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BELLEVUE SOPHOMORE GARY HAYNES LEADSPACK

... on way to first varsity touchdown of career.

## Bellevue Takes 'Air' Out Of Port Clinton

Two touchdowns in 27 seconds carried Bellevue to a stunning 26-12 victory over highly-touted Port Clinton Friday night.

The hosts, in fact, exploded for 19 points in two minutes and 38 seconds of the last quarter... all on pass plays.

Two of the touchdowns were on pass interceptions.

The titanic battle was a defensive duel for 42 minutes.

It was all Bellevue for the next 2½ minutes as the points almost went up before the official scorer had a chance to press the button to put them on the scoreboard.

The first touchdown aerial came when halfback Dave Ball arched a 33-yard scoring strike to 145-pound halfback Frank Schmitz with 5:34 left in the game and Bellevue holding a slim 7-6 lead. Ball kicked the extra point and the hosts were suddenly on top by a 14-6 margin.

On the second play after the kickoff, Ball stepped in front of Port Clinton's intended receiver and plucked a pass thrown by Doyle McDonald out of the air and scampered 25 yards to paydirt. The score came with 5:07 still left in the wild period and the count was suddenly 20-6.

Bellevue wasn't finished.

Schmitz came back to get his second score, this time while playing defense. He raced 64 yards with another Port Clinton pass and Bellevue's lead soared to 26-6 with 2:56 left in the game.

Port Clinton, which has high hopes for a big season, faintly connected 50 seconds later as McDonald hurled a 47-yard toss to Jeff Scott with 2:06 left.

Bellevue, the defending Northern Ohio League champion, relied heavily on a sophomore, Gary Haynes.

Coach Terry Adams remarked before the season he had high hopes for the 175-pounder, and Haynes came through in his first test in flying colors.

All Haynes did for openers was rambled for 158 yards in 15 carries and put the first points of the season on the board. He dashed 40 yards mid through the first period for a touchdown with 6:50 to go. Ball kicked the PAT for a 7-0 lead.

Held scoreless the first half, Port Clinton struck paydirt on fullback Dennis Dodge's one-yard run with 2:05 left in the third canto. The kick attempted failed and the Redskins were down by a point, 7-6.

Bellevue's defense was superb, holding Port Clinton to 62 yards rushing and although the visitors had 100 yards in the air, the Redmen came up with five interceptions which was more than the losers completed. McDonald managed only four of 20.

With Haynes slanting every which way, Bellevue amassed 220 yards on the ground and added 73 in the air.

The hosts were penalized 14 times for a whopping 138 yards.

## Clyde Falls To St. John

For the third time in as many years, Clyde suffered a loss at the hands of Delphos St. John.

The latest setback, a 12-3 decision, foiled the debut of first-year coach Walt Snyder.

The only scoring for Clyde was a 23 yard field goal by Mark Rosenberger in the second period.

St. John countered with touchdowns in the first and third periods, both by Curt Looser. Looser scored his first of the night on a three yard run with 7:36 left in the first quarter.

Looser added the final points of the game on a 15 yard dash with 6:47 left in the third stanza.

Clyde dominated the total offense, netting 292 yards to just 174 for the winners. However, the Fliers lost two fumbles, which throttled their attempt to give coach Snyder a win in his first game as a head coach.



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THIS PASS GOT AWAY FROM EVERYONE, INCLUDING REDSKINS' MO ROBINSON ... Bellevue defender Ed Nasont (14) watches ball sail over his head

## Monroeville Saves Face For Firelands

South Central, Western Reserve Tumble; New London In 0-0 Stalemate

Monroeville maintained its opening-game mastery in the 1976s, but overall, it was a rough debut for the Firelands Conference Friday on the opening night of the 1976 high school football season.

Monroeville hasn't lost an opening game since 1968 and the Eagles kept that streak intact in this decade by topping visiting Seneca East, 32-7. Black River also came out a winner via a 31-0 score over Keystone, but none of the other four Firelands teams tasted victory.

New London came the closest with a scoreless stand-off against rugged Smithville. In the other games, Plymouth defeated South Central, 12-6; South Amherst blanked Western Reserve, 6-0; and Northwestern zipped Mapleton, 14-0.

### Monroeville 32, Seneca East 7

Monroeville exploded from a 12-7 halftime lead to put 14 points on the board in the third period and make rookie coach Doug Short's debut easier in the second half.

Veteran running back Tom Smith scored both of the third-period TDs for the Eagles on short runs and he finished as the leading ball carrier for the hosts.

The big yardage came on the arm of quarterback Mark Bores. He tossed a 32-yard touchdown strike to flanker Tim Haughawout in the second period to give Monroeville the lead and then came back with a 52-yard TD hit to tight end Kevin Miller with six minutes to play in the game.

"Their quarterback was the difference in the game," lauded Seneca East's new coach Gary Rutter. "They broke the big play on us with the pass."

Bores finished with just three completions in nine attempts, but the two touchdowns and another completion amounted to over 100 yards in the air. The Eagles added 94 on the ground.

Seneca East actually had a 7-6 lead after the first period on a six-yard run by Jerry Sanders and a conversion kick. Monroeville's TD in the frame came on halfback Jeff Jones' three-yard burst, but the Eagles missed the conversion.

