



UP AND AWAY — Monroeville's Thor Johnson (63) and Don Meesig (60) attempt to block a pass by Danbury's quarterback Hank Butchko.

## Eagles Snap Losing Streak; Tie Lakers

At least they didn't lose. That's the way some Monroeville fans might look at last night's 14-14 tie with Danbury, but in actuality nobody went away feeling very happy. Eagle fans had their hopes raised early in the game that their charges might pull out their first victory in the last 15 games. Coach Don Graham's boys started by playing near flawless football and by getting "all the breaks."

After each team opened with a short series of plays before relinquishing the ball, Monroeville quarterback Jeff Eby got his squad rolling with a mixture of plays that put the Eagles only 2 yards from paydirt. The senior signal-caller ordered a quarterback sneak for the first touchdown of the year.

The conversion attempt was no good, but the Monroeville secondary started on a series of pass interceptions that led to another score early in the second quarter.

Monster back Bill Opper started things off by pilfering a Hank Butchko pass, but the Eagles could not capitalize on their good fortune and again gave up the ball. Not to be denied, safety Bob Ackerman

proceeded to pick off another Danbury aerial.

This time, the Monroeville offense did not falter as Eby found wide end Steve Moore for a 29-yard scoring pass. Fullback Bob Lord ran for the conversion.

On Danbury's next offensive attempt, Lord once again got into the act by gathering in a pass intended for a Laker receiver.

The half ended with Monroeville apparently in complete control. Despite a feeble rushing effort which netted only 34 yards, the Eagles could do no wrong in other areas. Quarterback Eby hit on 6 of 8 passes for a total of 96 yards, and the new offense instituted by Graham had 8 first downs compared to Danbury's 6.

Then the second half started and all of Monroeville's good fortune was notably absent. The offense couldn't get started, and the Danbury running game started gulping down large bites of Eagle territory.

With 5:58 left in the third quarter, the Lakers initiated the play that put them on the scoreboard for the first time — a 2½ yard run by junior halfback Ed Flynn.

The Danbury conversion was no good, but on the first Monroeville play after the kickoff, Eby's pitchout went nowhere near his halfback and Laker defensive back Mike Sforzo rambled 42 yards for the second Danbury score within 20 seconds.

The conversion was good and with about 17 minutes left in the game, it was all tied up. Then, despite a myriad of opportunities by both teams, nobody could put another point on the board and the first contest of the year finished in a draw.

Final statistics showed a Danbury turnout as they led the Eagles in total offense, 195-179, first downs, 13-10, and total plays. The Monroeville passing attack which was so strong in the first half could only muster 1 for 6 in the second canto for an additional 29 yards.

Scoring  
M. Eby, 2 yd. run 1st qtr. Conversion failed  
M. Moore, pass from Eby 29 yds. 2nd qtr. Conversion, Lord run  
D. Flynn, 2½ yd. run Conversion failed 3rd qtr.  
D. Sforzo, 42 yd. fumble return Conversion, Butchko pass to Twining 3rd qtr.



SHORT BREAK — Monroeville quarterback Jeff Eby (10) takes a break. Coach Don Graham is in center.

## New Look Lineup Breaks Skid

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Cleveland Indians Manager Alvin Dark trotted out his new look and old look lineups Friday night and the 13,876 fans liked what they saw.

The Tribe snapped an eight-game losing streak as the junior varsity took a 2-1 victory over the New York Yankees in the first game of a two-night doubleheader. But the Bronx Bombers blanked the Indians 2-0 in the nightcap behind the two-hit pitching of Fritz Peterson.

Five new faces not on the Tribe roster at the start of the season entered the first game. The Indians held the Yankees to a 1-1 deadlock over the first eight innings. However, it took veteran Jose Cardenal to supply the winning hit.

Cardenal, who entered the game as a pinch-runner in the eighth, singled home pinch runner Steve Hargan

in the ninth with two out for the winning run. The victory gave Sam McDowell his 16th victory against 12 losses.

Russ Nagelson opened the ninth with a single and Hargan went in to run for the rookie first baseman. Hargan took second on a sacrifice and moved to third on an infield out.

After Ken Harrelson, who batted for McDowell, was given an intentional walk, Cardenal followed with the game-winning single.

The Indians, using a left-handed hitting lineup with the exception of Eddie Leon, jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the first inning off Yankee righthander Mel Stottlemyre.

