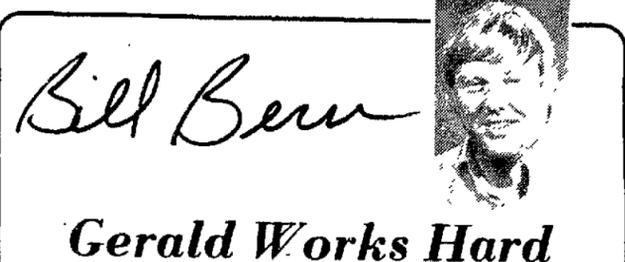




MOVING OUT — Curt Pauley (76), Wayne Spence (12) and Tim Schifer (44) lead the interference for running back Cory Hamilton of Colonel Crawford during action

in Friday's football game at Crawford. Wynford's Randy Ulmer (69), Jeff Tobin (76) and Craig Radebough (65) try to work around the blocks. Hamilton scored twice and threw a touchdown pass in Crawford's 40-0 victory. (Photo by Jim Bikar)



Gerald Works Hard

Last season, Rod Gerald shouldered the blame for the weakened condition of Ohio State's passing attack.

Because of inexperience, a bursitis condition in his right shoulder, a dislocated finger and later a lower back injury, the 6-foot-1, 174-pound junior from Dallas completed only 14 of 40 attempts and had four intercepted.

"It was pretty frustrating," Gerald admitted. "Coming from high school to college, especially one like Ohio State, was a big change."

"Working with Cornelius Greene, I was enthused about playing my sophomore year," he continued. "But I really was going into the season blind because I hadn't played with the score 0-0."

"About the sixth game of the season I felt like I was really coming around, felt like I knew what playing football was all about."

The 20-year-old son of a Baptist minister, Gerald started the first seven games for Ohio State last year before suffering a back injury in the Purdue game. He missed the four remaining games of the regular season.

Then with the Buckeyes trailing Colorado 10-0 in the Orange Bowl, Gerald was inserted into the lineup and sparked OSU to a 27-10 victory.

"I worked hard to come back and be able to play in the Orange Bowl," Gerald said. "I had enough time to rest and unwind my body. I felt real confident about myself."

Despite missing four games and his meager passing statistics, Lightning Rod was third in total offense (710 yards) behind Jeff Logan and Pete Johnson. He also scored seven touchdowns.

Gerald disputes his alleged lack of passing skills and hopes to have a more productive year in 1977.

"I know for a fact I have a lot more potential than I displayed," said the jelly-jointed quarterback with lightning-quick reflexes. "It was a mixture of things — reading defenses, the mechanics, the line blocking."

"I did a lot of work over the winter and I have a real good attitude about passing," he continued. "I feel real confident about my passing and my game."

Gerald completed six of nine attempts in the Buckeyes' opener against Miami (Fla.) for 60 yards. He had one pass picked off.

Gerald's first attempt, a delay over the middle to end Bill Jaco, was way off the mark, but on his next try he hit Jaco for two yards and then passed 20 yards over the middle to flanker Herman Jones.

Gerald passed right to Jaco for 13 yards on Ohio State's last possession in the first half to finish the half with four completions in five attempts for 38 yards.

In the second half, Gerald put the ball in the air only four times and completed two — one a 19-yarder to Jaco — as the Buckeyes played a more conservative game trying to protect their 10-0 lead.

"Shoot, if they'd have hit a long pass we'd have been in trouble," Woody Hayes said on playing conservative. "And they have a real good field goal kicker."

"I thought we were in danger all the way," said Hayes, referring to Miami quarterback E. J. Baker's 15 completions in 30 attempts for 210 yards. "That's why I played it so close to the elbow."

But Hayes was quick to admit. "The second half we weren't productive at all. We will have to pass more and we know it."

The number of completions and yards Gerald adds to his totals from the opening game will determine in large part Ohio State's success this season.

Today's game will be the 21st meeting between the Buckeyes and Minnesota. OSU holds a 15-5 edge in the series and has won the last eight in a row.

Minnesota opened its season with a 10-7 win over Mid-American Conference favorite Western Michigan. The game was decided with only three seconds remaining when Paul Rogind kicked an 18-yard field goal.

