

St. Joe A Shoo-In For Playoffs

Fremont St. Joe appears a shoo-in for one state high school football playoff berth.

First-year coach Rich Wonderly's squad crushed host Ottawa Hills last night, 26-6, marking the first time in 22 home games the Bears had suffered a defeat.

St. Joe, co-champion with Clyde in the Sandusky Bay Conference, finished the season with an 8-2 record and dropped Ottawa Hills to 7-3. The hosts' previous losses this season were on the road.

The Crimson Streaks held the top rung in Region 10 of the Class A computer ratings with 66.25 points and Ottawa Hills was eighth in the same region. St. Joe had a nine-point lead over Montpelier and by turning back the Bears gained a sizeable number of points, and apparently enough to earn the right to play next Friday in the semi-finals of the "A" playoffs against probably Windham or possibly McDonald. The contest is scheduled at Findlay at 7:30 and the title encounter is listed for Nov. 22 at Upper Arlington.

Joe Guyer, St. Joe's hard-running 190-pound senior fullback, had another out-

standing performance with 222 yards in 25 carries and one touchdown.

He finished the 10-game agenda with 1,675 yards and rushed for 935 in the last five games after being held to 79 in the Streaks' 21-0 loss to St. Mary's Central Catholic at Strobel Field.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Fremont St. Joe	6 6 8 6 26
Ottawa Hills	0 0 6 0 6

Scoring:
 St. Joe — Guyer, 30 run. (run failed).
 St. Joe — Missig, 15 run. (pass failed).
 St. Joe — Kuns, 3 run. (swint. run).
 Ottawa Hills — Kreutz, 30 pass from Kelley. (pass failed).
 St. Joe — Kuns, 4 run. (run failed).

The 222-yard effort marked the fourth time this season the bonafide All-Ohio prospect gained more than 200 yards in a single game, and only once did he fail to reach the 100-yard plateau.

St. Joe scored once in each quarter. Guyer rumbled 40 yards in the opening stanza, and Steve Missig dashed 15 yards in the second period for a 12-0 halftime lead.

Quarterback Greg Kuns accounted for the other touchdowns on runs of three and four yards in the second half as the St. Joe ground gain rattled the Ottawa Hills defense for 420 yards.

Range-ing Around



By JIM RANGE
Sports Writer

Mention sturgeon in connection with Lake Erie and you're either going to get a laugh, snarl or question from your audience.

Well, a woman caller mentioned sturgeon to the sports desk yesterday morning and I must admit I fell into the latter category.

That's exactly right. A sturgeon was caught in Lake Erie locally Thursday morning by a perch fisherman using minnows.

The story goes like this. Art Boyles, the well-liked and respected manager of the South Bass Island State Park, was loading food and other gear for the winter onto his boat at the Catawba Island State Park boat launching area Thursday morning.

Art got to talking to three men from Perrysburg about the perch fishing and the men happened to see the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) decal on his boat. The fishermen then proceeded to show Boyles a fish they had caught earlier in the day off the Catawba State Park area near the red channel buoy.

Being a former employe of the wildlife division (fish management) of the DNR, Boyles immediately identified the 40-inch fish as a sturgeon.

"I had never seen one up close, but only had read about them and seen them in pictures," said Boyles. As the fish was not moving and was on the ice, Boyles assumed it was dead. However, the greyish-colored specimen showed some gill movement.

Arrangements were then made with the fishermen and the fish management section of the Division of Wildlife to take the sturgeon to the Put-In-Bay hatchery.

And that's where I viewed the unusual specimen yesterday. It appeared to be very healthy and none the worse for wear throughout its ordeal.

Boyles laughed when he related the story yesterday after he graciously ferried me to the hatchery and back. "I really didn't think he was alive because his tail was curled up to fit into the ice chest."

"It took him a while to get unthawed," said the mustachioed park manager.

The estimated weight of the sturgeon is about 20 pounds. It has a dark grey back, white under belly, skin like a catfish and a long snout which resembles that of a shark. There is a row of spines on each side of the body and along the top and the fish has whiskers also like a catfish.

Apparently, sturgeons were formerly quite plentiful in Lake Erie, but haven't been netted locally for 10 years or more, according to Boyles. The last known local presence of a sturgeon was four years ago when a carcass washed ashore at Middle Bass Island.

