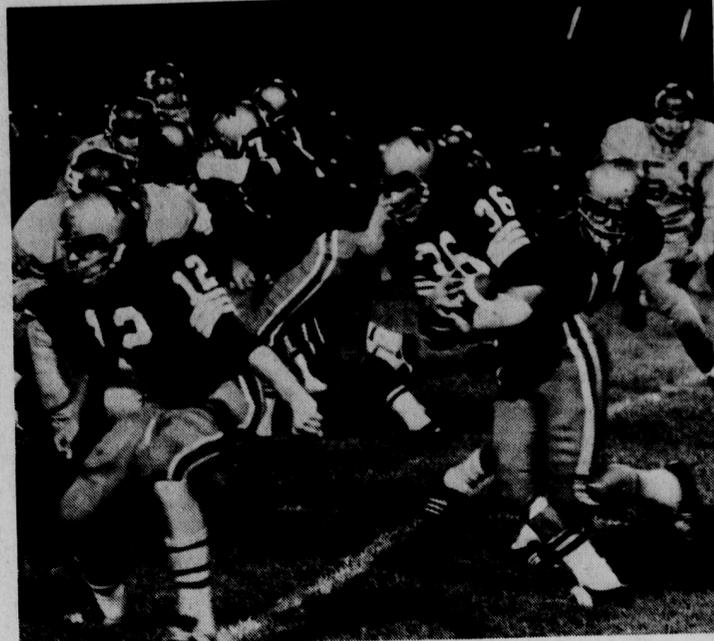




TIGER SURROUNDED — Norwalk Trucker defenders encircle a downed Huron ball-carrier. Moving in on the play are Tom

Hardman (82), Mitch Leak (2), Ed Arlin (88), Denny Harkness (57) and Mark Cross (36).



TRUCKER BACKS IN ACTION — Huron. Leading the blocking is tailback Norwalk fullback Mark Cross (36) takes handoff from quarterback Dan Hipp (11) during Friday night's loss to

Trucker Mistakes Spell Defeat

By HANK HEILMANN
An excellent chance for Norwalk High's first opening-game victory over Huron in a decade was wasted Friday night as the visiting Truckers suffered far too many breakdowns. The local squad turned over the ball four times on fumbles and three times on pass interceptions, as Huron recorded its 10th straight opening win over the Truckers, 21-7. Norwalk shocked the hosts on its first possession of the game, with a 66-yard scoring drive in 11 plays. The long-gainer on the drive was a 31-yard sprint around left end by sophomore tailback Brad Mason.

more excellent scoring chances in the next eight minutes, and another score could have made the outcome of the game entirely different. On Huron's first play from scrimmage following the Trucker touchdown, senior halfback Mark Barker fumbled, and the ball was covered by Norwalk cornerback Skip Wilde on the Huron 47. Mason circled left end for six yards, and junior fullback Mark Cross broke several tackles on a 25-yard burst to the 16. However, the Truckers fumbled on the next play, with Huron recovering. Huron, which did not record a single first down in the first period, again fumbled the ball on its next possession, and Trucker senior middle guard Denny Harkness fell on the loose ball on the Huron 35, with 2:51 to go in the initial period. This time the Truckers appeared

to be on the way to a certain score. They picked up a first down at the 18, and another at the 10, as junior quarterback Dan Hipp completed a pass to senior end Scott Lee on a crucial fourth-down play. Mason picked up three yards in two rushing attempts to move the ball to the seven, but a pass to intended receiver Ed Arlin fell short, and into the arms of a Huron defender on the five-yard line, again ending the Trucker threat. Huron then proceeded to take the wind out of the Truckers' sails by marching 95 yards in 14 plays for a score, with senior quarterback Greg Garton covering the final two yards with 4:02 showing on the clock. The hosts fooled the Truckers on the extra-point try, setting up for an apparent placekick. However, holder Tom Bollenbacher took the snap, rose and fired the ball to end Dan Bogden, who was all alone in

the end zone. This gave the Tigers the lead, 8-7. "The silly thing about that play is that we are supposed to have people keying on that receiver," commented Norwalk coach Bob Hart. "But they got overanxious and rushed the kick instead of covering their keys." A fumble on a handoff on a Trucker punt return with just over a minute left in the half gave the hosts another opportunity at the Trucker 21, but the Norwalk defense halted the challenge, and the score remained 8-7 at the intermission. Huron wasted no time scoring in the second half, as the speedy Barker flashed down the left sideline for 63 yards on the Tigers' second play of the half. Dick Beatty's boot make the score 15-7 with 9:39 left in the third period. The hosts' final score was also set up by a Norwalk fumble. After

recovering the ball on the Norwalk 29, Huron scored in just five plays, with Garton covering the final five yards with just 4:11 left in the game. The kick for the extra point was wide. "The big error really hurt us," added Hart, "and our defense was not as strong as we thought it would be. Some things might have to be changed, but we won't know for sure until we see the films. I was a little disappointed in the defense. But we felt Denny Harkness played a good game at middle guard. Even though they were double-teaming him quite a bit, he still came up with some key plays." "Huron has great tradition, and keeps its poise well, and will take advantage of any mistakes. I think our kids are playing decent ball. Now we have to try and make some corrections and establish confidence in the program, and

learn to keep our poise through all the game. The kids certainly did not stop trying tonight." Hart had praise for the running of Mason, who was starting his first varsity game, and for Cross. The former gained 71 yards on 20 carries, and the latter 79 on 12. The Trucker offense stalled after the first period, when Mason ran for 66 yards and Cross for 46. Barker led Huron with 111 yards rushing, although 63 came on the one scoring play.

