

Nobody Injured In Hard-Fought Local Rivalry

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Auburn-Alabama, Ohio State-Michigan and USC-UCLA can have their rivalries.

St. Mary's Central Catholic and Perkins have a mighty good one going themselves. Saturday night's game was like 22 gladiators hacking away at each other for 48 minutes, landing nothing but clean blows.

The Panthers, clawing a fumble away from Perkins with 3:40 left, converted the turnover into a touchdown for a 7-3 win. But defense was the big story. It didn't come much better.

Arm tackles were few and far between. The cracking of shoulder pads and helmets, on the other hand, were commonplace. This was a crisp, well-played football game between two well-coached teams.

"For as hard as those guys were hitting, I'm happy that nobody was hurt seriously," St. Mary's coach Gene Weyer admitted. "We had two boys get leg cramps and two others get bumped hard, but we think they're okay."

Perkins coach Jim Stauffer, mirrored in defeat, turned away from the wall when asked about the "battle" field and the injuries.

"There was no serious injuries here," Stauffer said. "We're both good hitting teams. We both hit good the entire game."

St. Mary's took an 11-6 lead in the career series between the neighboring schools. During the last 11 meetings, the Panthers have won six.

Highlighting the Panthers' win, outside of the big Perkins turnover late in the game, was the play of St. Mary's "other" running backs and defense, of course.

Weyer, fully aware that senior Kevin Durbin was playing on a sore knee, took a load off the talented athlete by working underclassmen into the game.

Durbin ran 15 times for 49 yards, while sophomores George Stepanic and Mike Opfer combined for nine carries and 26 yards.

Yards were tough to squeeze out of the Pirates' defense, though. The contingent, led by John Printy, Dave Milhouse, Tom Hahn and Brad Dwelle, simply didn't budge.

The defensive front handled St. Mary's powerful tackle John Sciarappa much better than the Panthers' first two opponents.

"I'll tell 'ya, Perkins is going to win some football games," Weyer said. "They've got a tough defense and one great athlete in Printy."

"I'm just glad it's over and we won," the St. Mary's coach added. "All week there has been a lot of pressure on the kids. I'm really proud of them and I really love them."

Perkins came out with power football at its best, but the goalline stand held on the first play in the second quarter at the SM-2.

Stauffer, nearly speechless after the shocking finish, talked about his team's over-all execution.

"It was good. We had only one penalty," he said. "We were ready — there was no question about that."

"We did a good job moving the ball in the second half. We didn't change anything. We thought we could run at them and attacked them out of certain formations."

After heart-breaking defeats to Shelby, Bellevue and now St. Mary's, Perkins' hard luck is apparent.

Nevertheless, the Pirates will have to regroup once again and pack its bags for another Sandusky Bay Conference battle at Tiffin Calvert.

St. Mary's, meanwhile, hosts Inland Conference foe Avon Saturday at Strobel Field.

Perkins Golfers Champs Again

NORWALK—Perkins' golf team continues to walk off with championships.

Coach Frank Laudonia's veteran squad earned its second tournament title in eight days Saturday by nipping host Norwalk by a single stroke in the annual Norwalk Invitational event at Elks Country Club.

The Pirates, who easily carted off top overall honors in the three-class Vermilion Invite the previous week with a 304 total, finished with a four-man 317 total compared to the Truckers' 318 mark.

It marked the second year in a row Perkins edged Norwalk for the crown by one stroke. The Truckers were also second in the Class AA field at Vermilion, but 12 shots back of the Pirates.

Consistency was the key to Perkins' win. Of the four players who had their scores count, the stroke differential on each nine was three shots or less.

Robin Grathwol not only paced the champions, but claimed medalist honors in the nine-school field with a pair of 38s for 76, one stroke in front of Norwalk's Bob Warner and two shots ahead of teammate Dave Bixler, Bill Colatruglio of Huron and New London's Stan Cooke. The latter was the medalist in the Vermilion tourney at 70.

Bixler, who fired a 72 for the runner-up spot at Vermilion, toured the course in 40-38 for his 78, while John Giesler added 42-39—81 and Jay Weiland, a junior, chipped in with 40-42—82. Kevin Bixler's 41-47—88 did not figure in the scoring.

