



**BRIEF INTRODUCTION** — Plymouth and Marty McKenzie meets Ontario defender Dave Rakestraw after catching a short pass. Friday night Ontario held Plymouth to a single touchdown to hand the Big Red their first defeat of the season, 21-8.

# Appleseed

## Ontario Rips Plymouth, 21-8

**By Wil Hane**  
**PLYMOUTH** — The Big Red balloon popped.  
 Before a standing-room-only crowd, the Big Red Plymouth High School football machine sputtered, then ground to a halt during the final 24 minutes of play last night. It was an offensive-energy shortage brought on by a band of determined Ontario High School defensemen who held Plymouth to a single touchdown. It spelled the difference in the game as the Warriors upset previously undefeated Plymouth, 21-8.

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Hoping to scalp the Warriors for the first time in their 15-year rivalry, the Big Red held a 8-7 halftime lead.

Ontario drove 55 yards the first time it got possession of the ball. Hard-running tailback Steve Arnett chewed up the Big Red offensive line time and again for four and five yards. When he wasn't handing off to Arnett, Ontario quarterback Randy Perry lugged the ball himself outside the Plymouth ends. Arnett culminated the offensive drive with a one-yard run to daylight for a score. Luiz Fossati, an exchange student from South America, side-swiped the ball be-

tween the uprights for the one-point conversion.

The Big Red was stunned. But they didn't roll over and play dead.

Midway through the second quarter the Plymouth offense began to move. Mike Messer hit the Warrior defense again and again picking up valuable yardage. The Big Red standout-back finally broke into the Ontario secondary and scampered the final 20 yards untouched.

The Big Red went for two points and a beautifully executed screen pass from quarterback Tom Miller to Messer put Plymouth in the lead, 8-7.

It was Plymouth's homecoming and attractive Queen Jamie Jacobs and an estimated 1,500 Plymouth rooters had visions of glory. Their dreams faded as the clock ticked off the second half of the game.

Repeatedly the bulldog Ontario defense, led by Butch Ballard, Joe Horvath, and Steve Santnyer, halted Big

Red drives and forced punts. The Warrior offense felt the tide of victory turning its way and rose to the occasion.

Midway through the third quarter, Arnett slashed over from one-yard line to cap a 40-yard offensive thrust to put Ontario in front to stay. Fossati split the uprights and Ontario held a 14-8 advantage.

It was now or never for the Big Red. They rose to the occasion. Moving down the field with Messer grinding out most of the yardage, the drive slowed. It was fourth and a yard to go for the first down. Messer was called on. The swarming defense held.

For all practical purposes the game was over . . . for the Big Red. The Warriors weren't through. Arnett and Perry put on a up-the-middle, then outside-the-end attack that ended in another Ontario tally. Arnett bulging the final five yards for the touchdown.

The Ontario jinx over the Big Red will last for at least another year.

# NOL

## Norwalk Upsets Whippets

**NORWALK** — Shelby's comeback rally fell short Friday night, Norwalk pulling off a 21-17 Northern Ohio League high school football upset.

The Whippets, now 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the league, pulled within the final four-point margin with 6:07 to play on a seven-yard touchdown scamper by tailback John Armstrong, but could not get back into the end zone again.

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The Truckers (3-2 and 1-2) went ahead by 21-9 with 9:19 to go on a 20-yard pass from Wess Douglas to Jim Arlin. That was just before Shelby's Armstrong scored his second of three touchdowns.

Norwalk drew first blood on an Eric Kirk 11-yard run with 1:32 showing in the first quarter. Mike Hartz kicked a 22-yard field goal to make it 7-3 Truckers at half.

Kirk tallied his second touchdown with a two-yard run in the third period at 6:57. The run capped a 54-yard Norwalk drive.

The Truckers dominated the statistical race with 263 yards in total offense to 173 for Shelby. The Whippets had nine first downs to 19 for the hosts.

Armstrong, who was held to his lowest rushing total of the year, had 71 yards in 21 carries.

## Upper Sandusky 28 Galion 6

**GALION** — Upper Sandusky High School took over sole possession of first place in the Northern Ohio League standings Friday with a convincing 28-6 triumph over Galion.

Both Upper and Galion entered the game with 2-0 NOL records. The Rams are 5-0 overall and Galion is 3-2.

Running back Doug Orians sparked the Rams, scoring three touchdowns on runs of one, 61 and five yards. Upper's other touchdown came on a 46-yard scamper by Doug McDaniel.

