



CENTER TERRY McNUTT

HALFBACK CLAUDE DENT

Everything Falls In Place For Munafa To Keep Huron Rolling

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Is the 1970 Huron High School football team as good as the 1969 squad which posted a perfect 10-0 record?
Coach Tony Munafa feels there were several big question marks entering the present campaign and he has been pleased to say the least with the results.

THE TIGERS ARE currently riding an 18-game winning streak and have now chalked up 17 consecutive Sandusky Bay Conference decisions.
"The No. 1 problem was to find a fullback. We also had to see if Bo

(quarterback Jim Bollenbacher) could stand up under the pressure. We worked extremely hard on defense early with hopes it would carry us until our offense came around," Munafa explained.

Huron's offensive attack has been outstanding thus far. In fact, the Tigers have gained just 50 yards less at this stage of the season than in 1969 when they overpowered 10 opponents in a row.

"We didn't know if we could punch the ball out for touchdowns," Munafa added. However, the Tigers haven't been forced to punch the ball out too often. They have been able to come up with the long-distance scoring plays frequently in reeling off six victories.

MUNAFI STATED another concern was at center. "We had to come up with a heck of a center and were fortunate to find John Geretz. He is an excellent blocker and certainly has been another big reason for our success, the former Sandusky and Massillon assistant coach quipped.

Munafa wouldn't say which team was the best, but did comment on a few things. "We depend on finesse this season."

Munafa made one big move which also has paid off.

Wayne Hardy was the quarterback a year ago, but Munafa moved the 155-pound senior to halfback. "We needed Wayne's speed in the backfield and this gave us tremendous balance. Bollenbacher can't throw the ball as long as Hardy did, but he makes up for it with great execution. Bo also reads the defense exceptionally well," continued the former Cleveland Holy Name standout.

THE TIGERS SHOOT for their sixth straight SBC triumph against St. Mary's Saturday night at Strobel Field and Munafa expects a hard-hitting game. "I know Ron (Baker) will have his team ready for us."

Huron has rolled up 1,543 yards rushing in six games for a glittering average of 5.7 yards per play. They have gone to the air just 31 times, and completed 14 for 228 yards.

The Tiger defense has been stingy. They have permitted only 821 yards rushing, and 185 in the air. In fact, the opponents have hit on only 12 of 65 aerial attempts thus far.

Huron has been a first quarter team. The Tigers have scored 71 points in the opening stanza to 15 for the opposition. In the second period, it's Huron holding a commanding 43-6 bulge.

Despite the fact the Tigers have been able to substitute freely in the second half of play, they still have registered 39 points in each of the last two quarters. Meanwhile, the opponents have managed only eight points in the third canto, and 14 in the fourth.

JUST TWO OF THE six touchdowns scored by the Tiger foes have come against the first defensive unit.

In the rushing department, Hardy leads the way with 512 net yards in 60

rushes for a glossy 8.6 average. He has scored eight touchdowns.

Running mate Wayne McCarty (160), is next in line with 359 yards in 68 thrusts for a 6.1 average. He has tallied five touchdowns on the ground and has nabbed seven passes for 157 additional yards and one more score.

Bollenbacher, who gained 146 yards in the 41-16 win over Gibsonburg last week, raised his rushing total to 258 yards in 41 carries for an impressive 6.3 average. The senior stringbean has three touchdowns to his credit.

The pleasant surprise has been fullback Jeff Jablonski. An offensive center a year ago, the 185-pound junior has lumbered for 285 yards in 79 carries and has scored on four occasions.

Huron's bread and butter play in 1969 was the off-tackle slants with fullback Tim Sowecke. However, the Tigers have relied on the option play this year with Hardy and McCarty both capable of breaking off the big play on pichtouts. Bollenbacher displayed his running ability last week against Gibsonburg.

THE TIGERS HAVE two fine linemen in end John McGraw (205) and tackle Craig Fowler (210). "Craig is the best I've ever had. He is more of a technician than Larry Dees was a year ago. Larry bowled you over," Munafa disclosed.

McGraw and Fowler give Huron a better double team on blocking than last year's duo, according to Munafa.

Huron has drawn within two wins of the SBC record for most consecutive victories.

Frederick St. Joe holds the mark at 19 which was established in the early 1950s. The Crimson Streaks started the string in the 1951 campaign and continued winning until the fourth encounter of 1954 when St. Mary's applied the clamps, 18-0.

Munafa's philosophy is play one game at a time and he's not even thinking about Margaretta at this stage.

"We must get by St. Mary's first, then think about St. Wendelin and Margaretta," concluded the fiery coach.

Bruce Is Perkins Speaker

Earle Bruce, offensive guard and center coach at Ohio State University, will be the main speaker Nov. 24 at the Perkins High School cafeteria when the 1970 edition of the Pirates football team will be honored.

Bruce, head Blue Streak coach from 1960 to 1964 is one of the many successful Sandusky grid coaches to join the collegiate coaching ranks. During his three-year span at the helm of the Big Blue, his teams compiled a 34-3-3 mark.

