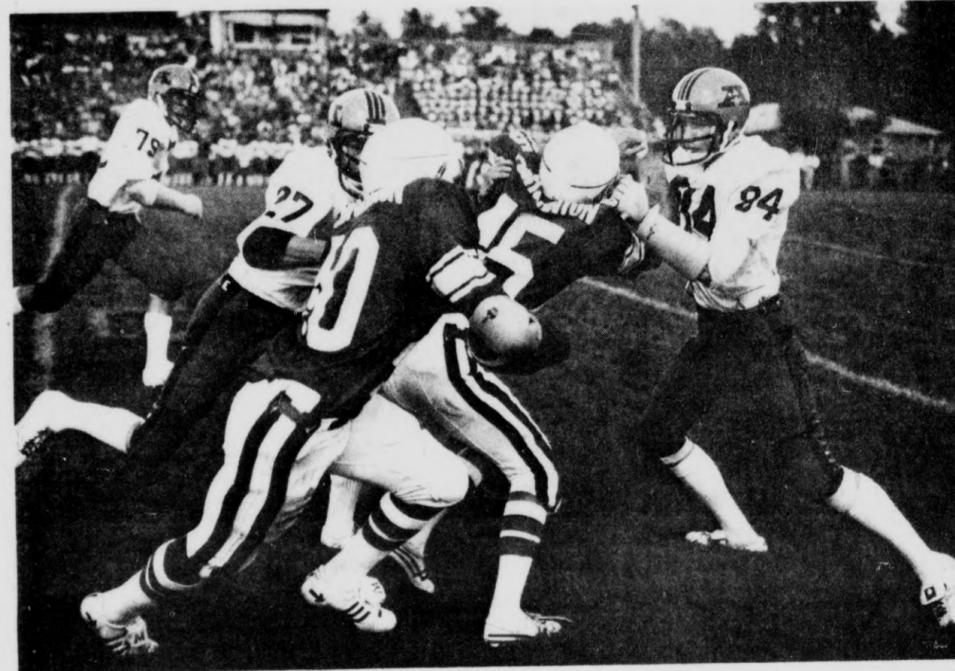




ASHLAND RUSHER DAVE ACUNA IS HELD BY STRONG PORT CLINTON DEFENSE ...Arrows lost 14 yards on the ground in 9-0 Redskin win.



JEFF AMBROZY LEADS THE BLOCKING FOR KEN MORRISSETTE ...Port Clinton running back ran for 65 yards in victory.

Port Clinton Clamps 'Big D' On Ashland

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PORT CLINTON — Patience is a virtue, someone once said, and Redskin football coach Paul Hemminger believes in that proverb.

"You have to be patient," the second-year mentor said after Port Clinton downed Ashland 9-0 Friday night, led by a fourth-quarter Chris Carpenter touchdown. "Patient enough to believe you can break a good play."

Port Clinton had plenty of time to learn patience because the Redskins and Arrows kept the score knotted at zeros through the first three periods of the 1978 season.

Then with 11:15 remaining in the season opener Chris Carpenter powered through the line from the one-yard line to climax a 37-yard scoring drive highlighted by Phil Gutkoski passes to Brian Celek for 14 Yards and Carpenter for 18 yards.

Gutkoski topped the TD off with an extra-point kick to put the Redskins ahead 7-0.

Although it did not directly result in a score, a 65-yard up-the-middle run by Carpenter really set up the Redskin scoring opportunity.

Carpenter's run gave the Skins possession on the Ashland 10-yard line, but three runs and a pass failed to net a score. After the Arrows did not sustain a drive and punted, the Redskins took over the Ashland 37.

"He did it with some hellish blocking," Hemminger said. "He had a lot of help on the line."

Hemminger said his team's patience paid off with Carpenter's run.

"Even though we didn't score on it, we broke the big play," he said. "That gave us the first good field position of the game."

The scoring capper came in the waning moments of the contest after Port Clinton had marched

from the Ashland 49 to the 10. Giving the ball up on downs, the Arrows took possession deep in their own territory.

Quarterback Brett Thompson, one of three signal-callers used by Ashland in the game, rolled out to his left for a long pass but was surprised by Jeff Wilson, who tackled Thompson in the Arrow end zone for a safety with 10 seconds remaining, sealing the Redskin victory.

Although all the scoring action came in the final stanza, both teams played hard-nosed defense through three periods. Hemminger was especially impressed with his defensive secondary and his pass rush.

"We got heat on the quarterback when we had to," he said. "They didn't get outside on our ends all night except for once — then the cornerback came in and snuffed it out."

Neither team sustained a substantial drive during the first two periods. The Redskins managed only three first downs in the first period and were shut out in the second. Ashland made four first downs in the first half.

At the half, Port Clinton had gained only 52 yards, all on the ground, while the Arrows had mustered only 41, 26 of which came through the air.

In the second half it was a different story for both squads. The Redskins marched to 124 more yards while the Arrows were knocked around for 29 yards in the negative column.

Ashland attempted to break the Redskin defense through the air but was successful in only four of 14 for 26 yards during the game. Port Clinton tried only six passes but connected on half of them, with two of them coming during the fourth-quarter touchdown drive.

