

# Fatal Blocked Punt Spurs Margaretta's Upset Hopes

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CASTALIA — Margaretta stamped the victory letter, sealed the envelope and shoved it down Fremont St. Joe's throat Friday night.

But somebody forgot the zip code. After doing commanding the Sandusky Bay Conference football battle, the Polar Bears watched their fourth quarter punt attempt backfire and their hard-fought 3-0 lead vanish into a 6-3 defeat.

"The team with the fewest mistakes wins," Margaretta coach Tony Kijanko shrugged. "We shut off their offense and then gave them the ball on our 3-yard line. They had a good back and four tries from there. Five out of every 10 times, he's going to make it."

With 6:39 remaining, Polar Bear Barry Geiger went back to punt, standing near his own 20-yard line. Three blockers were bunched together in front of him. But Fremont's Rich Ackerman barreled through — untouched — and blocked the punt.

Ackerman tracked down the ball at Margaretta's 10-yard line and was tackled by Geiger on the three. From there, standout halfback Jeff Gottron, the game's leading ball carrier with 20 carries and 110 yards, ran over right tackle for the winning touchdown.

"We've got to keep our heads up," reasoned Kijanko, whose team could very well be leading the SBC without the misfortune on the punt. "Our kids played a good game. They put everything into it."

Margaretta, with its rugby-style, bowl-em-over offense, did everything but push the Crimson Streaks into Cold Creek during the first half.

The Bears, in their tight-T formation, rolled up 182 yards rushing on 33 carries and 14 first downs in the game's first 24 minutes. They controlled the ball 15 minutes. Dero Knowlton had 85 yards in 12 tries.

But the hosts scored just three points, on a Mark Bodey 23-yard field goal with 6:36 left in the half.

Margaretta, stalling on the Fremont 13, 5 and 9-yard lines, hit only one of three field goal tries for a 3-0 halftime lead.

"We keep knocking on the door, but can't take it in," Kijanko said. "Every time we getting going on offense, an offside or motion penalty sets us back."

The Polar Bears were riddled with 10 penalties for 81 yards, but

but on third-and-eight, quarterback Bob Day was sacked for an 18-yard loss. A desperation screen pass fell incomplete and an upset bid fizzled.

St. Joe remained unbeaten at 4-0 and alone atop the league with a 2-0 mark.

### SCORES BY QUARTERS

Fremont St. Joe	0	0	6	6
Margaretta	0	3	0	3
Scorings: Margaretta— Mark Bodey, 23 yard field goal.				
Fremont St. Joe— Jeff Gottron, 3 run. (kick failed).				

## Danville Startles Plymouth

PLYMOUTH—Plymouth's bid to get off to its best start in more than two decades with five wins came to an end in a hurry Friday.

The Big Red were stifled in a 24-0 loss to Danville.

Coach Mike McFarren's club was shocked early. Mike Worley galloped 70 yards on the first play from scrimmage for Danville and the hosts never recovered.

Danville also scored early in the second half on Lyle Lyons' one-yard

### STATISTICS

	D	P
First Downs	18	14
Net Yards Gained Rushing	229	87
Yards Gained Passing	25	124
Total Net Yards Gained	254	211
Passes Attempted	5	19
Passes Completed	1	7
Passes Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles/Lost	0	3/0
Penalties	4	6
Yards Penalized	30	60

burst on the first play after the invaders took over at that spot.

Lyons capped a 22-play, 93-yard scoring drive in the final canto on Lyons' second one-yard plunge and Ted Bratton plunged one yard following a pass interception with 3:46 remaining.

Plymouth, which had its six-game winning streak (four this year) halted, was limited to 87 yards on the ground and went to the air 19 times, completing seven for 124 yards.

Plymouth also launched the 1977 season with four victories, including a 21-14 decision over Danville, before bowing.

### SCORES BY QUARTERS

Danville	6	0	6	12	24
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0
Scorings: Danville— Mike Worley, 70 run. (pass failed).					
Danville— Lyle Lyons, 1 run. (pass failed).					
Danville— Lyons, 1 run. (pass failed).					
Danville— Ted Bratton, 1 run. (pass failed).					



MARGARETTA'S BILL DUPONT (HIDDEN) DRIVES FOR YARDAGE ...Don Pfeil (10) leads blocking, but Bears couldn't score.

## Huron Explodes Past Clyde

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Special To The Register

HURON — Jason Perdue, Huron's senior tailback, helped the Tigers celebrate their homecoming and break open a tight, Sandusky Bay Conference battle Friday night.

Perdue ran for 136 yards — 120 of them in the first half — and scored two touchdowns in Huron's 30-6 win over Clyde.

