

# Big Red 21-20 Victim

## Extra-Point Wins Flyer's 8th

By DON HOHLER  
PLYMOUTH — The St. Paul Flyers used a three-touchdown first half as a cushion in the final two quarters Friday night to squeeze a 21-20 football verdict over Plymouth in the final game of the campaign.

For the Flyers the victory meant an 8-2 record while Plymouth finished with a three wins in ten games.

Flyer halfback Tom Bellamy ground his way into the record books with a 115 yard performance via 31 carries. He ended the season with 1,336 yards to surpass the mark of 1,256 set by Terry Ackerman. Bellamy, just a junior, can set sights on the three-year rushing record when he returns for the 1972 campaign.

Bellamy broke the record by two yards when he rambled into the end zone on a 14-yard pickup for the Flyers first score in the opening period.

The short, five-play drive started when defensive end Tom Rekart recovered a Plymouth punt on the Big Red's 29. John Brutsche converted the first of three straight extra points, the last one making the difference in the game.

The Big Red came right back to make it a 7-6 game in a drive that carried into the second period. It took quarterback Larry Taylor an even dozen plays to get the six points on the board. The payoff call was a three yard blast by halfback John Conley. Setting up the score was a 41-yard pass and run play from Taylor to end Kelly Clark which put the ball on the four-yard line. Conley was stopped just inches short on the extra



STOPPED — Plymouth halfback Kim Carter is wrapped up by a St. Paul defender while three other Flyers hurry to help out. Coming in on the play are Mark Schaffer (68), Charlie Brown (69) and Tom Rekart (89).

point try to hold the count to 7-6.

St. Paul struck suddenly following the Plymouth kickoff as Fields opened the drive with a handoff to Bellamy which netted two yards and placed the ball at midfield. After one misfire on a pass play, Fields found end Jim Borgia. Borgia's defender fell down which left the sticky-fingered senior all alone. Brutsche converted with 8:02 left in

the first half when the score read 14-6.

The Flyers got one more score on the board before the intermission as middle linebacker Cookie Gilchrist fell on a Plymouth fumble on the Big Red's 26. The final play, a fourth and goal from the one, went off with just two seconds left on the clock. Bellamy carried in for his second score of the night. Brutsche then made

the all-important extra point.

Plymouth got eight points back early in the third quarter as Taylor hit the air lanes for 55 of the 65 total yards. An eight-yard toss to Clark put the six points on the board and then Conley made a diving catch on a flag pattern for the extra points to make it a 21-14 game with 4:45 left in the third period.

A pass interception by Conley set up the final Plymouth TD. He picked off a Fields' aerial on the Plymouth 45 and returned it to the Flyers' 20. Four plays is all it took to get the touchdown as Taylor found Clark open in the right flat and hit him on a 10-yard pitch to make it 21-20. Clark was again the target as the Big Red elected to go for two points and the possible victory.

This time the pass was just off the finger tips of Clark as he ran a flag pattern to the opposite side of the touchdown play. The score held at 21-20 with 7:48 left in the game.

The Flyers took the ensuing kickoff and behind the running of Bellamy who carried on seven of the 14 plays, drove to the Plymouth 10 before running out of downs. Just 1:36 was left on the clock when the Big Red took over.

Moving into a "shotgun" offensive alignment, Taylor ran from the passing formation for 18 yards on the first play but had to use a timeout to get the clock stopped. A pair of incompletes passes, followed by a three-yard rushing gain and a six-yard pass play totaled just nine yards.

Fields took over with 37 seconds left and had no trouble wasting that time over two plays.

Flyer coach Bill Hubans praised his club's defense and called this the factor that won the game. "We took what I thought was a comfortable lead in the first half and the game plan was to play ball control in the second half. It was working until Conley picked off that pass. From then on it was touch and go," Hubans commented.

	St. P.	P
1st Downs Rushing	14	7
1st Downs Passing	6	4
1st Downs Penalties	0	1
Total First Downs	20	12
Passes Attempted	15	17
Passes Completed	5	9
Passes Intercepted	2	1
Net Yds. Rushing	177	113
Net Yds. Passing	115	115
Punts-Avg	1-31.0	2-46.5
Fumbles	0	4
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Penalties	4	7
Yds. Penalized	20	20

	SCORE BY QUARTERS			
St. Paul	7	14	0	0-21
Plymouth	0	6	8	6-20

## It's Hard To Say Goodbye



By GEOFF HAMMILL

It's not easy to walk out on something you love. Leonard Hardman is finding this out as he prepares to step down after four years as the guiding force behind Norwalk's football fortunes.

