of Bruce and Brian Czapliski, clinched its second straight Firelands Conference title and finished its second undefeated season in succession as they shutout Western Reserve 13-0 in the season finale at Western Reserve.

The rain didn't seem to

bother Brian Czapliski as the 159-pounder junior crashed through the Western Reserve line 21 times and gained 116 yards in turning the best performance of his career.

Brother Bruce, a 150-pound senior end, caught two passes which were good for 55 yards with the first pass, a 38-yarder, accounting for the first score.

DEFENSIVELY the Indians

were at their best as they held the potent Raider offensive attack to just 95 yards for the entire game, with 50 of the total being ground out in the first and the remainder in the final two quarters of action.

Defensive linebacker Dan Gurney set up the two touchdowns drives as the burly 217-pound junior blocked a punt to set up one score and intercepted a pass on the eight yard

line of Western Reserve to put the Indians within striking distance for the final tally of the evening.

In addition to Gurney's blocked punt, teammate Scott Weillau spiked another Raider kick that was recovered by a Milan defender. The alert red and white defense also recovered three western reserve fumbles.

Mark Vanderpool, who was good on two of eight against Western Reserve for 55 yards and a touchdown, finished the nine game campaign with 66 completions in 129 attempts for 1289 yards and 14 touchdowns.

IT TOOK MILAN JUST ONE PLAY, the last play of

the first half, to travel 38 yards for their first score.

There was only 0:14 left on the clock when Vanderpool connected with Czapliski in the end zone for the first touchdown of the evening. Kaatz split the uprights to give the defending Firelands Champions a seven point bulge at halftime.

The Raiders and the Indians exchanged punts during the muddy and hard fought second half of action as neither Western Reserve or Milan could penetrate its opponents 20-yard line.

It was not until late in the fourth quarter that the Milan representative got another opportunity to get another score.

WESTERN RESERVE HAD THE BALL on its own two-yard line following a 44-yard coffin corner punt by Milan's Bruce Czapliski.

Jim Kern, the Raiders quarterback, dropped back to attempt a pass, but after the tenacious Milan pass rush Kern was forced to release the ball with little authority.

Gurney, at his linebacking position, stepped in to pickoff the pass and bring it down to the Rough Riders eight-yard line.

Three plays later halfback Gerald Downing swept around the right end for four yards and the touchdown. Kaatz placement attempt was low and with 1:49 left in the game Milan had a commanding 13-0 lead.

A FUMBLE WITH 1:23 LEFT on the clock ended all hopes for the Western Reserve eleven as Milan took over at the mid-field stripe.

The Indians stuck to the ground in the late moments of the game with workhouse Brian Czapliski and Downing sharing ball carrying duties.

Time ran out with Milan in possession, not only of the ball, but of its second Firelands crown.

THE FIRELANDS CHAMPIONS rushed for 151 yards and picked up 55 yards in the air for a combined total of 206 yards in total offense, while Western Reserve managed 95 yards in total offense.

Milan collected eight first downs compared to only three for the Raiders who had a hard time running against the large and mobile Milan defensive line.

Western Reserve had five penalties called against them for 50 yards while Milan had four infractions which were assessed for 40 yards.

Mapleton Nips South Central

South Central had the ball inside the ten-yard line with three minutes to go but they could not move the ball across the goal line as they fell to Mapleton 12-8 in a hard fought Firelands Conference battle. Mapleton 12-8 in a hard-fought season in second place in the Firelands race with a 6-1 record while South Central ended their Firelands schedule with a 2-3-2 mark.

Mapleton got on the scoreboard first as Dan Moose covered 40 yards on a run for the touchdown. The attempt for the points after was no good.

South Central regained the lead when Rich Allen went up the middle for four yards and the score. Allen got the call for the points after and responded by carrying it in to give the Trojans an 8-6 lead in the first frame.

The Mounties went ahead when Jim Reynolds went in from the seven yard line. Again the try for the extra points was no good but the Mapleton squad was out in front 12-8, which was the final outcome of the game.

Nature had its say as both teams fumbled the ball on numerous occasions to prevent either squad from gathering momentum. South Central fumbled on six occasions and lost the ball five times while Mapleton fumbled four times

and lost possession three times.

Mapleton collected 13 first downs compared to South Central with nine as the Mounties gained 203 yards, all on the ground, in total offense while the Trojans accumulated a total of 156 yards.

Black River won their second game of the season as they rounded out the most successful campaign in over five years by shutting out Hillsdale 14-0.

Paul Pomeroy cracked over from the one-yard line in the second quarter to put the Pirates ahead 6-0.

