

St. Mary's Stymied By Penalties

In Scoreless Duel With SBC Foe

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The 36th renewal of the rivalry between Sandusky St. Mary's and Oak Harbor remains at a standstill. Both teams have won 16 games with four tilts now deadlocked after action last night.

Coach Ron Baker's Panthers carried the attack to the Rockets of Coach Tom Greer all night, but the Blue and Gold just couldn't push the ball across the goal line despite the fact it had three opportunities inside the hosts 20 yard line.

On two of the three drives, the Panthers momentum was disrupted by the "resident geniuses", (officials), when holding was detected on both

Statistics

	St. M.	OH
First Downs (Total)	10	8
By Rushing	8	7
By Passing	1	0
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes (Number)	44	42
Yards Gained	152	148
Yards Lost	27	26
Net Yards Gained	125	122
Average Gain	2.8	2.8
Forward Passing	15	6
Completed	15	6
Had Intercepted	4	0
Net Yards Gained	36	0
Average Gain	2.4	0
Total Plays (Rushes and Passes)	59	48
Total Net Yards Gained	169	124
Punts (Number)	3	7
Average Yards	40.0	34.5
Had Blocked	0	1
Punt Returns (Number)	2	0
Average Yards	9.5	0
Kickoff Returns (Number)	1	1
Average Yards	14	14
Fumble (Numbers)	2	1
Ball Lost	1	0
Penalties (Number)	5	4
Yards Penalized	67	40

occasions. The other St. Mary's drive was snuffed just inches short of a first down at the 11 when the Panthers came up on a fourth and one situation.

COACH BAKER and his staff worked very diligently in preparation for the Sandusky Bay Conference opener and the Panthers responded likewise. However when other factors are involved it is often difficult to maintain dignity — but the local squad kept its poise only to see the breaks go against them, as it battled Oak Harbor to a 0-0 deadlock.

The Panthers defense held their foes to under 122 net yards and saw them cross midfield twice and on one occasion, a 15-yard penalty marched the ball this distance, something had to give, but it didn't.

The state-ranked Panthers, 2-9-1 and 0-0-1, relinquished the ball to the hosts in the fading moments of the game on a desperation aerial move on a second and 10 on their own 20. However, the hosts failed to move and St. Mary's took over at the same spot with 17 seconds to play.

THE INSPIRED Rockets, 1-1-1 and 0-1-1, had the ball for only six offensive plays in the third period and the stiff Panther defensive unit held them on each occasion to force punts, but here again, the St. Mary's offensive machine ran into difficulty.

On the first series, St. Mary's took the ball on the Oak Harbor 25 and waltzed to the 11 with halfback Lee Morton at the throttle. He carried three straight times and on the fourth tote, he bulled his way inside the hosts five — but out came the penalty flag.

A Panther was guilty of holding and the ball was placed on the Oak Harbor 25 with a first and 25 situation. Morton hit

tackle for six to the 19, and then to the 17 where quarterback Rich Wobser rushed to the seven on third and 16.

The 10-yard gainer by Wobser was short of the necessary yardage for a first and 10 and on the next play, the senior signal-caller dropped back to pass. His aerial, intended for Tim Belak in the Oak Harbor end zone was too far and the invaders took over at the 6:59 mark.

THE ROCKETS failed to move the ball and Glenn Branum was forced to boot from his own 28. Here the hosts received a big break when Morton fielded the ball on his own 45, but fumbled. Greg Ihre fell on the pignisk and the Rockets took over on their own 49, with under four minutes to play. They moved to the invaders 44 where a Panther was guilty of pass interference when a Ray Windisch pass intended for Branum was far off its target.

This put the ball on St. Mary's 29 where the Panthers defensive unit stiffened and met the Oak Harbor charge with ease. St. Mary's took over on its 29 and moved to the 45 when the first stanza ended.

On the first sustained drive of the night, the Panthers marched to the Rockets 15 where the "flag" came out again. Again, holding was detected and a 17-yard penalty moved the ball back to the 40.

NOT TO BE DENIED, the Panthers rolled back down to the Rockets 20 before they were faced with a fourth and sixth situation. A Wobser aerial, intended for Mark Wiesler, failed to click at 4:48 and the Red and Green took over.

After a first and 10 to the 32, Coach Greer's squad was force to punt. Morton called for a fair catch at the 45 and after a

Wobser to Tim Walland pass was good for four yards, two more Wobser aerials, however, went astray from the 48.

