

# Perkins Scores!

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The Perkins Pirates celebrated "Parents Night" last night and the Pirates were really ready to delight the honored guests as they played inspired football in the first period against Port Clinton before faltering in the second quarter to come out on the short end of a 29-14 count. The loss drops their record to 1-7 on the year. Port Clinton now sports a glittering 7-1-1 record.



ALEX TUCKER

**THE PIRATES BROKE** a 13-quarter dry spell in the process as they scored all 14 points in the first period marking the first time they had scored since the third quarter of the Margaretta game. The markers were also the first of the year at home for the Pirates.

Perkins received a big break on the third play of the game when fullback Larry Smith fumbled and the alert defense pounced on the ball at the six yard line.

Ernie Thomas who has done just about everything for the Pirates this year, got the call on the first play and he blasted into the end zone for the first score with over 10 minutes left in the opening period.

Bruce Graham added the extra point and the Pirates appeared to be on the move.

Four plays later the Pirates had the ball back as Port Clinton was forced to punt and the ball rolled dead at the Pirates 35. This time however, they gave it back in two plays as Dave Lang fumbled and Dan Timmons came up with the loose ball.

Port Clinton drove to the Pirates 25

where the Redskins ran out of downs and the Pirates took possession once again. This time they could move the ball only

to their own 48 where Paul Szulc was forced to punt.

**THE BIGGEST BREAK** of the night for the Pirates came on the punt as it hit a Port Clinton player and was recovered by the Pirates on the invaders 32.

Lawrence tossed a 12-yard strike to Bill Schaefer at the 20 on the first play then called his own number on a sweep around the left side and he went the final 20 yards untouched behind a wall of blockers and the Pirates were off and running 14-0.

Port Clinton took the next kickoff and drove 60 yards in seven plays for its first score on the first play of the wild second period. Halfback John Williamsen got the call on the second down play and scampered five yards to pay dirt. Tony Masing added the extra point to cut the Pirates lead to 14-7.

**THE KEY PLAY** in the drive was when the Redskins had a fourth down and six situation at the Pirates 26.

Rusinkovich calmly stepped up and fired a 20 yard pass to Tucker to give his team the first and goal at the six and keep the drive in motion.

The Redskins knocked the Pirates completely out of the game in the last five minutes of the first half.

In that time period they collected three big scores. The first two were passes from John Rusinkovich to Gary Quisno. The first strike covered 31 yards and capped a 43-yard drive in five plays, following a fake punt attempt by the Pirates.

Perkins had the ball at their own 45 with a fourth down. The snap went

directly to fullback Dave Lang who scampered out with the ball but was one yard short of the first down at the Port Clinton 43.

**THE BIG PLAY** for the Redskins was a nifty 18 yard run by Tucker on a first down play which moved the ball to the Pirates 27. The next play resulted in a four yard loss setting the stage for the scoring strike, coupled with the bonus points, which put Port Clinton out in front 15-14.

The winners last two scores came in a space of only 46 seconds. With 2:01 left in the half, Rusinkovich again hit Quisno

this time, from 26 yards out on the first play following a partially blocked Pirate punt which traveled only six yards. Williamsen added the bonus points on a run.

Rusinkovich again went to the airwaves for the Redskins last score. This time Tucker was his target from the 16-yard line and the scoring was complete.

In the second half, Perkins drove to the Port Clinton 34 where the Pirates were three yards short of a first down and ladd the ball. It was the deepest penetration by either team except late in the game with the second units in when Port Clinton got to the Pirates 27. At that point the

Pirates stiffened and the game ended with Port Clinton on its own 47.

Thomas was the biggest bright spot for the Pirates as he led all rushers with 101 yards in 28 attempts. Smith topped Port Clinton with 62 yards in 14 attempts.

Rusinkovich's passing was the big difference in the game. He passed for 155 yards completing nine of 20 attempts. Quisno was his favorite target collecting five for 113 yards.

Perkins will make its final appearance of the year next Friday hosting Bellevue as the Pirates will again be after their second win of the year.



FACES OF COACH DICK ACIERTO, TIM WALDOCK (78), TIM ZUCK AND MANAGER REFLECT PIRATE JOY ... second touchdown brings momentary smiles to faces of point-hungry Pirates.