Hemminger said he was pleased

with the performance of his offensive line, which he credited with paving the way for the 176 yards in the rushing game.

"Our offensive line, as young as it is, hung together," the coach said. "Those guys out there aren't fishes."

Hemminger gave some credit to the lack of scoring punch to the game being the first one of the season, but noted it was not a sloppy or soft contest.

"For a first game — we've always opened with Bellevue — it was hard hitting," he said.

Capitalizing on his 65-yard run, Carpenter rushed for a team-leading 84 yards in eight carries, a 10.5 yard-per-carry average.

Ken Morrisette ran for a solid 65 yards on 19 carries, a 3.4 average, while Bryan Meek contributed 36 yards on eight tries, a 4.5 average.

Quarterback Gutkoski was forced to eat the ball often by the tough Arrow defense and lost four yards in 11 carries.

Hemminger said he was pleased with the performance of Dave Razzano as a safety. The sophomore was thrust into the starting lineup when injuries to Barry and Jeff Hecker and an illness by Mark St. Clair opened the position for the lad, who is trained as a cornerback.

Hemminger continued to stress patience, noting it was an extension of his team's self-discipline.

"There was plenty of stuff happening out there," he said. "But we didn't start jumping offside."

"Our discipline in practice contributes to our discipline on the field," the coach noted.

The Redskins travel to Bellevue next Friday to face the Redmen, who fell to Huron 21-14 in their season opener.



QUARTERBACK PHIL GUTKOSKI IS SNARED BY ASHLAND DEFENDER ...Redskin signal-caller was sacked for 14 yards rushing.

Plymouth Rolls In 2nd Half

PLYMOUTH — "We messed ourselves up the first half and made some bad mistakes, but we did everything right in the second half," said Plymouth coach Mike McFarren after his club's 27-0 win over

Seneca East Froiay.

"We passed too much in the first half and I told the kids we have to establish a ground game in the second half. We did an excellent job of that," McFarren beamed.

Held scoreless in the first half, the Big Red scored the first three times in possession after intermission to break the game wide open.

Jim Wallace capped a 65-yard drive midway through the third period by racing 31 yards to paydirt. The hosts marched 47 yards in seven plays after a Seneca East punt to add their second marker. Quarterback Mike Berberick darted in from the four and also added the two-point conversion for a 14-0 lead.

Berberick team with part-time quarterback Jim Robinson for the third score with 1:09 elapsed in the fourth quarter. Robinson, playing the split end, grabbed the 10-yard scoring strike which came on the third play following a Tiger fumble.

Freshman Jim Jamerson carried the ball once for Plymouth, and scored. He dashed 25 yards with 31 seconds left in the game to climax a six-play, 47-yard drive.

"Our defense was the story. They (Seneca East) recovered one of our fumbles on our 25 in the second period and the defense held. They kept us in the game until we could get our offense untracked," McFarren said.

"We had balanced running from Marty Ross, Wallace and Berberick," McFarren explained. Plymouth rushed for 242 yards and passed only once in the second half...for a touchdown.

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Seneca East	0	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	0	0	14	13	27
Scorings:					
P—Jim Wallace, 31 run. (kick failed).					
P—Mike Berberick, 4 run. (Berberick, run).					
P—Jim Robinson, 10 pass from Berberick. (Gary Holt, kick).					
P—James Jamerson, 25 run. (kick failed).					

Thornton's Homer Leads Tribe

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (UPI) — Bo Diaz and Bernie Carbo hit solo home runs and Andre Thornton lashed a pair of RBI singles Friday night to lift the Cleveland Indians to a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Winner David Clyde, 6-9, gave up four hits and the lone Minnesota in the seven innings he pitched. Dan Spillner finished up to earn his third save.

Rick Manning led off the game with a single off loser Roger Erickson, 13-9, who struck out 10, a

season-high for Twins' hurlers. Manning advanced on a sacrifice and scored on Thornton's single to right. Thornton hit a single to left to knock in Buddy Bell, who had tripled to lead off the fourth, giving Thornton his 90th RBI. Diaz hit his second homer of the year in the fifth and Carbo belted his fourth of the year in the sixth.

Minnesota scored in the seventh when Roy Smalley walked, advanced to third on a single by Larry Wolfe and scored on Glenn Borgmann's sacrifice fly.

Sneva Has Pole At Ontario

ONTARIO, Calif. (UPI) — Defending U.S. Auto Club champion Tom Sneva has grabbed the pole position for Sunday's \$300,000 California 500 at the Ontario Motor Speedway.

Sneva, a former Spokane, Wash., school administrator, barely missed the 200-mph mark — being clocked in 199.993 mph Thursday in his Norton Spirit Penske-Cosworth.

A.J. Foyt failed to qualify when mechanics could not straighten out mechanical problems in his Parnelli-Cosworth before the 6 p.m. deadline. Foyt will have to qualify Friday and will not be able to start the race any higher than 24th place in a field of 32 or 33 cars.

The scorching 96-degree heat took its toll of engines, although none of the failures were believed to be serious enough to prevent any cars from racing.

Sneva, who set the Ontario track record of 202.384 mph in March over the 2.5-mile oval, notched his seventh pole position in 12 USAC races this season. Danny Ongais of Carlsbad, Calif., took the other six pole positions.

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