The first St. Mary's punt of the night was good for 47 yards by Bob Schmidt and the Rockets took over on their own 18. They moved to the 49 when the half ended.

AFTER INTERMISSION Walland took the opening kickoff on his 25 and moved to the 37. Morton gained 12 to the Oak Harbor 49 and it appeared the break was long enough for Baker and his staff to instill the "Panther-power."

Morton gained two more to the 47, but the Rocket line stiffened on the next play and held Schmidt for no gain. Wobser on a keeper collected only three yards where Schmidt was called upon for his second punt.

He toed the ball into the end zone where the hosts took over on the 20. After an exchange of boots, St. Mary's took over on its own 32 and moved to the invaders 11 where they faced a fourth and one situation. Schmidt hit left guard with less than 15 seconds to play in third stanza and was held at the line of scrimmage. This was the third time a Panther drive was halted.

OAK HARBOR TOOK OVER and advanced to its own 26 where Morton picked a stray Windisch pass from from the air and returned it to the 30 with 9:35 to play.

Schmidt was tossed for a two-yard loss and Wobser took to the air. His aerial for Belak fell short and on the next play, Morton tested right guard for five. This put the ball on Oak Harbor's 32 with fourth and seven, Wobser had Wiesler in

the open close to a first down but at the last second, Bob Simpkins broke up the play and another Panther drive was foiled.

Branum punted his squad out of trouble at his own 39 with 4:55 to go in the game. St. Mary's took over on its own 34. Schmidt plunged for four to the 38 and Wobser had good yardage on the keeper the next play, but another holding penalty forced the Panthers back to their own 23.

Morton was on the end of a 15-yard aerial from Wobser, six yards short of a first down. Wobser hit for two to the 38, but Morton was jolted down by Charles Baumgartner at the 40 with 2:32 to go, on fourth down for a two yard loss — four yards short of the necessary yardage.

OAK HARBOR TOOK over at the 38. Three plays later the Rockets only advanced to the 34 where St. Mary's took over with 1:20 play. Wobser was rushed by Dennis Zunk and threw the ball away at the 20 and on second down, his flip to Morton was intercepted by Baumgartner with 1:07 remaining.

Again the Rockets were held by the strong Panther defensive line and on fourth down, Windisch's pass for Zunk was knocked down at the last moment by Morton near the goal line.

St. Mary's took over with 17 seconds left. The aerial game again couldn't click. Wobser flipped to Walland and the ball fell incomplete, at the Oak Harbor 45. With nine seconds to play, Wobser tossed a screen to Schmidt which was good for only six. On the final play of the game, Zunk put the pressure on Wobser again and tossed him for an eight-yard loss when the game ended.

Morton, who had difficulty with his legs in the contest, (muscle spasms), was the game's leading ground gainer. The junior halfback had 96 yards in 24 carries. Branum was Oak Harbor's top ground gainer. He rushed for 63 yards.

St. Mary's also was hampered with the loss of Dan Smith, a 190-pound senior tackle who suffered a shoulder injury during practice this week. He was on the sidelines. Walland, who also was hospitalized earlier in the week, was limited to offensive duty only. The 185-pound senior end's absence was greatly noticed in the lineup.

Yardstick

Rushing

St. Mary's	TC	GA	Lo	Net	Ave.
Wobser, qb	6	17	13	4	.6
Morton, hb	24	104	8	96	4.0
Schmidt, hb	11	24	2	22	2.0
Notesline, hb	1	2	0	2	2.0

Oak Harbor	TC	GA	Lo	Net	Ave.
Windisch, qb	7	11	10	1	-.7
Spangler, hb	10	34	0	34	3.4
Simpkins, hb	1	1	2	-2	-.2
Branum, hb	16	64	1	63	3.9
Adams, hb	5	27	0	27	5.4
Brown, hb	2	10	4	6	3.0

Passing

St. Mary's	Att	Com	Yds.	Int.	TD's
Wobser, qb	14	4	36	1	0
Brady, qb	1	0	0	0	0

Oak Harbor	Att	Com	Yds.	Int.	TD's
Windisch, qb	5	0	0	1	0
Simpkins, hb	1	0	0	1	0

Pass Receiving

St. Mary's	No.	Yds.	TD's
Schmidt, hb	1	6	0
Walland, e	2	15	0
Morton, hb	1	15	0

Perkins Beats Clock To Rock Tiffin Calvert, 18-14

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Perkins' "never-say-die" Pirates battled from behind twice Friday night to edge visiting Tiffin Calvert 18-14 in a tension-packed contest.

