

# Pirates outright SBC football champs

## Defense carries Perkins to 7-0 victory over PC

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PORT CLINTON — Perkins had a flare for the dramatic in 1982, evidenced by its 7-0 win over Port Clinton Friday night in the season finale at True-Lay Stadium.

The win helped the Pirates finish with an 8-2 overall record and they were spotless in seven

## Adams caps big season for Danbury

PLYMOUTH — Steve Adams, who churned up 111 yards in his final game for Danbury High School, scored the game's only touchdown as the Lakers defeated Plymouth, 6-0.

The all-Ohio candidate finished the season with 1,473 yards, which included his 51-yard TD gallop. Last year, he teamed with Mark Sauvey as the one-two Danbury punch.

As a junior, the 185-pound senior recorded 664 yards to add to his sophomore total of 794. This gives the four-year letterman 2,931 yards in his final three years of play.

Danbury picked up a total of 283 yards on the ground compared to just 78 for the Big Red. Neither team found the aerial game to their liking as the Lakers were 1-for-4 for 13 yards while Plymouth ended with 2-for-14 for 26 yards.

A total of 155 yards in penalties were walked off with the visitors accounting for 90 of them.

Danbury finished the season with a 5-5 mark and a 4-1 record in the Lakeshore Conference. This gave them a league co-championship with Northwood, as the Wildcats defeated North Baltimore 20-0 to also finish at 4-1.

The win closes out coach Jeff Warnicke's fourth season. His overall record at the school is now 24-15-1 while his league record is 17-2-1.

The Lakers have won or shared the league championship in each of the last four seasons. At one stretch they had remained unbeaten for 17 straight games.

STATISTICS

	Dan	Ply
First Downs (total)	14	8
net yards rushing	283	78
passes attempted	4	14
passes completed	1	2
had intercepted	1	0
net yards passing	13	26
Total Net Yards Gained	296	104
Fumbles (number)	3	1
ball lost	3	0
Penalties (number)	12	9
yards penalized	90	65

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4
Danbury	0	0	6	0
Plymouth	0	0	0	0

Scoring: Danbury — Steve Adams, 51 run. (kick failed).

Sandusky Bay Conference outings.

It was the first outright title for Perkins since 1975 when they also were unbeaten in conference play (6-0) en route to the school's best-ever season record of 9-1.

"It wasn't pretty but it was worth a championship," sighed an emotionally-drained Jim Stauffer afterwards.

"There were a lot of games in which we could have folded during the drive to the title but we didn't. We didn't do it the easy way, beginning with the Brian Printy field goal to defeat Margareta in the conference opener. And, tonight's win didn't come much easier."

"We knew Port Clinton had a good team and both defensive units played to their capabilities. The play of our defense has been the key all season long and they really came up with some big hits to help win this one."

Both teams were plagued by mistakes in the early going.

Port Clinton, which closes at 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the conference, mounted the only threat following an interception by Jim Bredbeck of a Greg Butler pass.

He made the grab at the Perkins 33 and returned the ball to the 19. At the conclusion of the play, the Pirates were whistled for a personal foul and PC assumed possession at the nine-yard-line.

However, it all went for naught on the ensuing play as PC quarterback Bob Smith coughed the ball up on a sweep around left end. Tim Holkenborg made the hit on Smith with Rich Buathier making the recovery at the 10.

Smith was injured on the play and was transported to MaGruder Hospital for a back injury.

The Pirates, with the help of two unsportsmanlike conduct calls against the hosts, proceeded to drive 90 yards to paydirt for what proved to be the only score of the contest.

The first 15-yard penalty proved to be the pivotal one as it came on a third down run by Mike Coleman which was well short of the first down.

However, the major foul allowed the Pirates to keep the drive alive.