The game was marred by numerous penalties. Monroeville was whistled for 85 yards on eight infractions while Seneca East had 46 yards on seven flags.

### New London 0, Smithville 0

The Wildcats were dumped 32-0 a year ago by the Smithies, so they achieved at least a moral victory Friday.

Both teams stayed with ground attacks as New London gained 146 yards to 124 for Smithville.

The closest thing to a score for New London came when Virgil Harris raced 60 yards with a Smithville punt to the hosts' 15-yard line. However, the Wildcats fumbled the ball on the next play and Smithville recovered.

### Plymouth 12, South Central 6

It was the first victory for Plymouth in the tradition-

al opener for both schools since 1971 and spoiled Dave Katterhenrich's debut at South Central.

Coach Mike McFarren's troops took control in the first quarter when Jim Wallace bulled in from two yards out to cap a 30-yard drive in nine plays. The drive followed a blocked punt.

In the second quarter, little Charley Mack (140) galloped 34 yards around left end to hike the count to 12-0. It capped a 49-yard drive on five plays.

South Central finally got on the board in the fourth period when Rick Lucal lofted a short pass to tight end Mark Clark on a fourth down play that featured a lateral pass.

"Our young kids really came through," beamed McFarren. The Plymouth coach also credited middle guard Mike Dent for blocking two South Central punts.

### South Amherst 6, Western Reserve 0

A 20-year South Amherst pass in the first period for a touchdown was the only scoring in Western's opener. It was the first victory for the Lorain County team in the series since 1972.

Western gained 169 yards rushing and junior Steve McCucking bulled for nearly 130 of those.

South Amherst had just 78 yards on the ground, but clicked on eight of 15 passes for 103 yards and the touchdown.

Western was also plagued with five fumbles, two of which it lost to the visitors.

## Willard Falls, 21-16, In Don Graham's Debut

Willard started its 1976 football season, the first under new coach Don Graham, in a most uncomfortable position and things did not get much better the rest of the night as the Flashes dropped a 21-16 decision in invading Tiffin Calvert.

After watching skydivers drop to the field with the game ball in an impressive pre-game program, the fans settled back for the opening of another grid season.

Calvert kicked off to the Flashes to start the season and on the attempted

kick return, the hosts fumbled, but recovered, at their own one yard line.

Calvert forced a punt and drove 30 yards for its first score of the game, capped by Tim Stoltz's four yard run. Paul Weott added the extra point kick.

Stoltz, who wound up with 93 yards in 21 carries, scored the second Calvert touchdown on a seven yard run with 2:20 left in the first period and Weott again kicked the bonus point.

However, Calvert did not come up with the margin of victory until Bob Zahn scored from seven yards out with only 51 seconds on the clock in the third canto and Weott added his third successful kick of the night.

Willard fans finally got something to cheer about in the final two minutes of the game.

Mike Rosso scampered 69 yards with a Calvert punt with 2:09 left in the game for the first score of the year for the Flashes. Rosso passed to Mark Hinebaugh for the bonus points.

Rosso electrified the home crowd once again, with just eight seconds left in the contest when he and Bob Secor hooked up for a 62 yard scoring play. Rosso lofted the ball 30 yards to the speedy Secor, who

grabbed the ball and dashed the rest of the way for the six points.

Curtis Goodsite ran for the extra points to conclude the scoring.

Calvert collected 231 yards in total offense, all but two in the air, while Willard finished with 208 yards. The losers also intercepted two passes.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Tiffin Calvert	14	0	7	0	21
Willard	0	0	0	16	16

Scoring:  
Tiffin Calvert — Stoltz, 4 run. (Weott, kick)  
Tiffin Calvert — Stoltz, 7 run. (Weott, kick)  
Tiffin Calvert — Zahn, 7 run. (Weott, kick)  
Willard — Rosso, 69, punt return. (Hinebaugh, pass from Rosso)  
Willard — Secor, 62 pass from Rosso. (Goodsite, run)

### STATISTICS

First Downs	Cal	Will
Net Yards Gained Rushing	229	39
Net Yards Gained Passing	2	98
Yards Gained Passing	231	208
Total Net Yards Gained	11/1	13/6
Passes attempted/completed	0	2
Passes intercepted by	5/3	5/3
Fumbles/lost	7/65	4/30
Penalties		

## Bowling

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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Port Clinton	0	0	6	6	12
Bellevue	7	0	0	19	26

Scoring:  
Bellevue — Haynes, 40 run. (Ball, kick)  
Port Clinton — Dodge, 1 run. (kick failed)  
Bellevue — Schmitz, 33 pass from Ball. (Ball, kick)  
Bellevue — Ball, 25 pass interception (kick failed)  
Bellevue — Schmitz, 64 pass interception (kick failed)  
Port Clinton — Scott, 47 pass from McDonald. (pass failed)

### STATISTICS

First Downs	P.C.	Bel.
Net Yards Gained Rushing	11	14
Net Yards Gained Passing	62	220
Yards Gained Passing	100	73
Total Net Yards Gained	162	293
Passes attempted/completed	20/4	9/4
Passes intercepted by	1	5
Fumbles/lost	2/0	3/2
Penalties	8/85	14/138

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