The Pirates' winning touchdown came with only 1:45 remaining in the game. Fullback Earl Matthews bulled over from the one-yard line, culminating a Perkins' drive which went 64 yards in 15 plays. During the drive the Pirates controlled the football for more than eight minutes.

THE HOSTS DREW first blood in the game. After a Tiffin punt left the Pirates deep in their own territory at the 15, quarterback Al Lawrence kept the ball on a draw play, and rambled through the surprised Calvert defense for 85 yards and the score. The pass for the conversion fell incomplete.

Tiffin took advantage of a Pirate fumble to take the lead 8-6 with 1:29 remaining in the initial period. The Senecas moved 30 yards in four plays, the score coming on a 26-yard aerial from Rick Warnement to end Mike Beat.

THE PIRATES REGAINED the lead on the second play of the second quarter, when running back Ernie Thomas romped up the middle unmoled for a 49-yard scoring jaunt. The attempt for the conversion failed when the snap was fumbled, leaving the score 12-8.

Tiffin threatened again late in the quarter, but the drive was halted on the Perkins' 11 when Lawrence recovered a Seneca fumble.

Tiffin received the second-half

kickoff, and thoroughly controlled play for the next eight minutes. The Senecas, starting from their own 20, following Matthews booming kick into their end zone, scored in 18 plays, with Mark Schleiter scoring from the three. The run for the conversion failed, leaving Calvert out front, 14-12.

PERKINS BEGAN its game-winning drive with just 9:48 left in the contest.

Yardstick

Rushing

Perkins	TC	GA	Lo	Net	Ave.
Lawrence, qb	7	107	14	93	13.3
Thomas, hb	9	81	5	76	8.4
Matthews, fb	11	45	0	45	4.1
Justi, hb	10	39	7	32	3.2

Tiffin	TC	GA	Lo	Net	Ave.
Schleiter, hb	13	45	3	42	3.2
Smith, hb	13	44	7	37	2.8
N. Callaghan, fb	6	24	2	22	3.7
Galetto, fb	1	1	0	1	1.0
Warnement, qb	2	2	1	1	.5

Passing

Perkins	Att	Com	Yds.	Int.	TD's
Lawrence, qb	4	1	22	0	0
Warnement, qb	16	8	100	2	1
N. Callaghan, fb	3	2	24	0	0

Pass Receiving

Perkins	No.	Yds.	TD's
Thomas, hb	1	22	0
Beat, e	2	46	1
N. Callaghan, fb	3	26	0
S. Callaghan, e	1	20	0
Warnement, qb	1	14	0
Schleiter, hb	1	10	0
Smith, hb	2	8	0

The drive was sparked by Matthews, who picked up 28 yards in six attempts, and Jeff Justi, who gained 23 yards in five carries.

The greatest contributing factor to the drive's success was a 15-yard interference call against the Senecas. The infraction, the only one called against Calvert all night, came just after a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct call was assessed against Perkins.

As a result, the Pirates had the ball first and ten on the Seneca thirteen instead of second and 25 at the 28-yard marker.

PERKINS' HEAD coach, Dick Acierto, was very pleased with the Pirates' effective and balanced running attack. Lawrence ran for 93 yards, while Thomas gained 76, Matthews 45, and Justi 32.

Thomas played only the first half, because he aggravated a knee injury suffered in the St. Mary's game last weekend. Acierto believes that the injury is not serious, and hopes Thomas will be ready for action next Saturday against Southview.

Acierto was also pleased with the team's spirit and determination. "I was very pleased with the comeback. This has been a problem in the past, when the boys get behind they get discouraged. Tonight the last drive was just fantastic. The boys were working together, and followed Lawrence very well. They have some real self-confidence."

The Pirates' pass defense came under criticism by Acierto. Tiffin completed 10 of 19 passes for 124 yards, as six receivers, including Warnement himself, caught passes.

Part of the problem on pass defense probably stemmed from the fact that the Pirates had instituted a new defense to try and combat the potent Seneca passing attack.