"I don't look forward to leaving football," the burly coach said as he sat in his second, or is it his third, home-away-from-home at Norwalk Junior High School. "I love the game."

He had just completed what had become a late fall ritual: a full day of classes, football practice and then pre-season basketball practice. He looked tired and his voice reflected that weariness.

"I feel my family has suffered enough with me as football coach for four years. It seemed like I was never with them," he said. "If there wasn't football practice, there was basketball practice. Then in the spring, you start working on fitness programs for the athletes which go all summer."

"It just became too much for my family and me. They never complained, they never would, but I feel I owe them more time."

When Hardman took over the head coaching position ten days before the 1968 season opened, it was understood that it would be a temporary job. Four years was a little less temporary than the coach meant.

"I thought about quitting after last year," he commented. "Maybe I should have, but I thought I could give Norwalk its first championship team so I decided to give it one more year."

"I was disappointed this year, the whole team was. But I was not disappointed with the team but for them," he continued quietly. "There is no fan who is any more upset with this season than the players and coaches."

After leading the Truckers to their first winning season in a decade last season, this year's squad was expected to be a contender in the Northern Ohio League.

"We actually have better personnel on the team this year than we did last year," Hardman explained. "But there were just too many mental errors while last year's team didn't make them."

Despite finishing his career with a 13-24-1 mark with one game left, Hardman feels that the football program has advanced during his tenure.

"I think we have improved the program. Of course, there's still a lot of work to do and the new coach will have his own ideas about how to do it."

"But I feel that the program is making strides now. We started some things but now it will be up to another man," he said.

Hardman pointed to the development of a weight program as one of the prime targets for improving the overall football program.

"That's what I would like to get at if I can. There are some boys who work with weights a lot, but a concentrated program would help very much."

"We're smaller than most of the schools we play, so we have to make up for it by being stronger."

"We also began a program of quickness drills which the boys didn't care too much for but I feel it worked. This should be worked on," Hardman said.

The aspect of the grid program that most pleases the outgoing coach is the increased turnout of boys. When Hardman took over, only 38 boys in the top three grades turned out for football.

In 1970, that number had increased to 60 and this year there were 59.

"You have to work at getting the boys out. Keep after them, catch them in the halls and on the street and ask them if they're coming out. You have to build their interest in the sport," he said. "This is the important thing."

"I think we also proved to Norwalk that Norwalk High School is a football school," Hardman said. His voice rose slightly as he pointed out that when he took over, most fans felt that the Truckers could never have a good football team.

"I'm very pleased that the boys now realize that they can win. They had it pounded into their heads that Norwalk would not win. Now they know they can."

"Norwalk is a good football school," Hardman emphasized. "The boys at this school are the best and soon they will win a football championship for someone. I wish it could have been me."

Although some may write off his belief in his boys as a coach's farewell praise, Hardman is firm in his opinion that this year's team is the best group of boys that he has ever coached.

"They are very good workers and they gave me a lot. Like I said, I am disappointed for them, not in them."

Come 10 this evening, Len Hardman's duties as the field general will be over.

"They'll be some long evenings in the stands next year and I'll probably wish that I was on the field. But now I can devote time to my family and work full-time at building the basketball program," he said.

One thing for sure, after going through it himself, Len Hardman won't be a second-guesser. For awhile, anyway.

## Van Wagner Named On All-JAC Team

PLYMOUTH — Big Red defensive end Bill Van Wagner was named to the first team defensive unit in the all-Johnny Appleseed Conference today.

Van Wagner, a 6-2, 220-pound senior, was the lone Plymouth representative on the first team selections.

Four teammates received honorable mention. Jim Cutright, offensive end, Jerry Deskins, center, and John Conley, halfback were named on the offensive team.

Earl Sexton was given honorable mention as a defensive tackle.

The first team defensive unit is:

ENDS: Dave Hatton, Fredericktown, Bruce Boyce, Ontario, Bill Van Wagner, Plymouth.

TACKLES: Jim Allarding, Loudonville, Bob Cosgrove, Ontario.

GUARD: Gerald McGinnis, Ontario.