In 1964, Bruce moved to the head slot at Massillon and after two undefeated seasons and the same number of state championships he moved to his alma-mater in the collegiate ranks.

A native of Cumberland, Md., Bruce graduated from Ohio State in 1953. A knee injury ended his promising college football year during his sophomore year.

Upon graduation, he started his coaching career at Mansfield as an assistant. His first head coaching job was at Salem. In four years at the helm of the Quakers, his record was 28-9.

THREE TIMES Bruce was named "Ohio High School Football Coach Of The Year." These honors came in 1960, 1963 and 1964.

Bruce's appearance here is sponsored by the Perkins Booster Club.

Additional information will be published as soon as it becomes available.



WHEATON SPECIALIST — Former Bellevue griddier, Charles Ford, a Wheaton College sophomore, serves as the squad's place kicker as well as substitute fullback. Ford, a 5-11, 192-pounder, has made good on nine of 12 extra point attempts. He played under Coach Lowell Shaffer at Bellevue.

Wittenberg Hikes Win Streak To 16

2 SHS Gridders Play Key Roles

Two Sandusky High graduates will be in the starting lineup for Wittenberg University this Saturday when it clashes with arch rival Baldwin-Wallace.

Starting at center for the Tigers will be senior Terry McNutt (6'1", 212), and starting at left halfback will be junior Claude Dent (175).

Dent has carried the ball 41 times for the Tigers this season and has gained 210 yards for a 5.1 average. The two-year letterman was also praised by coach Dave Maurer for his blocking. "Dent is one of the smartest players I have ever

coached and one of the best blocking halfbacks I've ever had."

McNUTT, ANOTHER two-year letterman, also came in for praise from Maurer. "Terry provides good leadership which is precisely what we look for at the center position."

McNutt had to sit out the Tigers last performance with a bruised shoulder, but should be ready to start against Baldwin-Wallace.

Both teams are sure to be worked-up for the game. The Tigers, 5-0 and 2-0 in

the Ohio Conference, are currently on a 16-game winning streak, and have never lost under second-year coach Dave Maurer.

Last season Maurer coached the team to a perfect 9-0 season, and led the Tigers to a 27-21 victory over William Jewell in the NCAA Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

THIS SEASON, in rolling to their five straight wins, the Tigers have totaled 255 points, for an average of 51 per game. They have yielded only 15 points, or an average of only three per game. In their two conference games thus far, they have scored 106 points and given up seven.

Wittenberg leads the Ohio Conference in total offense, as they have averaged 457 yards gained per game. The Tigers rank first in rushing offense, and have clawed their way to an average of 303 rushing yards a game. They rank fifth in passing offense, with an average of 154 yards per game.

The Tigers also lead the conference in both rushing and passing defense. They have allowed an average of 35 yards a game rushing, and 60 yards a game passing, for an average of only 95 total yards allowed per game.

OTHER OUTSTANDING offensive performers for the Tigers are junior fullback Gary Sherman, senior quarterback Rocky Alt, from Crestline,

and senior end John Beckett.

Sherman ranks sixth in the conference in rushing. The burly fullback has carried 99 times for 533 yards and a 6.0 average. He has averaged 107 yards per game.

Alt ranks third in the conference among passers. He has completed 30 of 50 pass attempts, for 562 yards and eight touchdowns. His favorite target is Beckett, who has caught 19 passes for 285 yards and six scores. He ranks fifth in the conference individually.

Baldwin-Wallace, 4-1 and 1-1, will be fighting to remain alive in the conference race, and will also be out after some revenge. Last season the Yellow Jackets lost only once, and that was to the Tigers, 16-12 in a real squeaker.

THE JACKETS rank fourth in the conference in total offense, with a 342 yards per game average. They are averaging 118 yards per game in the air and 225 on the ground.

Defense has been a problem for the Jackets. They have allowed an average of 318 yards per game, 192 on the ground and 127 through the air.

Bill Lund has been the Jackets' biggest offensive threat so far this season. The running back has gained 520 yards in 100 attempts for a 5.2 average. He has gained an average of 104 yards a game.

Late Fumble Overshadows Plymouth Rally

Plymouth staged a dramatic fourth-period comeback against invading Clear Fork Thursday night only to have the Colts cash in on a fumble to nail a 20-14 Johnny Appleseed Conference decision.

Trailing 12-0 late in the third period, Plymouth mounted a 65-yard march

which was capped by Bill VanWagner's one-yard plunge with 10:07 left in the contest.

PLYMOUTH STRUCK again the next time in possession to forge in front, 14-12. Quarterback Mike Beard passed 30 yards

Grid Menu

TONIGHT

Buckeye Conference

Elyria at Sandusky
Fremont at Findlay
Admiral King at Lorain
Mansfield at Marion

Sandusky Bay Conference

Clyde at Lakota
Gibsonburg at Oak Harbor

Firelands Conference

Black River at Monroeville
New London at Western Reserve
Norwalk St. Paul at South Central

Northern Ohio League

Upper Sandusky at Bellevue
Norwalk at Tiffin Columbian
Galion at Bucyrus
Shelby at Willard

Lakeland Conference

Vermilion at Midview
Ridgeview at Oberlin
Clearview at Wellington

Independent

Dayton Roosevelt at Perkins
Great Lakes League

Port Clinton at Bedford, Mich.