Upper held a 7-0 lead after two periods but broke the game open with two scores in the third stanza.

Galion's lone touchdown came in the final canto on a 34-yard pass from Jeff Kirk to Mike Evans.

Upper's ground-hugging offense rolled up 267 yards Friday to 135 for Galion. All of the Rams' offense was on the ground.

## Bellevue 10 Willard 7

**BELLEVUE** — Roger Joseph's 24-yard field goal in the fourth quarter gave Bellevue a 10-7 victory over Willard Friday in a Northern Ohio League football game.

Willard (1-2 in the league and 1-3-1 overall) grabbed the early lead on an eight-yard touchdown run by Tony Lopez in the second period, but Bellevue (2-1 and 4-1) came back and tied it before the half on a 35-yard pass from Duke Haynes to John Green.

## Bucyrus 21 Tiffin 6

**BUCYRUS** — Bucyrus broke loose for 21 points in the second half Friday night to down Tiffin Columbian, 21-6, in a Northern Ohio League football game.

The Redmen (1-2 in the NOL and 2-3 overall), trailing 6-0 at the half, broke on top in the third stanza on a five-yard touchdown pass from Joe Teynor to Jack Raser and put the Tornados away for keeps with 14 points in the final quarter.

Teynor got Bucyrus' second touchdown on a four-yard keeper. Dave Durr added the insurance score on an 18-yard gallop.



**TAKE TEN** — Ontario halfback Steve Arnett is off and running for a 10-yard gain with Plymouth Big Red defender Tim Fields in hot pursuit. Ontario upset previously unbeaten Plymouth Friday night, 21-8.

## Fremont's Giants Trip Tygers, 14-0

**FREMONT** — A pair of long touchdown runs spelled doom for Mansfield Senior in its Buckeye Conference high school football game with Fremont Ross Friday night. The Little Giants came out 14-0 winners.

The Tygers of Dave Pierce now slip to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in league games. Fremont rises to 4-1 and 2-0, respectively.

Jell Brown of the Little Giants broke a scoreless third-quarter deadlock on third down with a 68-yard run around end for the first Fremont score.

## Firelands Conference

### Trojans Trip Mapleton

**POLK** — South Central's Rod Stevenson and Chris Howard teamed up in high school football here last night to power the Trojans to their first Firelands Conference victory. Stevenson scored four times, gained 142 yards rushing and the powerful running of Howard added 127 yards on the ground for a convincing, 40-12, victory over winless Mapleton (0-5).

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South Central (3-2) was content to keep the ball moving on the ground while Mapleton, trailing throughout the contest, went to the air lanes and dominated the passing game with 102 yards.

The Trojans initiated their scoring barrage with the first series of downs. Beginning at South Central's 22-yard line, the touchdown trek covered the 78 yards in 11 plays with Stevenson smashing over the goal line at 7:34 remaining from two yards out. Quarterback Tony Hall connected with Howard for a two-point conversion and the Trojans were on the way.

At 8:11, in the second period, Mapleton narrowed the gap to two points with Pat Newell snaring a 15-yard pass from helmsman Jim Ringle. Ringle gathered in the aerial at the 10-yard line, shifted to the right side of the field and outdistanced the Trojan defenders in a race for the corner of the end zone.

With 1:15 remaining before intermission, Howard, from the 20-yard line, set off to the right side of the line. Unfortunately his offensive line broke left and Howard was caught at the 25 yard line for an apparent loss. But the shifty halfback twisted loose, and with a host

Mansfield Senior came back in the fourth quarter and drove to the Little Giant 13 before the march stalled with 2:30 to play.

Fremont wrapped the game away in the waning minutes on a 47-yard run by Brown.

Tyger Paul Twyman rushed for 103 yards on 21 carries to spark Mansfield's effort.

The Little Giants amassed 290 yards on the ground for the game to 140 for the Tygers. Mansfield picked up 107 through the air on the arm of senior quarterback Jerry Powell, who hit seven of 19 with two interceptions.

First downs were even at 12 each.

of downfield blockers to open his 20-yard touchdown run, Howard moved South Central into a 14-6 halftime lead.

The Mounties never recovered as errors led the Trojans to another tally. A high snap from center sailed over the head of the Mountie punter and the alert Trojans smothered the ball carrier at the Mapleton one-yard line. Stevenson bulled over on the first play. Time: 11:10 remaining in the contest.

