

Loudonville Holds First

Loudonville kept its leading position in the Johnny Appleseed Conference last night with a key high school football victory.

The Redbirds (4-0 and 6-0) rapped Fredericktown (2-2 and 3-3), 28-12. Crestview and Ontario went into a tie for second place with triumphs.

Crestview (3-1 and 5-1) stomped Plymouth (0-4 and 1-5), 51-0 while Ontario (3-1 4-2) whacked Crestline (2-2 and 2-4), 38-8.

Clear Fork (2-2) flattened Lexington (0-4 and 0-6), 35-8.

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By Mike Etzkin
FREDERICKTOWN — Mitch Browning rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Loudonville Redbirds' quest for a JAC football crown.

Loudonville controlled the tempo of the game as it ground out 261 yards on the ground and scored all four touchdowns on lengthy drives.

The Fredericktown Redbirds, playing before a jam-packed Homecoming crowd, found themselves behind early. With their running attack stumbling, Freddie Quarterback Park Blair riddled the Redbirds' defense with 15 completions on 21 attempts for 235 yards.

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touchdowns came on beautiful Blair passes. The first came with 3:03 remaining in the first half to cut the Loudonville margin to 14-6. It was a 38-yard effort to Dan Groves.

Blair's other paydirt toss was a needle-threader with 6:55 remaining in the game to cut the score to 21-12. Rich Roberts hauled the 27-yard strike in between two Loudonville defenders.

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BREAKING TACKLE— Mitch Browning of Loudonville, who gained over 150 yards from scrimmage Friday night and scored two touchdowns, steams around right end at Fredericktown for a short gain. Fredericktown fell before its Homecoming crowd, 28-12. (Photos by Ed Zirkle)



RUNNING FOR LIFE — Fredericktown Quarterback Park Blair scrambled past two Loudonville High School football players attempting to trap him in the backfield Friday night at Fredericktown. Blair found enough time in his backfield to connect on 15 of 21 passes for 235 yards and two touchdowns in a losing effort. The Loudonville Redbirds won, 28-12.

Hillsdale High Falls By 22-12

JEROMESVILLE — In the battle of winless high school football teams, Norwayne came out on top, 22-12, over Hillsdale in a Wayne County League football game here last night.

Hillsdale (0-4 and 0-6) opened the game with a

69-yard touchdown run by Steve Cox on the second play from scrimmage, but the Falcons couldn't contain Bruce Slater of the Bobcats (1-3 and 1-5).

Slater capped a 64-yard Norwayne drive on a 12-yard run in the first period to tie the game at 6-6.

Slater then pounded over from the 10 in the second period to give Norwayne a 12-6 lead which was increased to 22-6 at halftime.

Cox, who rushed for 149 yards on 13 carries for Hillsdale, gave the Falcons another score in the third period on a nine-yard run.

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PRO BASKETBALL EXHIBITIONS By The Associated Press

Los Angeles (NBA) 126, Golden State (NBA) 124 (0.1 Seattle (NBA) 103, Portland (NBA) 98, New Orleans (NBA) 94, Washington (NBA) 110, New York (ABA) 91, Denver (ABA) 118, Utah (ABA) 105.

SATURDAY GAMES at Monmouth Col., West Long Branch, N.J.

Atlanta (NBA) vs. Kansas City-Ontario (NBA) at Des Moines, Iowa; Houston (NBA) at San Antonio (ABA); Milwaukee (NBA) vs. Virginia (ABA) at Norfolk, Virginia; Chicago (NBA) at Kentucky (ABA); Memphis (ABA) at Indiana (ABA); St. Louis (ABA) vs. San Diego (ABA) at Tucson, Ariz.; Utah (ABA) vs. Denver (ABA) at Elko, Nev.

Wynford Royals Blank Elgin in League Game

Wynford ran away with the rushing yardage, gaining 375 yards compared to only 70 by Elgin. Elgin completed 44 yards in passing to Wynford's 35.

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Ramblers Schedule Racing

GALION — The Sunset Ramblers Motorcycle Club will sponsor a motocross race Sunday at the club raceway North of Galion on State Route 598.

The race will be the final event of 1974 and also for the track championship. An extra class will be run for all riders over 40 years of age.

The regular five classes with three heats in each class will be run with 150 riders expected to participate.

Rider sign-up begins at 11 a.m., practice at noon and racing scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Great Start

OAKLAND (UPI) — Rookie Gary Simmons recorded his first National League Hockey shutout Friday night in his initial appearance, leading the California Seals to a 3-0 win over the Atlanta Flames. Simmons stopped 24 shots.

Player Wins Five in a Row

Irwin Faces Piccadilly Master

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) — Big hitting Hale Irwin, the U.S. Open golf champion, faced South Africa's Gary Player today for the Piccadilly World Match Play title and admitted he had a huge task.

"Gary is a fantastic player," the bespectacled Irwin said, "and to beat him you have to play ultra-fantastic. All I can say is I am looking forward to it."

Player has competed in the last five Piccadilly events and never lost.

The 36-hole match shaped up as a battle between Irwin's big hitting on a course that is playing long as it dries out

Findlay Leads in Buckeye

Findlay High School took sole possession of first place in Buckeye Conference football last night.

The Trojans (3-0 and 5-1) edged Lorain (2-1 and 4-2), 7-6, while Elyria (2-1 and 5-1) lost to Fremont Ross (2-0-1 and 5-0-1), 14-0.

Marion (1-2 and 2-3-1) surprised Sandusky (0-3 and 2-4) by a 9-0 count.

Tonight, Mansfield Senior (0-2 and 1-3-1) entertains Lorain Admiral King (0-1-1 and 2-1-2).

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other semifinal and only once got off the fairway all day. In the morning round he tamed Wentworth's 6,997-yard, par-73 Burma Road course with a five-under-par 68.

Player has one big advantage over Irwin. He has played this tree-lined course for a decade and knows every yard of it, while the American is here for the first time.

With the damage, all but completed, the Cougars put a six-pointer on the scoreboard in the final period on Mike Mosser's 10-yard catch of a Tim Bowersock pass.

High School Football

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