The Pirates, who have a 6-1 season record in dual matches, are the heavy choice to grab a repeat Sandusky Bay Conference title. Their only loss to date was to Sandusky.

Norwalk, like Perkins primarily a senior team, had the most players break the 80 mark at three, but it still wasn't good enough.

Warner posted 38-39—77 for runner-up laurels in the individual department. Curt Everman and Geroge Peckham added 79s. Everman turned in 40-39—79 and Peckham came back from a 42 on the front side with a one-over-par 37 on the back nine for his 79.

Clark Napalee chipped in with 40-43—83 and Tom Albright's 48-44—92 wasn't counted. Warner, Everman and Napalee are seniors and Peckham and Albright juniors.

New London was third with 327, followed by Huron at 330, Vermilion 341, Willard 358, Margaretta 379, Norwalk II 380 and Norwalk St. Paul 428.

Cooke appeared headed for another sizzling round with a one-under 35 on the front nine. However, the long-hitting senior standout ran into problems on the back side for a 43. Scott Wyckoff added 41-39—80, Steve Baker 37-44—81 and Mike Marett 44-44—88. All are seniors.

Bill Colatruglio fired the low round for Huron with 40-38—78. Bob Colatruglio added 44-38—82, Ed Schilman 43-40—83 and Tom Ulrich 46-41—87.

For Vermilion, Bill Rose carded 42-41—83, Doug Bartolome 41-43—84, Kris Goll 41-45—87 and Russ Jeske 45-41—87.

Tom Wiers had the lowest score of the day for Willard with 41-44—85.

Ed Cullen paced Margaretta's contingent with 43-44-87.



Perkins' veteran golfers celebrate another tournament crown. Robin Grathwol, kneeling, was medalist with 76. Coach Frank Laudonia is standing with the other members of the title team, Dave Bixler, Kevin Bixler, Jay Weiland, and John Giesler. Weiland is a junior and the others are seniors.

Perkins Harriers Also Add Another Championship

VERMILION—Perkins cross-country coach John Hinton couldn't be any happier about the accomplishments turned in by his young squad at this point in time of the season.

"We have 10 young men running well and have lots of depth. If we can bring our times down near the top we could have another outstanding team. These kids haven't received much recognition because of the fine runners we had the last few years, but they are really improving," Hinton offered.

The Pirates won the Vermilion Invitational crown Saturday in a seven-school meet with 48 points. Oregon Cardinal Stritch was runner-up at 58, followed by Avon Lake with 76, Sandusky 79, Vermilion 88, Lorain Admiral King 174 and Lorain Senior 208.

Perkins also won the Norwalk Invite earlier and placed fourth in the Tiffin Columbian event and also earned a trophy for that performance.

Dave Lee has been the leader in every meet and was runner-up overall with a fast time of 12:56 to lead the Pirates. The winner was George Rodriguez of Cardinal Stritch at 12:51.

Tom Davlin ranked sixth for Perkins in 13:40, while John Jackson finished ninth in 13:54 and Bob Roth 11th in 14:01.

Three more Pirates were involved in a blanket finish for the 20-22 spots. Todd Roth was 20th in 14:21, followed by Howard Smith at 14:23 and Greg Mills in 14:24.

Sandusky's Ron Brown ranked third overall in 13:22 and freshman Tony Williamson fashioned a fine time of 13:34 in placing fifth.

Plymouth Captures 4th In Row

PLYMOUTH—To say Plymouth knows how to cash in on opponents' mistakes is putting it mildly.

The hosts turned three Lucas fumbles into touchdowns Saturday night in rolling up a 28-0 triumph, the fourth straight for coach Mike McFarren's squad which matches the number of wins they opened the 1977 campaign with.