Mark May bolted his way over from one yard out in the final frame to put the finishing touches on the season. May traveled the final three yards for the PAT to give the improving Black River team a 14-0 lead.



MILAN LINEMAN BOB STOWER ENCOURAGES teammates . . . Stower, a regular at the tackle position, blocked a punt and played a fine game defensively. (Register Photo—Dick McCullough)



COACH BILL TARASCHKE FROM MILAN IN PEP TALK . . . Second year mentor seems to know what he is talking about as Taraschke coached teams who have won 18 straight games in the two seasons he has been at the helm. (Register Photo—Dick McCullough)



BRIAN CZAPLICKI FOLLOWS WALL OF PROTECTION FOR LONG GAINER . . . junior runningback led all rushers with 116 yards in 21 carries. (Register Photo—Dick McCullough)

New London Bags 5th Win

Dean Harmony and Guy Barker accounted for all of New London's points in a 28-8 Lakeland Conference victory over invading Amherst Friday night.

Both halfbacks collared two touchdowns for the Wildcats and Harmon passed twice to his counterpart for the bonus points.

New London held a slim 8-0 halftime lead, but scored midway in the third period and on the first play of the fourth stanza to get a commanding 22-0 bulge.

THE WIN HIKED THE WILDCATS' record to 5-3-1 and assured Merv Nygent's club a winning season no matter what the outcome is in the season finale against Huron this coming Friday.

Harmony was the leading rusher with 135 of the 217 yards New London gained on the ground.

Barker punched over the first marker with 8:48 left in the opening period on a seven-yard dash and Harmony passed to Barker for the PAT.

The hosts scored again in the third stanza when the 168-pound Harmony scampered eight yards and came back again to fire a strike to Barker for the PAT and a 16-0 lead.

The junior speedster's second tally came on an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Amherst's touchdown came in the fourth quarter at the 6:16 mark when Ken Pearce recovered a fumble in the end zone.

BARKER TLLIED HIS SECOND MARKER with 1:24 remaining in the game on a two-yard plunge.

New London hit four of five passes for 98 yards despite a driving rain and chalked up 14 first downs. The hosts fumbled three times and lost two.

Amherst, now 1-8 on the season, gained 123 yards on the ground and failed to connect on three pass attempts. The Comets fumbled on three occasions and lost possession each time.

Plymouth Stops Crestline, 7-0

Plymouth raised its season win-loss record to 5-4 Friday night when they shutout Crestline 7-0 in a Johnny Appleseed Conference game.

The Crestline never threatened during the game as the Plymouth defense held them to just 54 yards in total offense for the entire night.

Ervin Howard, senior co-captain, sliced off right tackle for 31 yards and the first and only touchdown of the night. Gene Kok attempted placement was good and with 5:25 remaining in the third frame the Big Red led 7-0.

Earlier in the game the Plymouth team had got the ball down to the one-yard line before having the drive stopped. Plymouth collected 143 yards in total offense with 129 yards of the total coming on the ground, while the Crestline eleven managed only 54 yards which all came rushing. Crestline stands 2-6-1 for the year and 2-4-1 in league play.

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St. Joe Nails SBC Crown

Injuries and the elements seemed to hit Oak Harbor all at once as the Rockets, who were 5-0 in Sandusky Bay Conference, were unable to cope with Fremont St. Joe who downed the Rockets 20-0 in the mud at Oak Harbor stadium.

In the hard fought battle four Oak Harbor starters were forced out of action due to injuries sustained in the game. St. Joe took advantage of the rain-soaked field as they forced the injury riddled Rockets to bobble the ball 11 times of which six were recovered by alert Streak defenders.

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It was the running of Ed Fiber, a sure bet for all-SBC honors, that put the game out of reach for the Oak Harbor eleven as the punishing 176-pound fullback carried the ball 19 times for 136 yards and two touchdowns.

It was Fiber who got the initial score of the evening when he cut off tackle on a three yard run early in the second quarter. The attempt for the bonus points was no good.

The Streaks scored twice in the final quarter of action as Fiber put the finishing touches

on his 1967 season by scoring the second St. Joe touchdown when he sprinted for 15 yards and the score. Bill Heier went over for the points after to make the score 14-0.

Quarterback Bill Hoffman collared the last touchdown of the evening when he went in on a keeper from one yard

out. The try for the bonus points was no good.

Oak Harbor had one touchdown called back after a penalty had been assessed against the Rockets. The hard luck Oak Harbor team were plagued by fumbles when they got inside the 20-yard line of Fremont.

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