Six minutes later Stevenson duplicated his one-yard touchdown runs with yet another score. The drive covered 50 yards in 10 plays.

Mapleton's final score came with 23 seconds left. Going to the air, the Mounties covered 53 of the necessary 63 yards with perfect strikes from Ringle. A huge chunk of the drive, 38 yards, came with a bomb from Ringle to Scott Gerwig. Gerwig collected the pass in at the 20-yard mark and was finally hauled down at the one-yard stripe. Two plays later Dave Keathley powered over.

## Black River 28 New London 6

**NEW LONDON** — A 21-point second period propelled Black River to a 28-6 victory over New London Friday in Firelands Conference football.

The Pirates (3-0 and 5-0), who amassed 304 yards on the ground, were paced by Mark Hoffman's two touchdowns and four extra point conversions. Eric Grim also tallied twice for Black River.

Hoffman scored on runs of 36 and 47 yards while Grim had scoring runs of six and 45 yards.

## Loudonville 14 Clear Fork 7

**By Jim Brewer**

**LOUDONVILLE** — Wingback Brad Browning scampered 18 yards on a counter play midway in the fourth quarter for the go-ahead score in Loudonville's 14-7 Johnny Appleseed Conference opening victory over Clear Fork. The game was played between two of the preseason conference favorites.

Browning's run capped an eight-play, 63-yard drive that started when Redbird tackle Bob Gardner pounced on a Colt fumble at the 37, just two plays after the Redbirds had fumbled the ball away at the same spot.

Loudonville scored first in the rugged, conservatively played football game when Rex Conway swept 25 yards on a quarterback keeper for a touchdown climaxing a 66-yard drive late in the first period.

Clear Fork tied the score just a few minutes later when tailback Amos Fry scampered 29 yards on an up-the-middle trap play executed to perfection. His run was the longest mustered by the Colt offense.

Clear Fork came close to scoring twice more, moving into the 18 later in the second quarter, where Redbird safety Brent Peoples intercepted a pass to stop them.

The second drive was a masterful 57-yard, 14-play march which started on the Clear Fork 35 and moved into the Redbird eight, where Greg Sharp's fourth down dive fell a foot short.

The Redbird offense was buoyed after that stand and responded by scoring three minutes later.

Conway, a senior, had his best offensive performance of the year, gaining 79 yards in 13 carries and completing four-of-nine passes, all to tight end Mike Dennis, for 44 yards. Three of those completions came on third-and-nine situations.

Jerry Layfield had 67 yards in 14 carries to lead the Colts, while Fry followed with 53 in 11 tries.

The win gives Loudonville a 4-1 mark, while the Colts fall to 1-2-2.

## Falcons Given 25-6 Setback

**CRESTON** — Nurwayne rolled up 304 total yards against Hillsdale Friday to whip the Falcons, 25-6, in Wayne County League football.

The Bobcats (2-1 and 3-2) scored twice in the first period and once in the third and fourth frames.

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Hillsdale's lone score was a 60-yard Boler-to-Rush aerial combination in the first period.

The Falcons (0-2-1 and 1-3-1) moved the ball as they totaled 208 yards and held the edge in first downs, 10-6.

## Cavs Acquire Walt Frazier?

**NEW YORK (UPI)** — Walt Frazier, former captain of the New York Knicks and one of the key men in leading them to their two NBA championships, was reportedly traded Friday to the Cleveland Cavaliers as compensation for free agent Jim Cleamons, but Frazier's agent Irwin Weiner said the deal was "not definite."

One of the best guards in basketball over the last decade, the 6-foot-4 Frazier left a trade was near even Thursday night, but said he had not been informed of any discussions the Knicks might be holding with other clubs. Several teams expressed interest in the perennial defensive stand out.

"Nothing has been consummated yet," said Frazier's agent, Irwin Weiner. "It could be tonight or in the next day or so, I would expect something to happen soon."

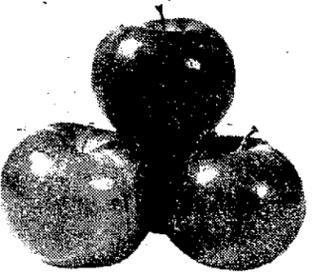
Mike Burke, president of Madison Square Garden, which owns the Knicks, also denied the deal had been completed.

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