Plymouth had a battle on its hands until the final 8½ minutes of

STATISTICS		
	P	L
First Downs	14	10
Net Yards Gained Rushing	168	63
Yards Gained Passing	154	55
Total Net Yards Gained	322	118
Passes Attempted	11	16
Passes Completed	6	4
Passes Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles/Lost	4/3	5/3

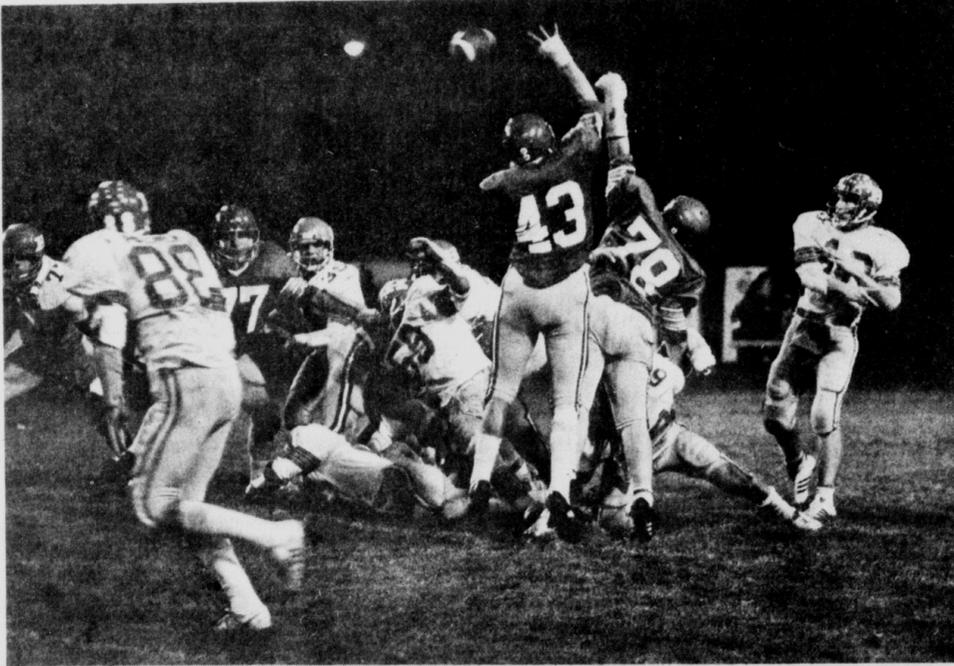
play. The Big Red thundered into paydirt three times in 6½ minutes to turn the game into a romp.

Senior John Ross sparked for the Big Red with 127 yards on 14 carries and three scores.

Sharing the spotlight was Plymouth's defense which earned shutout No. 3. The hosts held Lucas to minus 10 yards rushing in the second half in completely dominating the game.

SCORES BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
Lucas	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	7	0	21	28

Scoring: Plymouth — John Ross, 2 run. (Gary Holt, kick).
Plymouth — Ross, 20 run. (Holt, kick).
Plymouth — Mike Berberick, 71 pass from Jim Robinson. (Holt, kick).
Plymouth — Ross, 1 run. (Bill Hudson, kick).



HURON'S JOHN KENNING (RIGHT) FIRES PASS OVER MIDDLE OF CONGESTION ...quarterback had little success, hitting just 4 of 10 passes.

St. Joe Stymies Huron Offense

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FREMONT — With only 47 seconds remaining in the game, St. Joseph tailback Jeff Gottron punched the ball through from one yard out for the only score in a 6-0 St. Joe win over Huron Saturday night.

It was the Tigers' first loss of the season and first Sandusky Bay Conference decision.

Gottron's touchdown climaxed the only substantial drive of the game. St. Joe took the ball from its own 18 and marched 82 yards on 17 running plays for the score.

Although Gottron scored the touchdown and carried the ball nine of the 17 rushes in the drive and 25 times on the night, it was the effective running of fullback Jim Franks that made the difference in the final period of the contest.

Franks carried the ball 14 times for 92 yards, including runs of 14, 15 and 13 yards. After the Crimson Streaks had set up the Tigers to expect Gottron to be a one-man show, they used Franks sparingly — but effectively.

"They were running the counter

effectively," Tiger coach Tony Munafa said. "We saw what they were doing but by the time we figured it out, it was too late."

"It was real good strategy on their part," Munafa said. It was a damn good play and they're a

STATISTICS		
	H	J
First Downs	10	13
Net Yards Gained Rushing	101	183
Yards Gained Passing	67	33
Total Net Yards Gained	168	216
Passes Attempted	10	11
Passes Completed	4	3
Passes Intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles/Lost	4/1	1/1
Penalties	4	3
Yards Penalized	30	15

dangerous football team."