INSIDE LINEBACKER: Carl Shores, Crestview, Kim Gates, Ontario.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER: Allen Laferty, Crestline, Dick Kaber, Ontario.

## Friday Grid Results

NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE  
Port Clinton 12 Willard 6  
Bellevue 20 Perkins 6  
FIRELANDS CONFERENCE  
ST. PAUL 21 Plymouth 20  
Wellington 20 New London 12  
BUCKEYE CONFERENCE  
Fremont 32 Sandusky 0  
Findlay 28 Adirondack 13  
Elyria 41 Lorain 0  
Mansfield Senior 6 Marion Harding 14  
OTHER GAMES  
Huron 27 Margaretta 9  
Vermilion 42 Firelands 20  
Gibsonburg 19 Sand. St. Mary 21

## Mark Mullins Shines As Wildcats Drop 7th 20-12

WELLINGTON — Wildcat tailback Mark Mullins turned in another sterling performance here Friday night but it was no avail as New London dropped its seventh decision in ten contests to a powerful Wellington team, 20-12.

Mullins sat out the entire first half after injuring his foot on the opening kickoff. Twenty-four minutes rest was all the speedy junior needed as he ripped into the Duke line 14 times in the second half to amass 138 yards to lead all carriers.

The Wildcats played Wellington even on the ground but could not mount the important drive. New London picked up just six first downs, all on the ground while Wellington had 15, including three through the air.

Tiny senior Milt Harris knotted the game at 8:56 of the second period when he capped a 27-yard drive by running the ball in from the five. The drive started when the Cats recovered one of seven Duke fumbles. The score negated a first

quarter touchdown by Wellington's Bob Schlenbaker.

New London took the lead at 7:07 of the third quarter, as Mullins displayed his amazing broken field abilities on an 80-yard romp for the score. The conversion attempt failed and the Cats held a 12-6 margin.

With 4:33 left in the third, Wellington's Bob Sheffield scored from the New London 21 and then added the two-pointer when that

proved to be the winning total.

The Dukes hit the board again in the final quarter when quarterback Frank Horvath tossed a seven-yarder to Kevin Conley for a TD.

	NL	W
1st Downs Rushing	6	11
1st Downs Passing	0	3
1st Downs Penalties	0	1
Total 1st Downs	6	15
Passes Attempted	5	12
Passes Completed	0	4
Passes Intercepted	2	0
Net Yds. Rushing	206	206
Net Yds. Passing	0	61
Punts-Avg	7-22.7	4-27
Fumbles	2	7
Fumbles Lost	1	4
Penalties	6	3
Yds. Penalized	50	15

	SCORE BY QUARTERS			
New London	0	6	6	0-12
Wellington	6	0	6	6-20

## Detroit's Jim Price Quits Ball

DETROIT (UPI) — Jim Price who had the nickname "Big Guy" during his days as No. 2 catcher for the Detroit Tigers, hopes baseball will "listen to an average guy."

Price retired Friday rather than being sold to the Tigers' Toledo farm club and asked baseball owners to get together with the players' association to modify the reserve clause before the U.S. Supreme Court decides Curt Flood's suit.

"I'm not for throwing out the reserve clause," Price, 29, said in his farewell to his playing days. "Baseball cannot survive without the reserve clause."

But the former player's representative with Detroit called for some sort of modification in the controversial clause which binds a player to a team for life unless he is traded, released or sold. Price proposed a three-man review board.

"Each case is different," he said. "Why should one kid suffer? Times have changed."

"Kids watching this on TV or reading this might say 'who the heck does he think he is?'" Price said. "Jim Price is a guy who was hurt by the reserve clause."

## Flashes Tripped In Finale 12-6

An ineffective offense was again the downfall of Willard Friday night as the Flashes lost an independent contest to Port Clinton 12-6.

In the only other game involving an NOL school, Bellevue staged a second-half rally to dump Perkins 20-6.

Willard gained 210 yards and eight first downs but could not move the ball when necessary. The only Willard score came on a long pass play from quarterback Steve Schwan to Harvey Danhoff. The 61-yard play came at 10:34 of the third period and knotted the score at 6-6.

That was the only happiness for the Flashes. Port Clinton's Alex Tucker netted all the points for the winners.

