

Undefeated Flyers Await Results Of Poll

By DAN HOPWOOD

It's a wait and see game for Coach Mike Gottfried, whose St. Paul Flyers finished their first undefeated season Saturday night by trouncing Plymouth 28-6.

He's awaiting the final poll from the Associated Press which last week showed his team in second place behind undefeated Newark Catholic by a scant 12 points. Newark Catholic beat Miami Trace this weekend, 67-0.

There is little hope the Flyers can overtake Cory-Rawson in the United Press International poll. Cory-Rawson finished its season last week and was battling it out with West Muskingum for the top spot with the Saints a distant third.

The Flyers used a strong offense and outstanding defensive work by Dave Wasiniak and Mike Mushett to finish the first undefeated season by any Norwalk team.

There were many heroes for St. Paul as ten players donned the Flyer uniform for the last time. But it was a pair of juniors who

accounted for the first two touchdowns, enough to put the game away.

Quarterback Chris Amato hit end Mike Wasiniak with a 14-yard pass in the first period for a 6-0 lead and Amato sneaked over from the one for a second period score. Although the attempted run for the conversion failed after the initial score, Amato hit Mike Wasiniak for the two point conversion after the second.

Plymouth came back with an 85-yard drive to score with Terry Buzard driving over from the one. The conversion failed.

The Flyers scored two more times in the final period with Dave Heyman scoring on runs of one and 12 yards. Reserve quarterback Chris Mushett hit Danny Mayer for a two-point conversion after the final touchdown.

Gottfried's Saints mixed plays well with Amato hitting Mike Wasiniak with seven passes for 84 yards and with Heyman, Dave Wasiniak and Steve Missler picking up the yardage on the ground. Heyman played

perhaps his best game, rushing for 111 yards in 23 carries, while scoring twice.

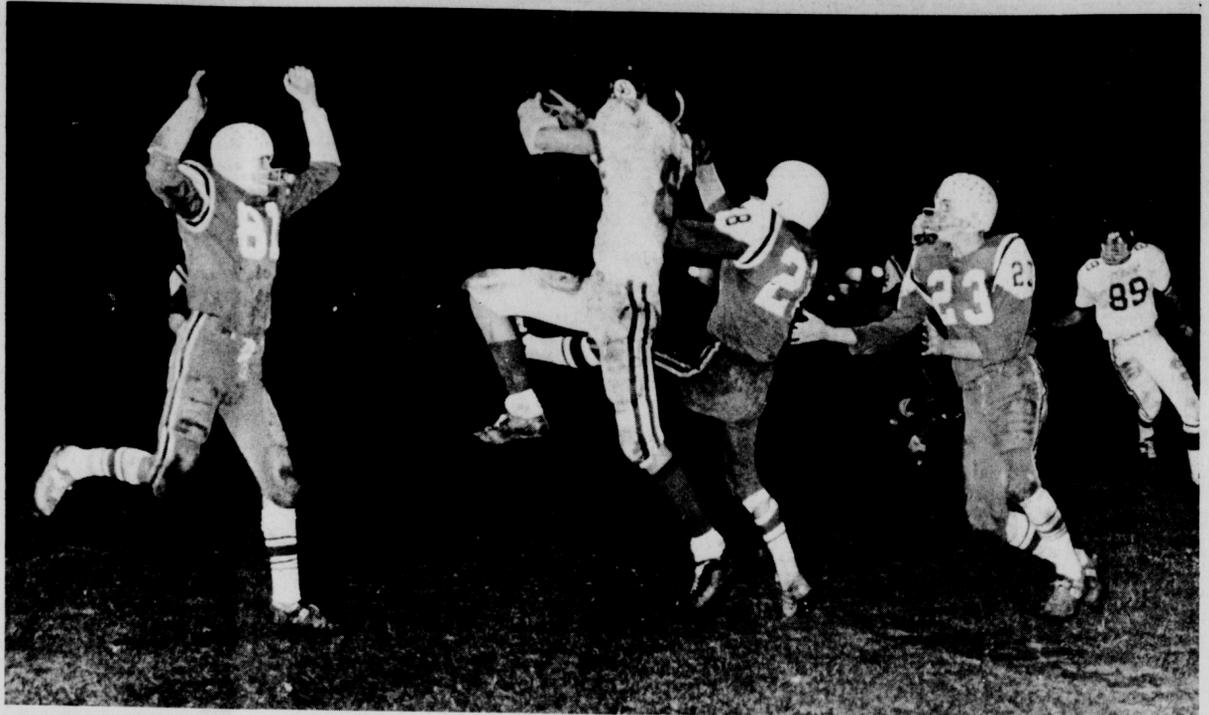
After scoring twice, the Flyers seemed to relax and Plymouth started grinding out the yardage on the ground. But the Saints defensive backfield put the stops on the Pirates, picking off four Plymouth passes. Dave Wasiniak and Mike Mushett each grabbed two.