Russ Snyder walked, took second on an infield out and scored on the first of four singles by Duke Sims. The Yanks tied it in the sixth when Horace Clarke doubled, took third as Roy

White beat out an infield hit and scored on a sacrifice fly

## Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST					EAST				
W.	L.	PCT.	GB		W.	L.	PCT.	GB	
Baltimore	94	44	.681		Chicago	84	54	.609	
Detroit	79	58	.577	14½	New York	78	57	.578	4½
Boston	74	62	.541	19½	Pittsburgh	72	63	.541	9½
Washington	71	67	.514	23	St. Louis	73	63	.537	10
New York	68	66	.507	25	Philadelphia	55	80	.407	27½
Cleveland	55	83	.399	39	Montreal	41	96	.299	42½
WEST					WEST				
W.	L.	PCT.	GB		W.	L.	PCT.	GB	
Minnesota	83	53	.610		San Fran.	76	60	.559	
Oakland	76	59	.563	6½	Cincinnati	73	60	.549	1½
California	58	76	.433	24	Los Angeles	74	61	.548	1½
Kansas City	55	81	.404	28	Atlanta	75	63	.543	2
Chicago	53	81	.396	29	Houston	71	64	.526	4½
Seattle	51	84	.378	31½	San Diego	62	95	.397	34½

Today's Probable Pitchers  
All Times EDT

Minnesota Hall 8-4 at Oakland Dobson 14-11, 4:30 p.m.  
Chicago Edmondson 1-6 at California Messersmith 13-9, 11 p.m.  
Kansas City Rooker 4-12 at Seattle Meyer 6-0, 11 p.m.  
Baltimore Palmer 14-2 at Detroit Lioch 17-8, 2:15 p.m.  
New York Bahnsen 8-13 at Cleveland Tiant 9-18, 7:45 p.m.  
Washington Coleman 10-11 at Boston Stange 5-7, 2 p.m.

Philadelphia J. Johnson 6-11 at New York Cardwell 5-9, 2:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh Walker 2-4 at Chicago Jenkins 19-11, 2:15 p.m.  
Montreal Robertson 4-12 at St. Louis Gibson 16-10, 9 p.m.  
Atlanta Jarvis 10-9 at Cincinnati Nolan 5-5, 8:05 p.m.  
San Francisco Bryant 2-1 at Houston Lemaster 10-13, 8:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Sutton 15-13 at San Diego Kirby 4-18, 11 p.m.



MUNAFO

HURON — There's not much you can say after a 45-7 drubbing but Norwalk Coach Leonard Hardman pulled himself up by the bootstraps and gave it a try. "Huron's a good ball club," he remarked. "No one can deny that. But I don't think they're that much better than we are."

He said the Trucker's biggest hangup in a sad season football opener here Friday night was failure to hit as they have in pre-season scrimmages.

The bigger, stronger Tigers dominated the contest from the opening minutes when they drove 62 yards in seven plays for the first touchdown in under three minutes.

Huron Coach Tony Munafo ran in his reserves after the fourth Tiger touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but the subs scored before the half for an awesome 33-0 lead at intermission.

Huron scored twice again in the second half. The Truckers got on the scoreboard with 15-yard pass from Doug Ott to Clyde White. Two successive interference penalties had brought Norwalk to the Huron 15.

An even worse break for the Truckers than the loss of the game may be an injury to halfback Jim Lawrence late in the second half. Lawrence was smashed to the ground after picking up five yards. Obviously dazed, he walked from the field and was taken by ambulance to Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk after the team had retired to the locker room.

Hardman said it appeared to be a head injury. "He was hit awfully hard," Lawrence is listed in satisfactory condition this morning.

The Tiger offense moved

# Green Truckers Drubbed 45-7



HARDMAN



HURON ROTTIE PAYNE (20) CARRIES FOR 10 YARDS

nearly at will against this green Trucker squad, and the Huron defense was equally as devastating.

Huron fullback Tim Sowecke did most of the early damage to the Truckers, carrying the ball on four of the seven plays in the Tiger's opening drive, though it was halfback Steve Fisher who looped end for the final 29 yards.

Sowecke thundered across with the Tiger's second TD from the nine, and smacked four yards for the third touchdown in the second quarter after a 50-yard drive.

Rotty Payne, a talented benchwarmer, zipped 35 yards to make it 26-0, and a five-yard pass from reserve quarterback Jim Bollenbacher to John McGraw gave Huron its fifth score.

Norwalk played a tougher brand of ball in the second half, but were simply overwhelmed by Huron's massive defense. Ott rarely had time to find his receivers, and you can't pass the ball lying on your back.

The lithe Trucker field general did an amazing job at getting the ball away, and hitting on four of 15 aerials. Held to 17 net yards on the ground, Norwalk's only offense was through the air.

In the third period, Huron's Roger Purdy ran 10 yards for a score. Norwalk's only touchdown midway in the fourth period made it 39-7, and the Tigers spread some frosting before the gun on a six-yard sprint by speedy Roy McMillen.