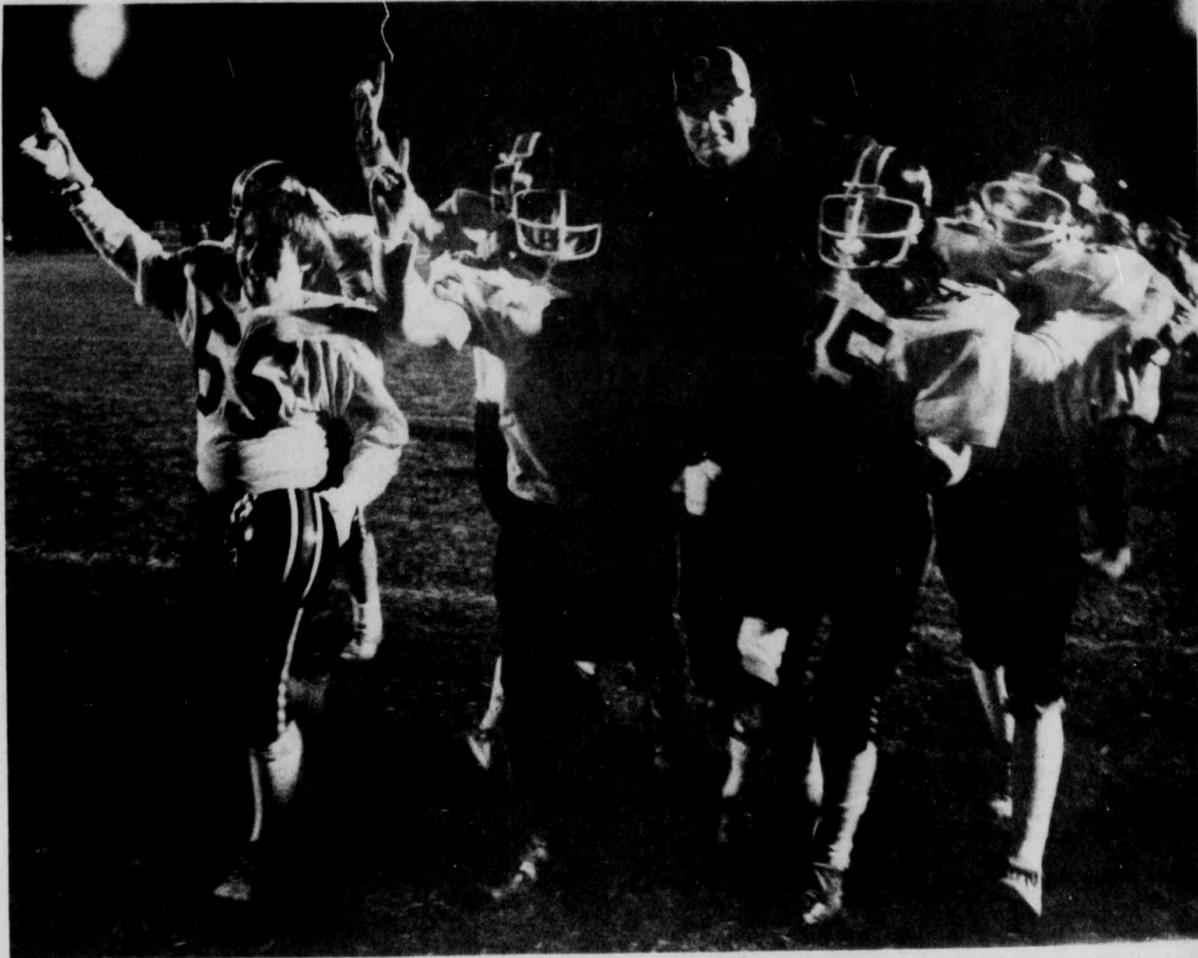
Junior tailback Chris Kenne, who gained 119 yards in 30 carries, climaxed the 10-play drive with a 20-yard scamper up the middle for the touchdown at the 10:55 mark of the second period. Brian Printy split the uprights on the conversion attempt and the Pirates led, 7-0.

"He (Kenne) did a good job running with the ball, especially when you consider the fact they (PC) were firing a nine-man line at us at the time."

The Pirates threatened again midway through the second period following a fumble recovery by senior Phil Johnson at the PC 21.

But, it was nullified four plays later when Eric Messner intercepted a Butler pass at the five-yard-line and returned it to the 10.