As the final gun sounded, Flyers and fans mobbed Gottfried for the traditional free ride off the field and the Saint locker room was not exactly quiet enough for a church mouse.

Flyers added a new ending to the Lords Prayer which they recite after each game. After "amen" came "Yeeowweee."

STATISTICS		
	SP	P
First downs rushing	12	10
First downs passing	4	2
First downs penalty	2	1
Total first downs	18	13
Rushing yardage	219	125
Passing yardage	143	58
Passes attempted	15	15
Passes completed	11	5
Passes intercepted	4	1
Fumbles lost	2	0
Punts-average	2-29	5-35
Penalties	3	5
Yards penalized	42	55

SCORE BY QUARTERS		
SP	P	
6	8	0 14
0	6	0 0



UP, UP AND AWAY — Flyer end Mike Wasiniak and unidentified Plymouth player go up for a Chris Amato pass in third quarter action Saturday night, but it was Ken Foreman (23) who pirated the ball for the only Plymouth interception of the game. Flyer

quarterback Chris Amato, hit on 8 of twelve for 121 yards in the contest. Also seen in picture are Pirate Tom Willet (81) and St. Paul's Mike Mushett (89). Mushett also intercepted two passes in the contest.



FINAL 1968 SCORE — Flyer fullback Dave Heyman swept left end on this 12-yard scoring play in the final minutes of Saturday's game with Plymouth. Touchdown made it 26-6, and reserve quarterback Chris Mushett threw to Denny Meyer for the final two points moments later.

Mapleton Game Toughest For Flyers: Gottfried

By DAN HOPWOOD

"It was hard to look ahead at the beginning of the season. I knew we had some good kids but it's awfully hard to go undefeated. We set two goals — win the championship and go undefeated."

This was part of the reaction on the day after for St. Paul Coach Mike Gottfried. His Flyers Saturday night beat Plymouth 28-6 to finish an unbeaten season.

The St. Paul Mentor, a star quarterback for Morehead State (Ky.) during his college days, reviewed the successful season, in which St. Paul "played as hard as they had to to win."

"The Mapleton game was probably the toughest," he said. "We came back after being down."

"None were easy," he added but the game which should have been hardest, that with Edison, turned out to be almost a rout as the fired-up Flyers turned back the Chargers 34-12. That was the only Edison loss all year.

"They way they came back in the

Mapleton game assured me we could go all the way," Gottfried said.

They did have a number of scares. Winless Monroeville came close with St. Paul scoring with 11 seconds left in the first half and with one second left in the game for a 14-0 victory.

Western Reserve held the Saints to only six points while the Flyer defense held the Roughriders scoreless. But the game with South Central really exemplified the attitude of the players, Gottfried said.

They came from behind to win that one and scared them out of complacency.

Quarterback Chris Amato was typical of the Flyers. "He doesn't rattle," Gottfried said. "That's like the whole team — they have a lot of poise."

Losing ten seniors, Gottfried hopes that he can fill the shoes of players like Dave Wasiniak, Dave Heyman, Steve Missler, Tim Kline, Dick Missler and Brad Tinker — all standouts.

He said he has some good players coming up from the junior varsity that might be able to do the job.

Maybe it's just the beginning of a football dynasty.



STUDENTS SAY THANKS — Flyer coach Mike Gottfried didn't have a house to paper, but his trailer got a good going over by the student body. Shown here are Jeanne Ruffing, Ann Esker and Debbie Rushin.