# Acierto Can't Believe It

"I am confused and disappointed, I just can not believe anyone could get 29 points in a single quarter." That was the capsule analysis offered by Perkins coach Dick Acierto after he had just watched his charges drop a 29-14 decision to Port Clinton.

"They were a big strong team, much stronger and bigger than we expected

but they really surprised us with that comeback effort, it is a real tribute to a fine football team," he offered shaking his head.

The disappointed mentor said that the Pirates really took some hard knocks in the contest. "Tom Turrie may have a broken finger and a few of the other boys are going to be really sore," he noted.

**PORT CLINTON SURPRISED** the Pirate mentor defensively. "We were limited by their defensive sets. They made us go to Ernie Thomas more than we wanted to because they had the other people covered and they could not get open."

"This enabled them to keep us contained most of the night after the early stages. I was disappointed we could not run the off-tackle plays better. This really hurt us," Acierto pointed out.

"Port Clinton also had a much better pass defense than we expected and this hurt us. They were really big and our people could not handle them. The same thing was true on the other side, our defensive backs could not cope with their size and that was a big reason for them getting so much passing yardage (155 yards)."

"They also hurt us by not letting us get outside, this was a big factor in our lack of offense. We were unable to get to the outside when we needed it."

Acierto closed his post game talk by offering praise to his charges for the way they responded opening the game when they came up with the quick scores. "I was real pleased with the way we controlled the ball opening the game and took advantage early, I am at a loss to explain why we could not keep the momentum," he concluded.

**IN THE PORT CLINTON CORNER**, rookie coach Marc McClain who is taking his team toward its best finish since 1968 when the mark was 8-1-1, praised his boys for "a real poised effort." "They never lost their poise and never gave up and this has been our trademark all year. These kids have been in some close games and they do not let the pressure get to them," he offered.

"John Rusinkovich has been doing a fine job leading us all year and he proved a real leader again tonight, although this was a real team game."

"It has to be a team game when you pass that much. The quarterback must be on target, the receivers must be in the right spot and the offensive line must give the quarterback adequate protection, and we did all that tonight," McClain beamed.

McClain also had praise for Thomas, the Pirates fine senior running back. "Thomas is one of the finest backs I have seen all year, he has good moves and

speed and he never lets up which is the sign of a great athlete," McClain offered.

**AL LAWRENCE ALSO** received praise from the Redskins mentor. "Lawrence is a fine quarterback. He did a real good job out there. We knew that the key to winning the game would be how well we could get to him and we were lucky enough to do so enough to come out on top but he really gave us problems," McClain quipped.

In closing McClain heaped praise on his defensive unit. "Our defensive line of Scott Bradbee and Bruce Tucker at the ends, John Ohman and Quisno at the tackles, and middle guard Tom Pieblo did a fine job for us. Without their effort tonight and all year, we would not be where we are today."

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Port Clinton	0	29	0	0	29
Perkins	14	0	0	0	14

Scoring:  
Perkins — Thomas, 6 run. (Graham, kick).  
Perkins — Lawrence, 20 run. (Graham, kick).  
Port Clinton — Williamsen, 5 run. (Masing kick).  
Port Clinton — Quisno, 31 pass from Rusinkovich. (Quisno, pass from Rusinkovich).  
Port Clinton — Quisno, 26 pass from Rusinkovich. (Quisno, pass from Rusinkovich).  
Port Clinton — Tucker, 16 pass from Rusinkovich. (pass failed).

# Plymouth Absorbs 6th Loss

Quarterback Curt Rephart hurled a pair of touchdown passes and figured in another score as invading Fredericktown handed Plymouth a 23-8 Johnny Appleseed Conference loss Friday.

The elusive Rephart uncorked an electrifying 71-yard touchdown pass to end Steve Doyle to cap a 95-yard, four-play drive in the opening stanza. Mike Simpson's placekick made it 7-0 and the score remained that way until the third canto.

Simpson booted a 26-yard field goal in the third stanza to hike the count to 10-0.

**PLYMOUTH CASHED** in on a fumble recovery for its lone marker. The Big Red covered 10 yards in four plays with John Conley knifing in from the two on fourth-down. Larry Taylor's pass to Jim Cutright added the conversion to narrow the gap to 10-8.

