



Barberton quarterback Ken Rector (15) is wrapped up without the football as Rodney Koonce (36) reacts to loose ball out of the picture. Koonce had one of three interceptions, one resulting in a touchdown.

Western Reserve, St. Paul are lopsided winners in FC

Much of the focus in the Firelands Conference may be centered around tonight's showdown battle between Edison and Ashland Crestview.

But, that didn't stop Western Reserve and Norwalk St. Paul from posting victories by lopsided margins Friday night.

Western Reserve raced to a 39-8 lead after three quarters en route to a 45-24 clubbing of winless New London while St. Paul built a 21-0 lead and went on to defeat Monroeville, 21-6.

In other games, Black River took over first place in the FC South Division with a 4-0 mark following a 39-12 crushing of Plymouth and South Central stepped outside the loop for a 21-14 win over Conotton Valley.

Tonight, North Division leader Edison will host Crestview in a battle of conference unbeatens.

The Chargers, 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the FC, have won 29 straight conference games and are unbeaten in their last 31. Meanwhile, Crestview is one of two first-year members of the loop and are unbeaten and unscored on in seven games including three conference outings.

passes completed	8	1
had intercepted	1	2
net yards passing	70	19
Total Net Yards Gained	157	127
Fumbles (number)	1	4
ball lost	0	4
Penalties (number)	8	6
yards penalized	60	60

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Norwalk St. Paul	8	0	6	6	21
Monroeville	0	0	0	6	6

Scoring: Norwalk St. Paul — Scott Jaworski, 2 run. (Keith Shumate, run).
Norwalk St. Paul — Joe Hug, recovered fumbled punt in end zone. (kick failed).
Norwalk St. Paul — Doug Mainzer, 1 run. (Matt Spriggs, kick).
Monroeville — Jeff Stieber, 17 run. (kick failed).

rambled 52 yards to the end zone.

In the third quarter, Western added a pair of scores as Joe Jones scored from six yards away and Perkins scampered in on a 23-yard run.

Each team reached paydirt in the final stanza.

New London scored twice. First, Dennis Byron hauled in an eight-yard pass from Kozel and Ben Patrick scored later on a 60-yard run. Western also tallied on a big play as Shannon Wolfe broke loose for a 55-yard score.

**Western Reserve 45
New London 24**

**Black River 39
Plymouth 12**

COLLINS — Western Reserve running back Jerry Perkins reached paydirt on four occasions while leading his team to its second straight conference win.

The victory upped the Roughriders to 5-3 overall, 2-2 in the conference while New London is winless in eight outings including five FC games.

Perkins scored three times in the first half on runs of four, 15 and seven yards.

The Roughriders also scored as Tom Hipp hauled in a 42-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Russ Logan as the hosts scurried to a 27-8 halftime bulge.

New London's only score in the first half came in the opening period when Steve Kozel

PLYMOUTH — John Knorr scored a pair of touchdowns and rambled for 221 yards in 24 carries to lead Black River to its fourth straight conference win.

Knorr scored both of his touchdowns in the second half as the Pirates continued to build on their 19-6 halftime bulge.

While the Pirates amassed 342 yards on the ground, it was just the opposite for Plymouth which finished with a minus-22.

In fact, the Big Red ended the game with minus-14 as they had just eight yards passing against the stingy Black River defense.

**St. Paul 21
Monroeville 6**

MONROEVILLE — Norwalk St. Paul snapped a four-game losing streak and notched its first win in the conference.

The Flyers, 3-4-1 overall and 1-3 in the FC, held an 8-0 advantage at halftime.

Scott Jaworski put St. Paul ahead in the contest with a two-yard scoring burst and Keith Shumate ran the conversion at the 6:14 mark of the opening quarter.

In the third quarter, the Flyers proved opportunistic as Joe Hug recovered a fumble by Monroeville punter Dan Jordan was kicking from the end zone. The PAT failed but the visitors had a 14-0 lead at the 3:16 mark of the period.

Monroeville, 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the conference, made for an interesting finish when Jeff Stieber scored on a 17-yard run with 7:54 left in the game. The conversion failed and St. Paul led, 14-6.

With 1:22 remaining, the Flyers added an insurance touchdown as Doug Mainzer plunged over from one yard away and Matt Spriggs split the uprights on the conversion for the final 21-6 count.

Shumate led the St. Paul ground game with 53 yards in 21 carries while Stieber had 77 in 13 rushes for Monroeville. The Eagles were plagued by four lost fumbles and also had two passes intercepted.

STATISTICS

First Downs (total)	NSP	Mon
net yards rushing	12	8
passes attempted	87	108
	17	10

Passing game comes to life

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won a Buckeye title, are 6-1 overall.

"The kids were fired up when someone mentioned Admiral King after the game was over. It will be the moment of truth for us next week," Coach Jim Colwell said.

"We can now talk about playing Admiral King. It's been a long three weeks waiting for this one, but I felt our kids were emotionally ready tonight, moreso than in the last two weeks," Colwell said.

The Streaks' celebrated running game was shut down by the often-beaten Magics (1-7), but the defensive unit came through once again and produced the fourth touchdown of the season with the opponents in possession.

In addition, quarterback Bret Ninke had a hot hand for a few minutes, and engineered a four-play 67-yard drive to get the Streaks on the board first.

Ninke hurled a perfect strike to wide open wingback Chris Romick for 28 yards on the first play after a Barberton punt, then came right back to hook up with fullback Willie Clark for 18 more. After missing his next attempt, Ninke sent Clark to the right side and the 175-pound senior did his thing, bouncing outside and simply racing away from defenders for a 21-yard

touchdown jaunt. Alan Antel kicked the PAT for a 7-0 lead with 9:10 left in the period.

Sandusky marched 64 yards in seven plays the next time in possession, and wingback Dave Turner caught Barberton's defense completely by surprise on a counter play and ran three yards to paydirt uncontested.

Acutally, Ninke had thrown an innerception four plays earlier, but the Barberton safetyman in turn fumbled on the return and Turner recovered to give the ball just that quickly back to the Streaks.

A 20-yard pass from Ninke to Turner put the ball at the Barberton 3, and Turner scampered into the end zone on the next play. Antel's kick made it 14-0.

The up-and-down defense put the next points on the board.

Senior inside linebacker Ulysses Kirksey, noted more for his blitzing antics than defending the pass, stepped in front of a Barberton receiver and scooted 33 yards to the end zone with his first interception of the season. That came with 2:19 left in the half, and only 78 seconds after Turner's touchdown.

The Streaks added the two-point conversion as Richard Twine received a big block from Romick as he raced for the flag.

Sandusky's defense, in turn, gave the Magics a gift score in

the last seconds of the half, thanks to three pass interference calls.

"We were playing the man, not the football and that cost us," Colell said.

Barberton's scored came on a 10-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ken Rector to fullback Greg Butcher who made the catch while kneeling in the end zone.

Sandusky tacked on its last score early in the fourth period.

Defensive end Irv Owens recovered a fumble at the Barberton 17, and two plays later Twine danced into the end zone. The 170-pound tailback jetted the final eight yards after a 9-yard advance on the first play from scrimmage. Twine than ran around the left side for the two-point conversion

Barberton scored against Sandusky's down-the-liners with 37 seconds to play on a 74-yard drive featuring the running of Butcher who had 39 of the yards on seven carries, including the last three.

"Our running game didn't go, but Barberton did some things we didn't expect, and took our running game away from us, but we hit some passes that helped a great deal," Colwell concluded.

The Streaks were held to 100 yards on the ground, and both Twine and Clark had problems.

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