His first score came at 2:53 of the second period and gave the Redskins a 6-0 halftime lead. Tucker snared a John Rusinkovich pass in the final quarter and turned it into a nine-yard score to break the deadlock and hand the Flashes loss

## Bowling

SUNDAY MIXED COUPLE LEAGUE	
Boehler-Wangler-Rommel	26 10
Liddington-Stoddard	23 13
Fallen-Schueler	22 14
Smith-Hartstock	21 15
Roderick-Scheetz	20 16
Houghtlen-Nippo	20 17
Jameson-Jameson	19 17
Scheetz-Cousino	19 17
Osborne-Cheney	19 17
Witt-Robbins	18 18
Case-Gregory	18 18
Boehler-Gwitz	17 19
Manhart-Seeley	16 20
Rister-Walker	14 22
Gruse-Knoll	14 22
Reed-Gardner	14 22
Wetzel-Nickoli	13 23
Cheney-Gatton	11 25

MEN'S 500'S AND 200 GAMES	
H. Gregory	206-530
G. Walker	517
R. Gwitz	516
L. Scheetz	505
Kyle Jameson	503
D. Seeley	502
H. Romell	500

WOMEN'S 450'S AND 180 GAMES	
Linda Boehler	218-191-582
B. Walker	206-185-518
E. Rister	191-495
L. Grose	489
H. Couch	461

## NBA Standings

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	10	3	.769	—
Philadelphia	9	4	.692	1
Buffalo	6	8	.429	4½
New York	6	9	.400	5

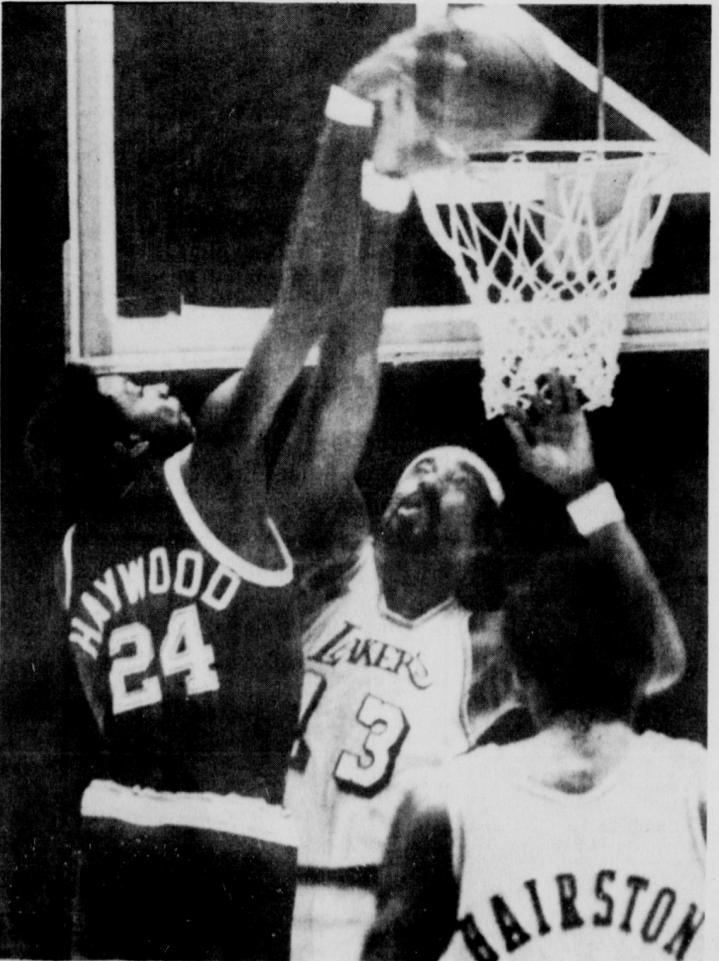
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	4	7	.364	—
Baltimore	4	9	.308	1
Atlanta	4	10	.286	1½
Cleveland	4	10	.286	1½

Western Conference				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	13	1	.929	—
Chicago	5	6	.455	4½
Detroit	7	7	.500	6
Phoenix	6	7	.462	6½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	12	3	.800	—
Golden State	11	5	.688	1½
Seattle	9	5	.643	2½
Portland	2	10	.167	8½
Houston	2	14	.125	10½



WHO'S DOING WHAT — Score two here for Spencer Haywood of Seattle as he wins the battle of the airlines over Los Angeles' Wilt Chamberlain.

The Lakers beat Seattle 115-107 to increase its Pacific Division lead to one and a half games. (UPI Telephoto)

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