However, Fredericktown, now 6-3 on the season and runnerup in the JAC with a 5-2 log, marched 62 yards in eight plays after the kickoff to put the game out of reach. Once again Rephart teamed up with Doyle for the score, this time for 21 yards.

Rephart rambled 24 yards in the final minute of play on a sparkling run, but was jarred at the two, and fumbled. Center Bill Levering alertly made the recovery in the end zone to complete the scoring.

Plymouth dropped to 2-5 in the conference, and 3-6 overall with Norwalk St. Paul the final opponent next week.

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Fredericktown	7	0	3	13	23
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring:  
Fredericktown — Doyle, 71 pass from Rephart. (Simpson, kick).  
Fredericktown — Simpson, 36-yard field goal.  
Plymouth — Conley, 3 run. (Cutright, pass from Taylor).  
Fredericktown — Doyle, 21 pass from Rephart. (Simpson, kick).  
Fredericktown — Levering, recovered fumble in end zone. (kick failed).

# Mills Sparks Firelands

Firelands High's gridders clinched a tie for the second spot in the Inland Conference last night with an important 20-6 win over visiting South Amherst. The win gives the Falcons an overall mark of 5-5, but a conference mark of 5-2, good for a tie for the runner-up spot with Highland.

**THE FALCONS** gained the lead last night in first-period action, as sophomore quarterback Ron Pycraft hit senior end Art Daniels with a 29-yard scoring pass. Daniels' touchdown was his third of the season, and gave the hosts a 6-0 lead, since the kick failed for the conversion.

In the third period, senior Falcon fullback Mike Mills tallied on a five-yard run, and the senior added the final score in the final period on a one-yard burst. His 12 points for the evening gives him a total of 64 overall, with all of them coming in league play.

Mills once again excelled for the Falcons, as he emerged as the game's leading rusher with 179 yards on 25 carries. His long-gainer of 64 yards came in the final period.

Defensively, junior halfback Gary Buchs was a standout, as he recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass, and made several key stops.



ERNIE THOMAS RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS FROM COACH ACIERTO ... after scoring Pirates first touchdown at home this year.

# Western Bombs Mapleton

Western Reserve, paced by the passing of junior quarterback Ken Carey and the running of senior tailback Pat Conry, scored in every quarter last night, to upend visiting Mapleton 30-18.

Carey, starting just his third game of the season at quarterback, completed five of 13 passes for 192 yards and one touchdown. Conry scored a pair of touchdowns to run his season's total to 38 points, and also emerged as the game's leading rusher with 80 yards.

**WITH THE WIN**, the Roughriders finished out their season with a two-game winning streak, and also recorded three wins in the final five games for first-year coach John Speer. Overall, their mark was 3-6 and in Firelands Conference play 3-4.

Western scored first with 6:33 to go in the initial period, as Conry plunged into the end zone from two yards out. With

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Western Reserve	12	6	6	6	30
Mapleton	0	0	12	0	12

Scoring:  
Western Reserve — Conry, 2 run. (Speer, kick).  
Western Reserve — Foster, 50 pass from Conry. (run failed).  
Mapleton — Collins, 37 run. (run failed).  
Western Reserve — Davis, 1 run. (run failed).  
Mapleton — Gault, 17 pass from Kemery. (run failed).  
Western Reserve — M. Weisenberger, 2 run. (run failed).  
Mapleton — Myers, 46 pass from Kemery. (run failed).  
Western Reserve — Conry, 15 run. (run failed).

just two seconds remaining in the quarter, senior end Keith Foster scored on a 50-yard aerial from Carey, for his fourth touchdown of the season.

Mapleton scored early in the second period on a 37-yard run by Joe Collins, to make the score 12-6. Western ran the count to 18-6 with just 12 seconds left in the half, as junior wingback Greg Davis powered his way over from the one.

A 17-yard pass from Mountie quarterback Ed Kemery to end Mike Gault brought the score to 18-12 midway in the

STATISTICS	
First Downs	9 9
Net Yards Gained Rushing	116 79
Yards Gained Passing	192 182
Total Net Yards Gained	308 261
Passes attempted/completed	14/5 13/7
Passes intercepted by	1 1
Fumbles/lost	1/0 5/2
Penalties	6/60 5/55

third quarter, but Roughrider senior fullback Mike Weisenberger ripped in from the two, with 1:13 remaining in the third period, for his first touchdown of the season.