Like Ohio State, the Gophers moved the football but hurt their cause with six fumbles, two interceptions and nearly 100 yards in penalties.

Fullback Jeff Thompson paced the Minnesota ground attack with 109 yards in 26 carries. The Gophers had 332 yards in offense, but twice lost fumbles and had a pass intercepted inside the Minnesota 10.

The charter members of the Ohio State Sports Hall of Fame will be inducted at halftime of today's game.

Crawford Runs Past Wynford

By Bob Sherwin

NORTH ROBINSON — Colonel Crawford shaded Wynford Friday night, 40-0.

It was a route and it wasn't. The high school football score was lopsided but the statistical tally belies the final outcome.

Wynford actually gained more yards total, 266-264, tied in first downs, 13, and through the first three quarters held a 2-1 edge in both time of possession and number of plays.

The difference was that Colonel Crawford capitalized on virtually every opportunity while frustration was the Royals' constant companion.

The first quarter typified the Royals' woes. Wynford took the opening kickoff and marched effortlessly into Eagle territory only to fumble away their chance.

The Eagles (1-0-1) then went to work with a 55-yard touchdown drive with rugged tailback Cory Hamilton gaining all 55 yards. He capped the march with an eight-yard sprint and end run for the conversion.

It was the first of two rushing touchdowns for Hamilton along with three more conversion runs and a 22-yard passing tally to his quarterback Wayne Spence.

STATISTICS		Wyn	CC
First Downs	.....	13	13
Rushing Yardage	.....	145	139
Passing Yardage	.....	121	48
Passes	.....	9-19	2-8
Passes Intercepted By	.....	1	1
Punts	.....	2-45.5	1-10
Fumbles Lost	.....	1	3
Yards Penalized	.....	6-71	11-95

Wynford, without strong resistance, cranked up its rushing machine again with a 17-play, seven-minute drive. Once inside the Crawford nine-yard line, however, the march was stymied.

Wynford's ultimate frustration came late in the half when the Royals again smoothly slipped down field to the 17-yard line with 26 seconds left. Quarterback Brian Gerber found end Jay Dennison open at the one as time ticked away. The Royals, out of timeouts, quickly ran a dive play up the middle but fell short of the goal at the close of the quarter.

It was a crushing blow for the Royals, who held a 35-15 edge in plays. They never recovered.

The confident Eagles played opportunistic football in the second half to bury the Royals.

Crawford safety Ty Clark snatched the first of three second-half interceptions on Wynford's next play from scrimmage. Four plays later, the same Ty Clark grabbed a 35-yard scoring aerial from Spence for a 24-0 count at 10:04 of the fourth.

A Royal fumble set up the fourth Crawford touchdown, a tricky flip to

Hamilton, flare pass back to Spence and a race for the end zone.

The fireworks were capped with a three-yard jaunt by Spence at 5:15.

Hamilton finished the game with 120 yards on 19 carries.

SCORING	
Colonel Crawford	— Hamilton, 8-yard run (Hamilton run)
Colonel Crawford	— Hamilton, 8-yard run (Hamilton run)
Colonel Crawford	— Clark, 35-yard pass from Spence (Hamilton run)
Colonel Crawford	— Spence, 22-yard pass from Hamilton (Hamilton run)
Colonel Crawford	— Spence, 3-yard run (Dennison pass)

Northmor Hits East Knox

NORTHMOR — Northmor effectively combined the passing game as well as the running game in shutting-out East Knox, 13-0, to remain undefeated in the second week of high school football.

SCORING	
Northmor	— Denmin, 7-yard run
Northmor	— Roelle, 3-yard run (Zeger kick)

Whippets Blank Ashland

By John Gray

SHELBY — The Shelby Whippets defeated the Ashland Arrows, 21-0, here last night for their second independent high school football victory.

Whippet tailback John Armstrong, 180-pound junior, piled up 152 yards in 32 plays for an average of 4.7 yards per

STATISTICS		Shel	Ash
First Downs	.....	17	7
Rushing Yardage	.....	212	14
Passing Yardage	.....	12	104
Passes	.....	1-3	9-23
Passes Intercepted By	.....	1	1
Punts	.....	4-20	3-20.0
Fumbles Lost	.....	2	2
Yards Penalized	.....	7-75	8-40

play. Whippet fullback Mike Hartz, 175-pound senior, ran 73 yards in 15 plays for an average of 4.8 yards per play.