	N	H		
First Downs Rushing	6	9		
First Downs Passing	1	2		
First Downs Penalties	1	3		
Total First Downs	8	14		
Passes Attempted	6	6		
Passes Completed	2	3		
Passes Intercepted	0	3		
Net Yards Rushing	143	204		
Net Yards Passing	19	40		
Punts-Average	3/31.3	3/26.0		
Fumbles	5	4		
Fumbles Lost	4	3		
Penalties-Yards	4/20	6/20		
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Huron	0	8	7	6-21
Norwalk	7	0	0	0-7

Willard Impressive With 20-0 Shutout

Willard notched its first opening football win in five years Friday at Tiffin Calvert, with a convincing 20-0 shutout of the host Senecas. The first score by the Crimson Flashes came in explosive fashion, as speedy receiver Clark Maddocks combined with senior quarterback Mike Rice on a 93-yard bomb in the first period. Dave Carmean ran for the conversion. Rice, who was making his first varsity start ever, sparked throughout the contest with seven completions in 16 attempts for 245 yards. The score remained 8-0 at the half, as two Willard drives were halted within the Calvert 10-yard line by fumbles in the first half. The winners then added a score in the third period on

an eight-yard run by Carmean, and closed out the scoring in the final quarter with Dana Shockley's 13-yard jaunt. "Well, obviously things went pretty well," commented second-year Willard coach Bill Biggers. "I was real pleased with Mike Rice in his first game at quarterback. Overall I was pretty pleased, and our defense was real good." Willard limited Tiffin to just five first downs and 99 total yards, while chalking up 15 first downs and 352 total yards in the winning effort. Bellevue ran its unbeaten string to 13 games with an easy 37-6 conquest of Port Clinton. The Redmen totaled 414 yards (233 rushing and 181 passing), in building up a 31-0 lead after three quarters. Port Clinton totaled 127 yards.

Kip Loudenslagel was an individual standout for the Redmen, as he fired touchdown passes of 59, 9, 41 and 8 yards, while also scoring once on a run himself. In other contests involving Northern Ohio League schools, Shelby romped over Perkins 34-8, Bucyrus stopped Ontario 19-0, Upper Sandusky edged past Delphos St. John 8-0 and Galion suffered a 24-7 defeat at the hands of Mount Vernon, as the NOL school lost five fumbles.

	TC	W		
First Downs Rushing	4	5		
First Downs Passing	0	8		
First Downs Penalties	1	2		
Total First Downs	5	15		
Passes Attempted	9	16		
Passes Completed	1	7		
Passes Intercepted	1	1		
Net Yards Rushing	98	107		
Net Yards Passing	1	245		
Net Yards	8/33	3/35		
Punts-Average	3/0	2/2		
Fumbles Lost	5/43	8/74		
Penalties-Yards	5/43	8/74		
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Willard	8	0	6	6-20
T.C.	0	0	0	0-0



GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT — Sue Hoeffcker, left, placed first last week in the championship flight of the junior girls golf tournament at the Norwalk Elks Club. Runnerup was Terry Woelfling, right. Other winners were left to right, Betsy Downer, consolation winner;

Pam Reisig, A Flight runnerup; Susie Downer, A Flight winner; and Lynn Albright, consolation runnerup. Eighteen girls competed and Mrs. Robert Hoeffcker was in charge of the tournament.

4th Quarter Explosion Sparks Trojan Victory

Three players each scored a pair of touchdowns Friday night as South Central erupted for 25 points in the final period to rout visiting Plymouth 39-0. The point total is the highest for the Trojans since they stopped Black River 42-0 in 1968. Junior tailback Randy Garner started the scoring with a one-yard plunge in the first period, but it was the second score that took the wind out of Plymouth's sails.

