

# Red rips Colts with late rally

Kim Carter's opportunistic play in the fourth period at Bellville Friday night led to touchdowns and a surprising upset by Plymouth of Clear Fork's Colts, only the second time the Big Red has beaten Clear Fork in football and the first time on the Bellville field.

The score was 22 to 8. All of Plymouth's scoring came in the fourth period.

Clear Fork took an 8 to 0 lead in the first quarter when Ed Belcher, certainly the outstanding Colt back, hit right tackle on third down and sped 57 yards to score. It was a trap that left Tony Amstutz and Rich Dyer baffled.

Belcher ran in for the PATs. Plymouth did not penetrate Colt territory throughout the first half and only by stout defensive work and capitalizing on a break or two was it able to avert more Clear Fork touchdowns.

A Larry Taylor pass was intercepted by Russ Barr at the Red 24 midway through the second quarter.

Plymouth blocked a Colt punt at the Clear Fork 42 late in the first half and recovered at the Colt 35. But Taylor's pass aimed for Jim Cutright was picked off by Belcher at the Colt 12 and Plymouth did not again threaten in the half.

IT WAS A FREAK development that led to Plymouth's tying score.

Late in the third period, Dave Hofferber punted 35 yards to the Red 44, where a Clear Fork player touched the ball. But it was not downed. Carter picked it up and sped down the east sideline to the Colt 20 before he was thrown out-of-bounds.

Despite Colt protests, it was first-and-10 for Plymouth from that spot.

In seven plays Plymouth had the tying touchdown, John Conley, running like the Conley of old, skidding in from two yards

away after Taylor had passed 15 yards to Cutright on fourth down to keep the drive alive.

The clock read 10:55. Conley hit left tackle for the PATs and it was a new ball game.

Jeff Fazio recovered a Colt fumble in the next series but Plymouth could not advance beyond the Clear Fork 45. Conley punted to the end zone.

ON THIRD DOWN, JIM Watson sought to pass over the line. It was a short toss, only three yards or so. But the redoubtable Carter was there and plucked it from his shoetops, ran to his right, eluded three tacklers who seemed to have him pinned down and sped into the end zone.

It was this play that broke Clear Fork. Higher than a two-bit kite, Plymouth could not score the PATs but one sideline observer opined, "Plymouth will score again, just you wait and see!"

He was right. Plymouth kicked off and Clear Fork could not deal with an aroused defense, led by Bill Van Wagner at end, (he was assigned offensive tackle duties for this contest and showed that is where he belonged all season). Setting out from its 40, Clear Fork lost five yards in three plays and was compelled to punt.

The boot was a short one, coming as it did off the foot of a hurried and harassed punter.

Plymouth took over at its 46 and marched to a third score in 10 plays, getting into paydirt with 1:27 left in the game. The saving play came on fourth down, when Taylor, who vindicated The Advertiser's reporter by performing as he is capable in this one, threw 23 yards to Conley. Conley's catch was little short of miraculous, coming on the sideline and only a step or two from the flag, surrounded by Colt defenders. He held the ball up like Willie Mays

after a shoestring catch. Plymouth set up on the Clear Fork two and Taylor sneaked home on first down for the last yardage. Taylor passed over the middle to Kelly Clark for the PATs.

It is a pity that this team is only 3-and-5 overall and only 2-and-4 in the Johnny Appleseed conference. It should be 5-and-3 and 4-and-2, there being more than reasonable doubt that it could have beaten Monroe, Crestline or Ontario.

But that is how it is in schoolboy football.

Plymouth won this one because it wanted to win more than did Clear Fork, because Clear Fork made too many mistakes and because the Colts are not a representative Clear Fork team this season.

Score by periods:  
P 0 0 0 22 -- 22  
C 8 0 0 0 -- 8

STATISTICS		
	C	P
No. of plays	65	66
First downs	10	12
Rush yardage	195	124
Passes	12	20
Completed	2	6
Intercepted by	2	1
Pass yardage	31	73
Fumbles	5/3	0/0
Punts	6/27	6/39
Penalties	2/20	2/20

## Last week ...

Here're results from last week:

Edison 49, Mapleton 6;  
Western Reserve 12, New London 6;  
Monroeville 19, South Central 8;  
Ontario 26, Fredericktown 7;  
Plymouth 22, Clear Fork 8;  
Crestline 51, Crestview 6;  
Lexington 14, Loudonville 6;  
St. Paul's 55, South Central 0.

## Plymouth slips in Region 10

Here're computerized standings of local football squads after fourth week:  
Class A, Region 10:  
Monroeville, fourth; St. Paul's, seventh; Buckeye Central, 15th; New London, 26th; South Central and Plymouth, tied for 31st; Western Reserve, 34th;

Class A, Region 9:  
Mapleton, 19th; Black River, tied for 26th; Class AA, Region 5:  
Loudonville, tied for 26th; Crestview, tied for 61st;  
Class AA, Region 6:  
Ontario, 17th; Edison, 28th; Crestline, 32nd;  
Clear Fork, tied for 34th; Lexington, tied for 37th; Class AA, Region 7:  
Fredericktown, 18th;

## SJHS wins over Mounties for fourth success

Shiloh Junior high grid-ders downed Mapleton Thursday, 18 to 0, in Mary Fete park in their last outing of the 1971 season. The Big Red wound up 4-and-2.

In the second quarter Ed Gomez raced 39 yards around left end to the one foot line. Fullback Mary Collins took the ball over on the next play. In the 3rd quarter a 25-yard pass from Brad Turson to Jay Haver led to a 60-yard TD play. In the final quarter Wally Gawronski tossed a seven yard aerial to Turson on a square-out pattern. Turson ran the final 55 yards.

The Big Red defense played a hard hitting game with Randy Strohm, Ruben Garcia, and Jim Conley recovering Mountie fumbles.

Conley and Dave Gasparac led the defense with nine and eight tackles, respectively. Strohm had a first quarter interception.

Tri-captains for the season have been Doug Hursh, Turson and Todd Root.

## Harriers win

Big Red harriers scored their fifth shutout here Oct. 26, whitewashing Loudonville, 15 to 44. Plymouth's record is now 11-and-3.  
Tim Nesbitt fronted the field in 10 mins. 2 secs. Ken Lucas was second in 10:10. Jim Sutter third in 10:43. Brad Buzard fourth in 10:36 and Mike Adams fifth in 10:37.

## Gomez victor

Corky Gomez punched his way to a solid 102 to 40 decision over Butch Terry Watkins Athletic Club, Cleveland, in a three round amateur bout at Parma Friday night.  
Terry was a substitute for George Stump, who withdrew because of a strained back.  
Gomez was clearly the aggressor and scored heavily with hooks and crosses.



Phil Ramey

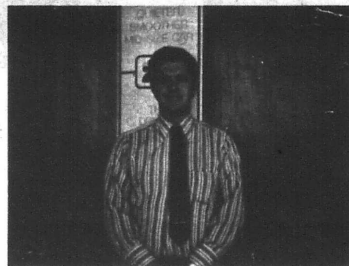
## Miss Dent to wed Randy Conley

Engagement of their daughter, Robin Ada, to Randy Ray Conley is announced by Mr. and Mrs. William Dent, Shiloh. Miss Dent is also the daughter of the late Mrs. Marilyn Van Wagner Dent. She attends Pioneer Joint Vocational school.

Mr. Conley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Green Conley, Shiloh, is a 1970 graduate of Plymouth High school.  
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