The gentleman who caught the sturgeon was Roy A. Nollenberger of Perrysburg. Nollenberger told Boyles he was simply fishing for perch with a minnow on 15-pound test line when the fish hit.

"He told me he had a hell of a time getting the fish in," said Boyles.

Sturgeons, from what Boyles remembered, used to be hated by commercial fishermen, because the larger specimens (150-160 pounds) tore nets to shreds.

The sturgeon will not be a permanent resident of the hatchery, however. The Toledo Zoo, which formerly had a sturgeon in its water tank until its death last year, had a standing request with the Division of Wildlife to supply it with just such a fish if one were ever netted. So, Tuesday, the Toledo Zoo officials will come to take the sturgeon where it will be on display.

It certainly was an interesting day with Boyles as the host. The sturgeon episode certainly indicates further Lake Erie is not a dying body of water.

Speaking of fishing, the perch run continues to linger into late fall with many fishermen, especially those in boats, hauling in fine catches of the good eating fish.

Here's some news from the Erie County Conservation League:

— A hunter safety course is scheduled at the club this Tuesday and Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m. The course is actually a two-part proposition with both dates equally important. With the opening of rabbit season Friday, adults and children would do well to learn or get refreshed in the basics of hunting safety.

— the club will hold a benefit shoot (sneet and trap) next Sunday. The proceeds will be turned over to help defray the medical expenses of Sandy Osburn, a daughter of an ECCL member injured in an auto accident last summer.

— also at the club is a free skeet and trap shoot for paid-up members this Sunday with a 50-target limit in effect.

The Erie County Conservation League is located on Fox Road, west of U.S. 250, south of Sandusky.

The hunting season calendar looks like this:

— A special youth hunt will be held Monday at Resthaven Public Hunting area for all young hunters between the ages of 10 and 15 years of age. Each hunter must have passed a hunter safety course such as the one above at the ECCL.

— The season on ring-necked pheasants and rabbits opens Friday at 9 a.m. with the season on bobwhite quail on state public hunting areas and private lands under agreement with the state opening the same date and time.

— Woodcock season closes at sunset next Saturday.

— The first segment of season on ducks, coots and mergansers closes at sunset on Nov. 30.

A total of 372 deer were harvested during the 1974 Ohio primitive weapons hunt, making it the most successful in the six-year history of the event. The six-day hunt ended Nov. 2.

The special primitive weapons season is sponsored annually by the DNR to provide hunters an opportunity to hunt as their ancestors did, says Dan C. Arembuster, chief of DNR's division of wildlife.

Armbuster said more than 5,000 hunters using muzzle-loading shotguns, rifles and longbows participated in the 1974 hunt.

Hunters were permitted to take deer of either sex at the 12,000-acre Salt Fork Wildlife Area in Guernsey County and at the 50,000-acre Wildcat Hollow which includes Wolf Creek Wildlife Area and surrounding private lands in Athens, Morgan and Perry counties.

This year's harvest was 156 better than the total of 216 bagged during the 1973 primitive weapons hunt.

There were 221 deer harvested at Wildcat Hollow, including 121 buck and 100 doe. Hunters took 151 deer at Salt Fork Wildlife Area, including 80 buck and 71 doe.

Statistics

	S. J. O. H.
First Downs	14 6
Net Yards Gained Rushing	420 102
Yards Gained Passing	44 74
Total Net Yards Gained	464 176
Passes attempted completed	3-1 19-6
Passes intercepted by	3 0
Fumbles lost	2-2 1-0
Penalties	9-85 7-35

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by ED ASHER



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ART BOYLES GENTLY LIFTS THE STURGEON OUT OF ITS TRANSIENT HOME ... the 40-inch fish will become the property of the Toledo Zoo.