On the last regular play of the first half, Plymouth was called for pass interference, and South Central was allowed one more play from the Plymouth 14-yard line, despite the fact that no time showed on the clock. Senior Trojan quarterback Guy Ebinger then called his own play in the huddle, and connected with junior end Ben Usleton in the end zone with an aerial. Jim Robson's conversion run made the score 14-0 at the

intermission. The score remained the same until the final period, when Ebinger scored twice, on runs of 15 and 22 yards. Garner once, on a five-yard jaunt, and Usleton on a five-yard quarterback sneak, after he had taken over that post from Ebinger. The winners completely dominated the statistics, with a 17-4 edge in first downs, and a 344-84 advantage in total yardage. The Trojans racked up 244 yards on the ground and 100

through the air. "We looked pretty good," commented a happy Trojan coach Ron Minard. "The kids went out and played good football, although we kind of waited until the last period. I think we out-conditioned them in the last period. They got tired and we were able to carry the ballgame to them." "Randy Garner looked real good at tailback. He gained about 100 yards rushing, and did real well on sweeps, which were our best play tonight. And Paul Fidler played well, catching three passes. And Guy Ebinger had a good night passing." Minard also had praise for his defense. "We held them to four first downs, which is a commendable effort. I think they only got over the 50-yard line once. And we recovered four fumbles."

The visitors rolled up 396 yards on the ground en route to 12 rushing first downs. Western hosts Sandusky St. Mary Friday.

	WR	SA	SC	P
First Downs Rushing	12	5	17	4
First Downs Passing	1	2	18	2
First Downs Penalties	0	1	8	0
Total First Downs	13	8	35	6
Passes Attempted	7	11	8	0
Passes Completed	1	3	1	0
Passes Intercepted	1	2	244	84
Net Yards Rushing	396	167	100	0
Net Yards Passing	17	36	2/32.5	5/26.2
Fumbles	1	2	1	7
Fumbles Lost	1	2	1	4
Penalties-Yards	2/20	7/35	6/30	10/70
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
W.R.	0	6	6	8-20
S.A.	0	0	0	0-0
S.C.	6	8	0	25-30
Plymouth	0	0	0	0-0

Western Snaps Losing Streak!

"These guys did one heck of a job tonight, although I'm sure we've got room for plenty of improvement," Lyons noted. "We did well for the first time out, but I think we'll play even better as the year goes along." The young mentor added: "I wasn't really surprised by anyone's performance tonight. But I was really pleased to see the way our small line performed." Olcott put the Riders ahead in the second quarter with a one-yard run. He

encouraged the WR fans who traveled to the game even more with a 70-yard jaunt in the third canto. Both times, the conversion kick failed. The 12-0 lead held up until Olcott went over from the one in the last quarter. Tim Weisenberger ran for the two pointer that made it 20-0. "Everyone looked good on defense," said Lyons. "They threw a few curves at us, but we adjusted real well." The Rider running game smothered the Cavaliers.

Robinson Destroys Tribe

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Brooks Robinson ordered new bats six weeks ago and they arrived Friday night just in time for the Baltimore Orioles' third baseman to destroy the Cleveland Indians. Robinson, who came into the game hitting .238 drove in four runs with a pair of singles to spark the Orioles to a 7-3 victory and hand Gaylord Perry his 19th defeat.

"The big thing is winning the division but it's just luck when you get into the playoffs and anything can happen in a five-game series," Robinson added. Rookie Rich Goggin's added to Perry's miseries by slamming out three hits to up his average to .319. The 23-year-old outfielder doubled home the first Baltimore run in the first inning and hit his fifth homer leading off the seventh.

14 losses but the lefthander had trouble with Cleveland shortstop Frank Duffy, who hit two homers. Both teams play tonight with Cleveland's Milt Wilcox facing Jim Palmer. The series winds up with a double header Sunday.

"Our team is not hitting home runs this year but we have been driving in more runs and stealing more bases and our batting

Dave McNally went all the way for the Orioles to get his 15th victory against

Squirrel Hunters Fare Well

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Squirrel hunters were nearly as successful opening day this year as last year, according to the state wildlife division. By noon Friday, 652 hunters reported bagging 620 squirrels, compared with 738 who got 785 squirrels during the same period a year earlier. Division chief Dan C. Armbruster said the figures gave a general indication of the number of hunters out both opening days, and of the squirrel populations. "Although the total figures are a little less this year than in 1972, we view the difference as insignificant," he said. "The 1973 squirrel population is about the same as last year."

The best hunting was in central Ohio, where the average hunter bagged 1.08 squirrels. Other area averages: southeastern, 1.01; northwestern, .88; and northeastern, .79. The squirrel season runs through Nov. 10 on private lands and through Dec. 22 on public hunting areas.

High School Grid Scores

Huron 21, Norwalk 7; Willard 20, Tiffin Calvert 0; New London 51, Northwestern 14; Western Reserve 20, South Amherst 0; Edison 20, Columbia 14; South Central 39, Plymouth 0; Monroeville 6, Danbury 0; Mount Vernon 24, Galion 7; Bucyrus 19, Ontario 0; Upper Sandusky 8, Delphos St. John 0; Shelby 34, Perkins 8; Bellevue 37, Port Clinton 6; Firelands 26, Wellington 8; Sandusky 6, Toledo DeWitt 6; Struthers 48, Alliance 6.

Hanna Becomes Crusader Coach

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — John Hanna, who played last season for the Cleveland Crusaders of the World Hockey Association, will become coach of the Crusaders' farm club, the Jacksonville Barons in the American Hockey League.