NFL Standings AFL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE CENTURY DIVISION				EAST				
W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.	
Cleveland	6	3	0	667	Houston	7	2	0
St. Louis	5	3	1	625	Miami	4	6	0
New Orleans	3	6	0	333	Boston	3	5	1
Pittsburgh	2	6	1	250	Buffalo	1	8	1

Capitol Division				WEST				
W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.	
Dallas	7	2	0	778	Kansas City	8	2	0
New York	6	3	0	667	Oakland	7	2	0
Washington	4	5	0	444	San Diego	7	2	0
Philadelphia	0	9	0	000	San Francisco	3	6	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION				SUNDAY'S RESULTS			
W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Minnesota	5	4	0	556	Oakland 43 Denver 7		
Chicago	5	4	0	556	San Diego 27 Boston 17		
Green Bay	3	5	1	375	Kansas City 16 Cincinnati 9		
Detroit	3	5	1	375	New York 26 Houston 7		

COASTAL DIVISION				SUNDAY'S GAMES			
W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Baltimore	8	1	0	889	Boston at Kansas City		
Los Angeles	8	1	0	889	Cincinnati at Miami		
San Francisco	4	5	0	444	Denver at Houston		
Atlanta	1	8	0	111	New York at Oakland		

Trucker Sports Dinner Tonight

The annual fall sports banquet for the Norwalk football and cross country squads is 6:30 tonight at Norwalk Junior High School.

The event, sponsored by the Norwalk Boosters Club, will be a potluck dinner with meat and potatoes supplied by the Boosters.

Awards will be presented to the outstanding members of each of the two squads following the dinner.

Sayers Injured

CHICAGO (UPI) — The Chicago Bears, fighting for the top spot in the National Football League's Central Division, won a big one Sunday, 27-19 over San Francisco, but lost an even bigger one — halfback Gale Sayers.

Sayers, one of only three men in NFL history to score six touchdowns in one game, suffered torn ligaments in

the right knee and will be lost to the Bears for the remainder of the season. The Bears' physician said following a three-hour operation at Illinois Masonic Hospital that Sayers would be "100 per cent recovered" for next season.

Cleveland Claims Lead

CLEVELAND (UPI) — The Cleveland Browns moved into undisputed possession of first place in the Century Division Sunday by belting the New Orleans Saints 35-17, while the St. Louis Cardinals battled to a 28-28 tie with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Browns could improve their lead next Sunday when they travel to Pittsburgh and the Cardinals take on the powerful Baltimore Colts.

Once again, it was the passing of Bill Nelsen and the running of Leroy Kelly that paced the Browns to victory.

Nelsen, who hit on only one of six passes in the first quarter, connected on his first seven tosses in the second quarter, including touchdown throws to Kelly and Paul Warfield.

After missing on his first seven throws in the third period, Nelsen hit Kelly on a swing pass and the fleet running back scampered 68 yards to put the Browns ahead 21-10 with 4:49 left in

the third quarter and the Saints couldn't catch up.

Kelly, who rolled up 127 yards in 17 carries, bolted over from the one-yard line for another score with 52 seconds left in the third stanza and set up the Browns' final tally with a 65-yard run in the final period.

It was the sixth time this season and the 17th time in his career that Kelly has gained more than 100 yards in a game.

Nelsen finished the game with 10 completions in 24 attempts good for 262 yards.

After spotting the Saints a 3-0 lead in the first quarter on a 42-yard field goal by Charles Durkee, Nelsen moved the Browns 73 yards in eight plays with the clincher being a five-yard scoring pass to Kelly. A 31-yard pass to Kelly and a 42-yarder to Tommy McDonald highlighted the drive.

Erich Barnes picked off a Karl Sweetan pass on the New Orleans 35 and Nelsen climaxed a 65-yard drive by hitting Warfield with a 12-

yard touchdown pass with 4:32 left in the half.

Dave Whitsell intercepted a Nelsen pass in the third quarter on the Cleveland 36 and six plays later the Saints cut the Browns lead to 14-10 when Sweetan hit Dan Abramowicz with an eight-yard scoring toss.

A holding penalty against New Orleans on a third-down play gave Cleveland a first down on its own nine-yard line and three plays later Nelsen connected with Kelly on the swing pass.

Another interception of a New Orleans pass, this time by Mike Howell, started the Browns rolling and Kelly scored from one-yard out. Milt Morin ended the scoring by taking a nine-yard scoring pass from Nelsen with 11:47 left in the game.

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