After the Streak touchdown, Huron made a last-ditch effort for a score by taking to the air four times in the last 47 seconds.

That desperation effort included the old flea-flicker play in which quarterback John Kenning passed to end Rick Langhals who, when almost tackled, tossed the ball to halfback Tony Munafa Jr. That play, good for 27 yards and a first down, was not enough for the Tigers.

"We practice that a lot," coach

Munafa said. "Maybe we should have used it earlier."

The final Tiger effort ended when Gottron intercepted a 32-yard Kenning pass, initiated from the shotgun formation, on the St. Joe 10-yard line when time ran out.

The clock was not an item that pleased the Huron coach. Munafa said that after Gottron scored the touchdown, the official timekeeper allowed 12 extra seconds to tick away.

"The clock was still running when we were lining up for the extra point," Munafa said. "The guy who runs the clock must be an idiot."

"That's not what made us lose the ballgame," Munafa said, "but that's what made me lose my composure." The Huron mentor discussed the matter with referees at mid-field.

"The sad part is that the officials didn't know what happened," he said. "That should never happen in a ballgame."

The only other time either team threatened was at the end of the third period, when St. Joe took a punt on the Huron 44 and moved to

What 'Moore' Can A Team Ask '4'?

NORWALK—Norwalk St. Paul coach Dick Alge wasn't kidding when he said in pre-season interviews Todd Moore was his most versatile player.

"He is a natural athlete who can beat an opponent as a runner, flanker or split end," Alge was quoted as saying about the 155-pound junior.

What a prophet Alge turned out to be.

All Moore did Saturday night was pick off three scoring passes and race 14 yards on a flanker around for the other tally in leading the Flyers to a 28-6 nod over Mapleton.

It marked the ninth time in the Flyers' 10 years in the Firelands Conference they have opened FC play with a victory. The only year they failed to accomplish the trick was in 1975 at Monroeville in a 28-0 loss.

St. Paul rolled to a 16-0 halftime lead and added two more touchdowns in the final stanza to earn its first win of the season in four starts. Mapleton dropped to 0-4.

The Flyers, who had scored only six points in their first three contests, drove 88 yards in 12 plays to strike paydirt on the opening play of the second period when Moore surprised Mapleton by skirting the end on the flanker around.

Junior quarterback Pat Rinner, who connected on eight of 15 passes for 173 yards and three scores, added the bonus points on the option play.

Senior defensive tackle Jeff Bleile's fumble recovery with 39 seconds left in the first half set up the second St. Paul score.

On the second play, Rinner and Moore teamed up for a 14-yard touchdown pass and Rinner passed to Dean Camp for the two-point conversion.

It was Rinner-to-Moore for 28 yards after a rash of turnovers in the third period. The second TD pass capped a seven-play, 75-yard drive. Mapleton finally scored on an 84-yard march when sophomore Brad Light bulled the final yard on the 16th play of the drive with less than one minute to play.

The Mounties attempted an on-side kick, but the Flyers recovered.

Rinner and Moore immediately went to work and covered 47 yards in two plays. The first aerial was good for 33 yards, and the second pass was for the final 14 with Moore once again breaking wide open before making the catch.

Moore had five receptions for 104 yards and three six-pointers.

Behind Franks' 92 yards, Gottron rushed for 75 yards on 25 tries.

Although not happy with the win, coach Munafa said the SBC season is not over for the Tigers after just one loss.

"It's like we said at the start of the year," Munafa said. "I don't think anyone will walk into the throne room undefeated."

SCORES BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
Huron	0	0	0	0
Fremont St. Joe	0	0	6	5

Scoring: St. Joe — Joe Gottron, 1 run. (kick failed).

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Notice is hereby given that Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. has filed an application requesting authority to continue to refuse to supply new gas service under right of way tap agreements. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio finds that a consolidated hearing in this matter and Case No. 78-929-GA-ASR will be held on October 17, 1978 at 9:30 A.M. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. At the hearing, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Commission.

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