Shelby's first touchdown was made by Armstrong hitting paydirt from the five-yard line. The 75-yard drive took 19 plays with 9:37 left before the half.

The second touchdown came from a 61-yard drive using 13 plays with Hartz carrying the ball over the goal line from the one yard line, just before the half ended.

Quarterback Jim Napier passed to end Jerry Roth for two extra points.

Just 17 seconds before the half, Shelby held the Arrows (0-2) on the Whippets' 27-yard line.

Shelby's last touchdown came with 7:31 left in the fourth quarter. Whippet Kevin Calver ran 22 yards for the score. Hartz kicked the extra point.

SCORING	
Shelby	— Hartz, 1-yard run (Roth pass)
Shelby	— Armstrong, 5-yard run
Shelby	— Calver, 22-yard run (Hartz kick)

Pirates Roll To 47-6 Win

SOUTH AMHERST — Black River amassed 333 yards on the ground to pulverize South Amherst Friday, 47-6, in high school football.

The Pirates (2-0) rushed and scored virtually at will.

STATISTICS		BR	SA
First Downs	.....	15	11
Rushing Yardage	.....	333	154
Passing Yardage	.....	0	122
Passes	.....	1-3	10-26
Passes Intercepted By	.....	0	0
Punts	.....	0	6-16.5-0
Fumbles Lost	.....	3	9-75
Yards Penalized	.....	6-55	4-30
South Amherst	.....	0	0
Black River	.....	7	21

SCORING
Black River — Hoffman, 6-yard run (Williams kick)
Black River — Hoffman, 9-yard run (Williams kick)
Black River — Clement, blocked punt return (Williams kick)
Black River — Grim, 2-yard run (Williams kick)
Black River — Wilson, 1-yard run (Williams kick)
Black River — Haswell, 62-yard run
Black River — Haswell, 37-yard run
South Amherst — Loois, 12-yard pass from Haystern

Highland Tops Centerburg

SPARTA — Highland quarterback, Doug Tobin, put on a show for the home crowd by completing 10 of 22 passing attempts for 192 total yards, as the Scotties defeated Centerburg, 18-7, Friday in high school football action.

Tobin's two favorite receivers were flanker Billy Miller and halfback Earl Fisher. Fisher caught one touchdown

Big Red Win

BASCOM — Plymouth totaled 209 yards rushing to double the efforts of Hopewell-Loudon, as the Big Red defeated its opponent, 24-13, in high school action Friday night.

STATISTICS		Ply	H-L
First Downs	.....	6	0
Rushing Yardage	.....	209	102
Passing Yardage	.....	0	0
Passes	.....	0-0	0-0
Punts	.....	0	7
Fumbles Lost	.....	0	0
Yards Penalized	.....	0	18

Wins Rout

MT. GILEAD — Brian Bishop scored on three long-distance runs to spark Mt. Gilead to a 46-12 rout of North Union Friday in Mid-Ohio Conference football action.

STATISTICS		MTG	NU
First Downs	.....	6	0
Rushing Yardage	.....	26	0
Passing Yardage	.....	0	0
Passes	.....	0-0	0-0
Punts	.....	0	0
Fumbles Lost	.....	0	0
Yards Penalized	.....	0	0

pass from Tobin in the second quarter for 24 yards, and he also ran one in from three yards out.

STATISTICS		High	Cent
First Downs	.....	12	0
Rushing Yardage	.....	187	0
Passing Yardage	.....	0	0
Passes	.....	0-0	0-0
Punts	.....	0	0
Fumbles Lost	.....	0	0
Yards Penalized	.....	0	0

Crestline In 0-0 Tie

WEST SALEM — Playing in six inches of water, Crestline's defense averted two first-half Northwestern scoring opportunities Friday night to hang on for a 0-0 tie in high school football.