The Tiger attack totaled 349 yards on the ground and 55 in the air, while Norwalk finished with 17 on the



DOUG OTT CLYDE WHITE  
THEY COMBINED FOR NORWALK'S ONLY TD

ground and 47 by air. Tiger Coach Tony Munafo said graciously, "I think that we're just ahead of them at this stage of the season."

## Area Football Results

- Huron 45, Norwalk High 7
- Plymouth 14, South Central 6
- Western Reserve 6, South Amherst 0
- New London 14, Gibsonburg 12
- Monroeville 14, Danbury 14 (tie)
- Margaretta 20, Vermilion 12
- Marion Harding, 24, Columbus DeSalles 0
- Elyria 20, Toledo Bowsher 0
- Hillsdale 34, Loudonville 14
- New Philadelphia 49, Galion 6
- Keystone 12, Black River 0
- Ashland 29, Mt. Vernon 28
- Crestline 12, Licking Heights 0
- Upper Arlington 7, Mentor 6
- Bucyrus 14, Ontario 8
- Sylvania 8, Willard 0
- Kenton 24, Upper Sandusky 8
- Port Clinton 12, Bellevue 8
- Shelby 20, Mansfield Malabar 0
- Lorain Sr. 34, Cuyahoga Falls 6
- Cleveland East Tech., 8, Mansfield Sr. 0
- Lorain King 40, Eastlake North 28
- Toledo Rogers 7, Fremont Ross 0
- Mapleton 42, Crestview 7
- Perkins 20, Clyde 0

## Riders Give Hubans Win

Western Reserve gave new Head Coach Bill Hubans a victory in his sideline debut while New London and Plymouth opened with victories as the high school football campaign opened Friday night.

The Roughriders made one score hold up as they topped South Amherst, 6-0, while New London used the PAT after two second half scores to nip Gibsonburg 14-12. Meanwhile, South Central erred twice in the final period and Plymouth took advantage of both to win, 14-6.

Monroeville broke its 14-game losing streak with a tie with visiting Danbury-Lakeside while Willard found the trip to Sylvania less than rewarding in losing, 8-0.

### Sylvania, 8-0

SYLVANIA — Halfback Joe Decker performed like a one man team for six minutes of the third quarter Friday night as entertaining Sylvania stopped Willard by an 8-0 score.

Decker started his heroics by picking off a Willard pass on his clubs 24 and returned the pigskin to the Crimson Flashes, 24. Six plays later and with 35 seconds left on the clock in the period, the fleet-footed halfback raced the final five yards via the left side for the only score of the game. He added frosting to the cake when he made it to the end zone for the bonus points.

The game was a hard-fought defensive battle with only 13 first downs recorded. The host club had nine of them while both teams lost their only fumbles.

### W. Reserve, 6-0

SOUTH AMHERST — Western Reserve mentor Bill Hubans is the most successful coach in the state this morning and he can thank halfback Brian Biggs for his 1-0 career record.

Opening at South Amherst Friday night, The Roughriders notched a tight 6-0 win with Biggs the star. With 10 seconds gone in



TROJAN TOUCHDOWN — Fullback Mike Goodman (82) throws a key John Dendinger (49) ran 17 yards for block. South Central's only TD Friday night.

the second quarter and the ball resting on their own 10-yard line, Biggs was given the task of giving his club some running room. When Biggs was finished, the Roughriders didn't need any. His 90-yard prance was the only score of the game.

Although Biggs put the score on the board, it was an alert Roughrider defense that put the damper on at least three South Amherst drives with fumble recoveries. Willard White, Keith Foster and Steve Zimmerman were credited with the recoveries.

Biggs accounted for most of the Riders' yardage with 118 while fullback White netted 37.

The Riders completed the lone pass they tried. It netted just one yard.

### N. London, 14-12

NEW LONDON — The New London Wildcats opened the 1969 football season with a 14-12 victory over Gibsonburg.

Jerry Randleman proved to be the "Johnny-on-the-spot" as his two second half interceptions brought the Wildcats from a 12-0

### Plymouth, 14-6

GREENWICH — South Central managed to hold Plymouth for three quarters Friday night but a fumble on the four yard line and a pass interception cost the Trojans the game.

Plymouth's Terry Buzard picked up a Trojan fumble on his own four yard line and scored the first TD for the Big Reds. Lee Wilkins intercepted a pass from Trojan quarterback Kim Early and raced 25 yards for the winning touchdown with 9½ minutes left to play.

South Central's lone touchdown came in the third quarter when fullback John Dendinger broke through the middle for a 17 yard run.

Plymouth held to the ground all the way rushing for 171 yards to the Trojans 142.

Early completed two out of seven passes for a total of three yards.

South Central managed to recover three of their four fumbles. The one they lost cost the Trojans a touchdown.

Plymouth fumbled twice and recovered once.