SATURDAY

Sandusky Bay Conference

Huron at St. Mary's
Margaretta at St. Wendelin

Firelands Conference

Mapleton at Edison

Independent

Fremont St. Joe at Tiffin Calvert

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First Downs	16	16
Net Yds. Gained Rushing	130	263
Yds. Gained Passing	78	57
Total Net Yds. Gained	208	320
Passes attempted/completed	11/4	4/2
Passes Intercepted by	0	3
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Penalties	4/33	16/166

to Jim Cutright for the score and VanWagner added the bonus points to push the hosts in front with 5:25 remaining.

ClearFork threatened seconds later only to fumble on the Plymouth eight. However, the Big Red gave the Colts a golden opportunity two plays later by also losing the pigskin.

The visitors needed three plays to strike with Bob Layfield streaking into the end zone from the three.

JIM MARTIN rambled 86 yards with a Plymouth punt midway through the second period for an apparent score. However, a penalty gave the Colts possession on their own seven. They marched 93 yards in 11 plays with Jim Sparks going in from the six.

In the third period, Layfield hurled a 48-yard scoring pass to Craig Clever on the first play after a Plymouth punt and ClearFork was in command, 12-0.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 3-4 on the season and 1-4 in the conference. ClearFork, which was assessed 166 yards in penalties, bagged its second victory in seven starts.



Playing It STRAIGHT

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It isn't often both Sandusky High and St. Mary's are cast in the role of the underdog in football warfare, but that is certainly the case this weekend.

Both local clubs will be out to halt lengthy winning streaks their opponents have amassed.

SANDUSKY ENTERTAINS ELYRIA tonight at Strobel Field...and St. Mary's plays host to the powerful Huron Tigers tomorrow night in a genuine gigantic twinbill.

The Blue Streaks will be out to end Elyria's Buckeye Conference win string at 17, while the Panthers attempt to snap Huron's Sandusky Bay Conference streak at 17, and the Tigers string of 18 consecutive grid triumphs.

There are other important games on the agenda, but the spotlight is without question on Strobel Field with the outcomes of both contests clearing up the conference title pictures considerably.

THE SIX-WEEK LOG for predicting the scores of area high school clashes shows 97-23 for a better than average 80.8 per cent mark.

Coming off the top performance of the season, this week's forecasting is a little more difficult. The only losses a week ago involved Sandusky and Bellevue. There were 18 games picked correctly, but Findlay's triumph over SHS and Tiffin Columbian's triumph over Bellevue were placed in the loss column.

Some scores were quite close. St. Wendelin shaded Ottawa Hills, 22-20...I saw it 20-19. Western Reserve clipped Black River, 12-6...I picked 12-6. Monroeville trounced South Central, 34-6...it was 28-6 here. Margaretta stopped St. Mary's, 20-0...I forecast, 20-8.

However, this is another weekend and all is forgotten about last week, including the finish of the world series in which I was way off base picking Cincinnati in five.

Here's the way I see it this week:

Sandusky 14, Elyria 7. The Streaks need a near-perfect performance to do so, but they're primed.

HURON 22, ST. MARY'S 6. It's been a disappointing season for Coach Ron Baker's squad and the snarling Tigers will add to the woes.

Dayton Roosevelt 22, Perkins 8. The Teddies, like Perkins, are mistake-prone, but have too much beef and speed for the Pirates to contain.

New London 22, Western Reserve 12. Another giant step for the Wildcats who have been able to rise for the big game once before.

Margaretta 20, St. Wendelin 8. Margaretta is not to be denied, at least at this stage of the season.

Tiffin Columbian 22, Norwalk 6. Mr. Heater and company have too much offense for the Truckers.

WILLARD 14, SHELBY 12. It would be a feather in Larry Cook's hat if the Crimson Flashes survive.

Bellevue 16, Upper Sandusky 0. The Redmen could score more points if they put it all together.

Findlay 22, Fremont 14. This is a mighty big ball game in the Buckeye and the inspired Trojans keep their title hopes alive.

Lorain 26, Admiral King 14. The Steelers won't lose this game in the final minute.

Monroeville 20, Black River 6. Don Graham's Eagles still have hopes of winning the championship.

St. Paul 32, South Central 0. Another easy triumph for the Flyers.

VERMILION 16, MIDVIEW 14. The Sailors made good on the bonus points to nail this victory.

Bedford 20, Port Clinton 6. The Redskins make a long trip for nothing.

Edison 16, Mapleton 6. Back on the winning path for the Chargers.

Oak Harbor 22, Gibsonburg 12. The Rockets continue to win at home.

Lakota 20, Clyde 8. The Flyers could score an upset, however.

Bucyrus 34, Galion 0. The NOL leaders can name their own score.