Willard Outscores Seneca East

Willard closed its football season on a successful note last night handing invading Seneca East a 42-22 defeat in the

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Seneca East	7 0 0 15 22
Willard	7 23 6 6 42

Scoring:
 Seneca East—Ruffing, 40 pass from Heinrichs. (Daniel, kick).
 Willard—Shaarda, 27 pass from Winemiller. (Winemiller, kick).
 Willard—Semer, 2 run. (Garcia, run).
 Willard—Winemiller, 20 yard field goal.
 Willard—J. Goodsite, 21 pass from Winemiller. (run failed).
 Willard—J. Goodsite, 2 run. (kick failed).
 Willard—J. Semer, 2 run. (run failed).
 Seneca East—Ruffing, 38 pass from Heinrichs. (Daniel, kick).
 Seneca East—Heinrichs, 1 run. (Ruffing, pass from Heinrichs).
 Willard—Keith Kuhn, 17 yard pass interception return. (run failed).

first grid meeting ever between the two schools.

Willard ends the season 4-6 while the Tigers completed a 3-6 season log in their first full year of varsity competition.

Seneca East scored first in the opening period when Bob Bob Ruffing took a 40 yard pass from Jeff Heinrichs and Tim Daniel kicked the extra point.

However, Willard scored the next 36 points, seven in the first period, 23 in the second and six in the third.

Steve Shaarda took a 27 yard pass from Roger Winemiller and Winemiller kicked the extra point for Willard's first score. Joe Semer started the 23-point second period with a two yard run and Jesse Garcia ran for the extra points. Winemiller added a 20 yard field goal and then tossed a 21 yard pass to John Good-

site who later ran for a touchdown from two yards. Semer cashed in on a two yard run and Willard led 36-7 at the end of the third period.

Seneca East chalked up a pair of fourth period scores on a 38 yard pass from Heinrichs to Ruffing and a one yard run by Heinrichs who passed to Ruffing for the extra points following the last score. Tim Daniel had kicked the conversion point following Ruffing's 38 yard pass reception.

Willard's Keith Kuhn concluded the scoring by returning a pass interception 17 yards.

Shelby (9-1) concluded another outstanding football season with a 30-14 win over Mansfield Madison last night.

The Whippets trailed 6-0 at the end of the first period but scored the next three touchdowns to go in front 24-6 early in the fourth period. Larry McCoy scored the first two touchdowns, on a four yard run in the second period and a two yard scamper in the third canto.

Dick Patton, who tossed to Dave Stein for one two-point conversion, ran 10 yards for the next touchdown. Patton also ran for another touchdown from 15 yards in the fourth period in addition to scoring one conversion run and passing for another to Steele.

Port Clinton ended its season last night by dropping its fourth straight decision. The Redskins (3-6-1) fell to once-beaten Oak Harbor (9-1), 21-8, in independent action at Oak Harbor.

Joe Gonya and Duane Kokinda combined for all the Port Clinton points in the third period. Gonya dashed 80 yards for the touchdown and Kokinda ran for the bonus points.

Oak Harbor countered with single touchdowns in each of the last three periods. Mike Sprouse scored the first on a one yard run at 2:08 of the second period. Lee Youster kicked the extra point.

The Rockets, under the direction of former Norwalk St. Paul coach Bill Hubans, scored again in the third period when Rob Whittman went one yard. Ron Nietz took a 20 yard pass from Mark Ihde in the fourth period and then he took a pass from Whittman to conclude the scoring.

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Red dropped a 12-0 decision to host Danville.

Plymouth ends the season 1-10 after absorbing its fifth shutout in 10 games. Danville's touchdowns came on a 19 yard pass from Steve Boeshart to Jim Boeshart with one second left in the first half and a one yard run by Mac Miller with 3:04 left in the third period.

Miller's score capped a 65 yard drive in 12 plays after a punt.

STATISTICS		P	D
First Downs	6	14	
Net Yards Gained Rushing	61	207	
Yards Gained Passing	17	29	
Total Net Yards Gained	78	236	
Passes attempted completed	9-2	14-5	
Passes intercepted by	1	1	
Fumbles lost	1-0	4-0	
Penalties	4-40	3-25	

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Plymouth	0 0 0 0 0
Danville	0 6 6 0 12

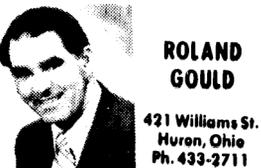
Scoring:
 Danville—J. Boeshart, 19 pass from S. Boeshart. (run failed).
 Danville—Miller, 1 run. (run failed).

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