Another PC fumble on the second half kickoff was recovered by Frank Kidd at the hosts' 19.



(Register photo — TIM FLECK)

Perkins head football coach Jim Stauffer is carried off the field on the shoulders of players Brian Printy (81) and Matt Mapus (45) after the Pirates clinched outright possession

of the Sandusky Bay Conference crown with a 7-0 triumph over Port Clinton.

But, the Redskins rose to the occasion again and thwarted the potential drive to paydirt.

As the third period wound down, the Pirates began a drive from their own 44. Ten plays later, they were facing a fourth-and-six situation at the PC eight.

Printy was called on for a 25-yard field goal attempt when just missed to the left at the 11:56 mark of the final quarter.

The Pirates had another score called back just 1½ minutes later when a clipping penalty nullified a 48-yard touchdown run by Coleman on a punt return.

Still, they moved the ball to the PC 16 where the drive stalled when they came up inches short on a fourth down run.

PC, which mustered just five yards total offense, picked up its

initial first down and only one in the game with just under four minutes remaining on a 19-yard completion from sophomore quarterback Chris Rakosky to sophomore receiver Dennis Voss.

The Pirates, meanwhile, rushed for 212 yards and ran off 66 of defensive plays to just 25 for the hosts.

"We went conservative in the second half after having two interceptions early. If the lead had been greater, we might have went to the air more. But, we just couldn't afford to have them (PC) break a big one on us after the way our defense was playing."

Boy, we've sure come a long way in six years. I can well remember the last game of that first season when we went 0-10.

It was cold and snowing and Amherst beat us, 44-0. I just hope this is the beginning of good things to come."

Senior tri-captains Brian Printy, Todd Kreimes and Jim Gawryszewski each felt the team began to think about winning the SBC title after its 12-0 win over Tiffin Calvert.

"We made a good showing against Fremont St. Joe and felt we were on a streak and could go all the way at that point. We really began to believe in ourselves after the Calvert game," said Printy.

"After tough losses to Vermilion and Bellevue, coach Stauffer told us we wouldn't lose anymore in '82. The win over Calvert was a big one because they have the tradition. We felt, as seniors, that we had to be the

leaders but this isn't just a senior team and all of us really stick together," said Kreimes.

"After the Bellevue game, we refused to lose in '82. We knew we had played some good teams and figured we might have a shot at winning the conference," said Gawryszewski.

STATISTICS

	Perk	PC
First Downs (total)	12	1
net yards rushing	212	-14
passes attempted	5	7
passes completed	1	1
had intercepted	2	1
net yards passing	15	19
Total Net Yards Gained	227	5
Fumbles (number)	2	4
ball lost	0	3
Penalties (number)	5	5
yards penalized	69.5	62

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4
Perkins	0	7	0	7
Port Clinton	0	0	0	0

Scoring: Perkins — Chris Kenne, 20 run. (Brian Printy, kick).

## Strickland breaks passing mark

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HURON — Huron junior quarterback Randy Strickland certainly will be looking forward to next football season, but he may have one problem — what to do for an encore.

After all, the 5-10, 165-pound Strickland has already put his name in the records books as Huron's all-time leading passer for one season following Friday's 21-7 victory over Margareta.

Strickland broke Jim Legando's record set in 1979 — the first year the Tigers went to the run-and-shoot offense — with a 210-yard performance that topped his season total to 1,735 yards.

Despite cold temperatures and blustery winds, Strickland completed 18 for 30 passes for two touchdowns and no interceptions in leading the Tigers. He also rushed for one touchdown.

On the season, Strickland completed 161 of 291 passes, threw for 16 touchdowns, rushed for 5, and threw just 8 interceptions.

Predictably, he drew praise from both coaches. "Strickland had a super game," Margareta coach Dana Woodring said. "He's a great athlete. With these kind of conditions to throw the ball that well..."

Huron coach Tony Munafa was equally impressed.

"Isn't Randy Strickland smooth?" he said. "He and (fullback) Thom Siegel compliment each other very well. If you stop one, the other one hurts you. We've got you so spread out with our offense, that it's tough to defend it all."