STATISTICS		Crest	NW
First Downs	.....	8	10
Rushing Yardage	.....	25	0
Passing Yardage	.....	0	0
Passes	.....	1-7	0-0
Passes Intercepted By	.....	0	0
Punts	.....	4-33	4-32
Fumbles Lost	.....	3-1	1-1
Yards Penalized	.....	7-75	4-40

Accidents Kill

According to a survey of 36 state agencies made by the Fred Bear Sports Club, nearly three times as many deer were killed in highway accidents in 1974 as those taken by bow-and-arrow hunters.

BLOCKED KICK — Chris Rothhaar (83) of Colonel Crawford gets his hands on the football during a punt attempt by Wynford's keiker Steve Volkmer. Crawford

recovered the ball in Wynford territory. The Eagles rolled over the Royals, 40-0. (Photo by Jim Bikar)

Tyson Scores Twice In 20-0 Falcon Romp

By Will Hane

JEROMESVILLE — It just proves that you can't believe everything you hear. The Mounties don't always get their man.

Friday night, before an estimated 1,000 witnesses, a 190-pound Hillsdale High School running back by the name of Mike Tyson eluded a band of determined Mounties for nearly 45 minutes to lead the Falcons to a 20-0 victory over the Mapleton Mounties.

In 26 carries, the fast-flying Falcon went inside and outside to pile up 161 yards rushing while scoring two touchdowns. He sat out the final quarter.

Actually, Tyson should be given partial credit for the third and final Hillsdale score. Leading 12-0 near the end of the third quarter, the Falcons drove to the Mounties' 20 yard line with Tyson grinding out most of the yardage.

With fourth down and two inches to go to keep the drive alive, the only people in the stadium who didn't think Tyson would be called on to carry the ball were the ladies serving food and drinks in Hillsdale's new concession stand.

They were too busy to think about it.

This time the handoff went to speedster Jeff Slater who streaked 20 yards into the end zone untouched.

STATISTICS		Hillsdale	Mapleton
First Downs	.....	13	13
Rushing Yardage	.....	254	63
Passing Yardage	.....	28	26
Passes	.....	13	17
Passes Intercepted By	.....	0	0
Punts	.....	0	7
Fumbles Lost	.....	3	1
Yards Penalized	.....	100	70

In the first half, the Falcons were unable to capitalize on a number of breaks and went into the locker room with a slim, one-touchdown lead.

"I jumped on my offensive line during halftime," said Hillsdale coach Lynn Livelsberger. "They're young and I had to remind them that blocking is the name of the game. During the second half they jumped on the Hillsdale defense."

South Central Wins Shutout

SOUTH CENTRAL — Chris Howard of South Central returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown, and that was all that was needed in a 22-0 shutout over Seneca East.

SCORING	
South Central	— Howard, 75-yard punt return (Howard run)
South Central	— Hall, 14-yard run (Fishbaugh run)
South Central	— Stevenson, 35-yard run

The Falcons started off the third quarter by driving 70 yards on the ground with Tyson sprinting the final six for the score.

"Mapleton is a young team with a lot of poise," said Livelsberger, in praise of the Mounties. "They hung in there to the final gun and seemed to be getting stronger."

The final quarter was played by 22 players with spotless jerseys as both teams emptied the benches.

At halftime, Hillsdale dedicated its new \$25,000 concession stand and it was noted by one of the lady attendants that

Clyde Trips Redmen, 14-8

CLYDE — Two long field goals and a 27-yard scoring pass helped Clyde (2-0) topple Bucyrus (1-1) in high school football Friday night, 14-8.

STATISTICS		Buc	Cly
First Downs	.....	12	8
Rushing Yardage	.....	118	118
Passing Yardage	.....	114	27
Passes	.....	11-28	1-2
Passes Intercepted By	.....	0	0
Punts	.....	0	0
Fumbles Lost	.....	0	0
Yards Penalized	.....	0	14

SCORING
Clyde — Rosenberger, 35-yard field goal
Clyde — Rosenberger, 41 yard field goal
Clyde — Vincenzo pass (Vincenzo pass)
Bucyrus — Peppard, 2-yard run (Durr pass)

"The bigger the lead the more pop and popcorn we sold."

SCORING	
Hillsdale	— Tyson, 15 yard run (Boien run)
Hillsdale	— Tyson, 6-yard run
Hillsdale	— Slater, 20-yard run

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