**WITH JUST 55** seconds to go in the period, Kemery connected with halfback Ken Myers on a 46-yard scoring aerial, to make the score 24-18 entering the final period.

Conry cemented the win for the hosts, as he ran 15 yards for a score, with just 57 seconds remaining in the game, and in his high-school grid career.

Speer had high praise for his seniors and offensive unit following the win. "The seniors did a tremendous job for their last game. The offense performed well. The defense made some mistakes, but pulled through."

**CAREY AND FOSTER** came in for praise for exceptional performances, as did junior tackle King Divers.

The win marked the final grid appearance for the school for a total of eight seniors, Earl Blair, George Clark, Conry, John Davis, Dan Finley, Foster, Dave Mesenburg and Weisenberger.

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
St. Joe	8	6	6	14	34
Oak Harbor	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring:  
St. Joe — Beier, 38 run. (Barrington, pass from Mosser).  
St. Joe — Beier, 10 run. (run failed).  
St. Joe — Beter, 1 run. (run failed).  
St. Joe — Fredericks, 1 run. (Hoffman, kick).  
Oak Harbor — Sprouse, 8 run. (Sprouse, run).  
St. Joe — Fredericks, 16 run. (Hoffman, kick).

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Norwalk	7	0	0	0	7
Bellevue	0	0	0	7	7

Scoring:  
Norwalk — Hershey, 5 run. (Kerkhoff, kick).  
Bellevue — Baptista, 1 run. (Green, pass from Loudenslager).  
Bellevue — Joseph, fumble recovery in end zone. (Stoldt kick).

# Maxwell Scores 5

Ike Maxwell, stopped from hitting the end zone last week against Findlay, exploded for five touchdowns last night as Elyria cinched a share of the Buckeye Conference football crown.

The fleet-footed 170-pound senior sprinted for 229 yards in 66 carries and raised his season total to 142 points as the Pioneers smothered Mansfield, 39-6. Maxwell now has 1,693 yards rushing for the season, including 1,286 in the Buckeye. He has 98 points in the six conference clashes.

**MAXWELL BOLTED** 59 yards for his first marker, then skirted and for six more to account for the 12 first-period points. After Mansfield's Ron Castle plunged one yard to narrow the margin to 12-6, Maxwell went right back to work.

The genuine All-Ohio candidate boomed 35 yards and the two yards later in the second stanza to give Elyria a commanding 26-6 halftime advantage.

His final tally came early in the third period when he galloped 38 yards on a sparkling jaunt.

Backup tailback, junior Chip Oliver, dashed 85 yards in the fourth canto to wind up the scoring. Oliver gained 117 yards in just five carries.

Elyria will go for its third perfect 10-0 record in the past five seasons next Friday against rival Lorain Senior.

The Pioneers accumulated 409 yards on the ground and held Mansfield to just 112 yards in total offense. The pass-minded Tygers clicked on four of 19 aeriels for a meager 30 yards.

Fremont found four different ways to compile points in coasting to a convincing 32-14 win over Findlay last night in the battle for the runnerup spot in the Buckeye Conference.

The Little Giants hit paydirt three times on runs. added another in the air, earned three points on a field goal... and two more on a safety.

Fremont posted its eighth victory in nine starts and held a 32-0 bulge before the Trojans' Curt Hippensteel tallied twice in the final stanza. It was also the fifth BC victory in six outings.

# Buckeye Commissioner Suffers Fatal Attack

The Buckeye Conference's commissioner for just one year is dead. Gene Foster, 45, supervisor of secondary education for Seneca County schools and commissioner of the Buckeye Athletic Conference, suffered a fatal heart attack yesterday afternoon in Bowling Green.

**THE TIFFIN RESIDENT** WAS reportedly visiting his daughter who attends Bowling Green State University when stricken. An active baseball player, Foster was named just one year ago to succeed John Tittsworth of Fremont as the new boss.

His first official appearance as commissioner came when he was introduced during the Fremont-Sandusky game at Fremont.

Foster served as director of recreation for the city of Tiffin for 17 years and at one time was athletic director at Tiffin Columbian High School. He was also principal at Republic High.

Services will be Monday at 2:30 p. m. in First Presbyterian Church in Tiffin. The body is in Hoffmann Mortuary.