With the win, Huron finished the season 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Margareta finished 2-8 and 2-5.

But the Polar Bears' record doesn't fool Munafa.

"I think Margareta is a darn good football team, everything

considered," Munafa said. "I know I'm considered the dean of the area coaches and have had a lot of wins, and our kids have a lot of wins, but that Dana Woodring has done an outstanding job with that young team. He is a dangerous coach."

Indeed, the young Polar Bears, with just three seniors, had things under control in the early going.

Forcing Huron to punt after the first possession of the game, the Bears drove to the Huron 15 yard line behind the running and passing of junior quarterback Randy Fredrick, who returned to the starting quarterback role for the first time in three weeks after having sustained a hand injury.

A field goal attempt went awry when the snap was high, and kicker Jim Bodey attempted a pass into the turbine that fell incomplete, turning the ball over to Huron.

The Tigers then went on a marathon, 17-play, 85-yard drive that Strickland capped-off with a three-yard scamper. Siegel had run the ball on the previous eight plays, gaining 45 yards to set up the score.

Scott Schlessman added the first of three successful extra point kicks, and Huron had a 7-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

Margareta appeared to have a touchdown on the very next play from scrimmage, as Fredrick faked to fullback Joe Teeple and raced around end for an apparent 75-yard score.

But, according to Woodring, the officials blew a quick whistle, thinking Teeple had the ball and had been brought down.

"That's a terrible thing to happen on the last game of the season," Woodring said. "They shouldn't miss something like that."

Regardless, the Polar Bears used the running of Teeple to get to the Huron eight-yard line,

where they were eventually forced with a fourth-and-three.

With Fredrick having an equipment problem that forced him out of the game for one play, Bodey, who had replaced Fredrick went he was injured, threw a pass that just missed being a touchdown.

But the Polar Bears had let another opportunity slip by, and trailed as the half ended, 7-0.

Neither team moved the ball particularly well in the third quarter, with Huron's Mike Lagando intercepting a Margareta pass at the 10 yard line to end the Bears biggest threat.

Two plays later, Strickland hit running back Howard Mercer on a 60-yard pass play. Strickland finished the scoring drive seven plays later with a three-yard touchdown pass to Ed Pettegrew with three seconds left in the third quarter.

Margareta bounced right back, however, on an eight-play, 67-yard drive that Teeple capped with a 12-yard touchdown run. Bodey kicked the extra point.

The Tigers closed out Margareta on the next series, though, spending three minutes on the clock before Strickland hit Phil Holsapple on a 39-yard touchdown pass on a fourth-and-three situation.

"(Assistant coach) Tony (Legando) had been setting that play up," Munafa said. "He calls all the plays. I kept asking him when he was going to pop that play, but he waited for the right situation."

"I'll tell you, it's a good feeling winning the last game," Munafa said. "It's the most important game of the season because it's the one you think about the most in the off-season."

For Woodring, the game ended a season of frustrating, close losses.

"It's tough to keep coming

back when you've lost several close ones," he said. "But our kids kept coming back, just like they have all season. Our pride is starting to show here, we aren't get annihilated by the other SBC schools like we used to. We now have a chance to experience some real good things in the future. We've got a great group of young men here."

That's something both teams could say following Friday's game.

STATISTICS

	Hur	Marg
First Downs (total)	13	16
net yards rushing	128	170
passes attempted	30	14
passes completed	17	6
had intercepted	0	1
net yards passing	210	76
Total Net Yards Gained	338	246
Fumbles (number)	0	1
ball lost	0	0
Penalties (number)	8	2
yards penalized	90	10

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4
Margareta	0	0	7	7
Huron	0	7	7	21

Scoring: Huron — Randy Strickland, 3 run. (Scott Schlessman, kick).  
Huron — Ed Pettegrew, 3 pass from Strickland. (Schlessman, kick).  
Margareta — Joe Teeple, 12 run. (Jim Bodey, kick).  
Huron — Phil Holsapple, 39 pass from Strickland. (Schlessman, kick).

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