THE PERKINS front line contained the Seneca rushing attack very well. Tiffin ran for only 83 yards in 36

attempts. Tiffin's speedy threat, wingback Dennis Smith was almost totally handuffed. Smith rushed 13 times for 37 yards, and caught only two passes for eight yards.

On offense, the game plan was to pass quite a bit, but as it turned out, only four passes were thrown and one completed.

According to Acierto, "We are really going to concentrate on our passing game, and we're going to develop a good passing game as the season progresses."

The Pirates, now 2-1, travel to Lorain next Saturday to meet Southview. Southview, presently 1-1, meets Lorain Admiral King tonight.



FLASHY CALVERT QUARTERBACK RICK WARNEMENT, (14), COMPLETES PASS

... despite good pursuit by Pirates Tim Waldock, (78) and Ron Bruens, (61). (Register Photo by Gene Krebs)

Statistics

	Perk	Tif
First Downs (total)	11	15
By rushing	9	6
By passing	1	8
By penalty	1	1
Rushes (Number)	38	36
Yards gained	272	114
Yards lost	40	31
Net yards gained	232	83
Average gain	6.1	2.8
Forward Passing		
Completed	4	19
Had intercepted	1	2
Net yards gained	0	2
Average gain	5.5	6.5
Total Plays (Rushes and Passes)	42	55
Total Net Yards Gained	254	207
Punts (Number)	4	4
Average yards	33	35.5
Had blocked	0	0
Punt Returns (Number)	1	2
Average yards	6	7
Kickoff Returns (Number)	3	3
Average yards	11	10
Fumble (Numbers)	3	2
Ball lost	2	1
Penalties (Number)	4	1
Yards penalized	42	15

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Perkins	6	6	0	6	18
Calvert	8	0	6	0	14

Scoring:
Perkins — Al Lawrence, 85 run. (Pass failed).
Tiffin Calvert — Mike Beat, 26 pass from Warnement. (Schleiter run).
Perkins — Ernie Thomas, 49 run. (run failed).
Tiffin Calvert — Mark Schleiter, 3 run. (Run failed).
Perkins — Earl Matthews, 1 run. (Pass failed).

Crestline Tames Plymouth, 26-12

Crestline scored two touchdowns in 87 seconds to deprive Plymouth of a successful start in Johnny Applesseed Conference action last night.

With the score knotted at 6-6 and 2:35 left in the first half, the Bulldogs promptly put 14 points on the scoreboard to rock the invading Big Red.

JON SMITH, 155-pound senior speedster, scampered 82 yards up the middle on an electrifying kickoff return and was in the end zone in just 11 seconds. There was still 2:24 remaining in the period when Smith reached the end zone. Plymouth attempted to get back on the scoreboard before the half, but it backfired.

On the third play after the ensuing kickoff, quarterback Mike Beard was jarred loose from the ball on his own seven. Two plays later left-handed quarterback Brad Bauer hurled a pass to end Jim Cheney for the marker. Bauer provided the bonus points himself for a 20-6 halftime bulge.

PLYMOUTH REBOUNDED by driving 59 yards in nine plays to narrow the deficit to 20-12. Bill Van Wagner scored his second touchdown on a one-yard plunge.

However, Crestline turned another Plymouth fumble into a score. The high-scoring Bulldogs went 45 yards in 10 plays to put the game out of reach with 9:59 left as Bauer and Cheney hooked up for 29 yards this time.

Crestline, which has tallied 138 points in three games this season, marched 61 yards in 15 plays for the initial marker

Statistics

	P	C
First downs	11	16
Net Yds. Gained Rushing	87	150
Yds. Gained Passing	63	120
Total Net Yds. Gained	150	270
Passes attempted/completed	6/19	9/17
Passes intercepted by	0	3
Penalties	3/21	7/90

with halfback Steve Maples going the final yard.

John Conley set up Plymouth's first score. The junior veteran raced 62 yards with a punt only to be hauled down at the 15. Conley, one of the stalwarts on the Big Red squad, sustained a leg injury and was taken to the hospital.

The defeat was the first of the season for Plymouth which plays Crestview next week in another conference encounter. Crestline, one of the favorites in the JAC, now stands 3-0.



PIRATE HALFBACK JEFF JUSTI, (41), SWEEPS RIGHT END FOR VALUABLE YARDAGE

... Justi carried 10 times for 32 yards in the 18-14 win over Calvert. (Register Photo by Gene Krebs)