What started out to be a nip-and-tuck game opened up considerably in the second quarter, thanks to Perdue's running and the hosts' defense.

Both teams traded field goals early, the Fliers' being a booming 47-yarder by Mark Rosenberger. Then Huron took a 10-3 first quarter lead on Perdue's first touchdown.

Rosenberger hit a 41-yard field goal to narrow the gap to 10-6, but Huron had enough. No more time was wasted.

Less than two minutes later, Perdue swept left end for 22 yards and his second score. The Tiger defense, which held Clyde to negative yards rushing, closed down the Flier offense for the evening.

Meanwhile, the Tiger offense went 68 yards on its next series, aided by a 29-yard Perdue run and a 29-yard pass from John Kenning to Rick Langhals. Tony Munafa Jr. capped the drive with a 1-yard scoring plunge. The Tigers led 23-6 at halftime.

Both teams came out throwing in the second half, but again, it was all Huron. Kenning, despite a severely bruised knuckle on his throwing

	H	C
First Downs (total)	12	6
by rushing	10	3
by passing	1	2
by penalty	1	1
Rushes (number)	40	22
net yards gained	234	-14
Forward Passing attempted	12	12
completed	6	6
had intercepted	0	1
net yards gained	122	64
Total Plays (rushes & passes)	52	34
Total Net Yards Gained	356	50
Fumbles (number)	0	3
ball lost	0	2
Penalties (number)	8	5
yards penalized	105	46

hand, hit Langhals with a 69-yard scoring bomb with just 1½ minutes left in the third period.

It was the game's final tally.

The Huron cause was helped by Clyde injuries. Five Flier starters left the game by halftime. This included Rosenberger, the Fliers' offensive punch.

Huron coach Tony Munafa was

pleased with the overall performance of his Tigers.

"We finally got some blocking from our offensive line, and that's what we needed," said Munafa, whose team rolled up a massive 356 yards.

The winning coach also praised his defense, particularly two backs — his son, Tony, and Jeff Hoyt, who had an interception.

"We were concerned with their (the Fliers) defense," Munafa said. "But Huron's second-quarter scoring explosion relieved the pressure and then some for the Tigers, now 1-1 in the SBC and 3-1-1 overall.

Clyde dropped to 0-2 in league play and 1-4 overall.

### SCORES BY QUARTERS

Clyde	3	3	0	0	6
Huron	10	13	7	0	30
Scorings: Clyde— Mark Rosenberger, 47 yard field goal.					
Huron— Ray Enderle, 25 yard field goal.					
Huron— Jason Perdue, 7 run. (Enderle, kick).					
Clyde— Rosenberger, 41 yard field goal.					
Huron— Perdue, 22 run. (Enderle, kick).					
Huron— Tony Munafa Jr., 1 run. (pass failed).					
Huron— Rick Langhals, 69 pass from John Kenning. (Enderle, kick).					

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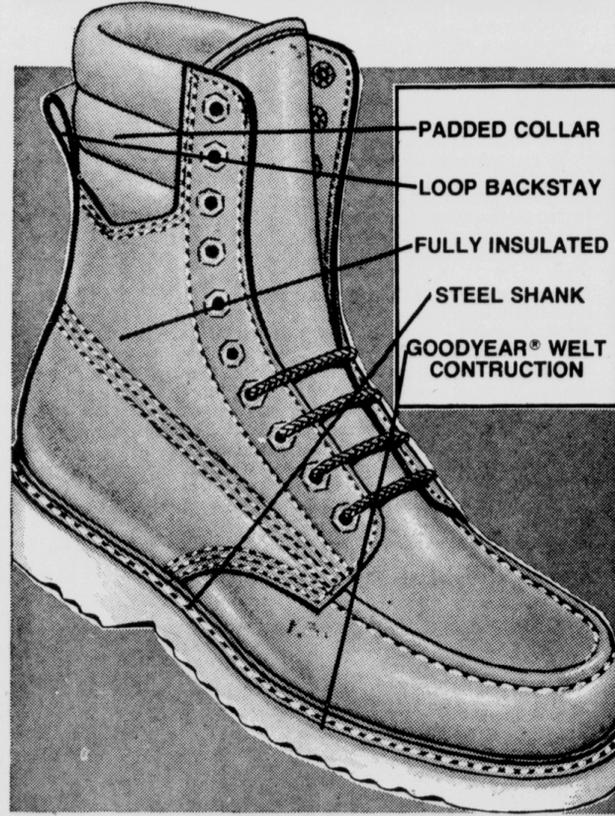
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