

Plymouth gets 1st Firelands win

Big Red defeat Norwalk St. Paul, 7-6

NORWALK — Plymouth, who had won just one game in the past three years, won its second of this season Saturday, edging Norwalk St. Paul, 7-6, at Whitney Field in Norwalk.

The Flyers had been hanging on to a 6-0 lead which came on a first quarter touchdown, but had a critical turnover late in the game which opened the door for the Big Red.

St. Paul fumbled at its own 19 yard line, and Plymouth was quick to capitalize, scoring three plays later when quarterback Jeff Jacobs hit Darren Branhan for a 19 yard touchdown strike.

James Will then kicked the all-

important extra point, and Plymouth led, 7-6, with just 2:09 remaining in the game.

The Flyers had scored on the first possession of the game following the kickoff, with Keith Shumate capping a 67-yard drive which took just five plays. He scampered 13 yards for the TD.

The extra point try failed when the snap from center was bobbled.

The Flyers would not score the rest of the way, despite a fine 153-yard performance by Shumate, who carried the ball 25 times.

It was the first game for St. Paul this season without their first-team quarterback, Kelly Amato, who broke his collarbone against Edison last Saturday. He is out for the season.

Penalties plagued the Flyers in three potential scoring drives, while two lost fumbles aborted other drives.

Plymouth is now 2-5 overall and gained its first Firelands Conference win since joining the conference this season. The Big Red are 1-3 in the South division of the conference under first-year head coach Dick Roll.

St. Paul has now lost four straight games after a fine 2-0-1

STATISTICS

	P	NSP
First Downs (total)	8	15
net yards rushing	118	219
passes attempted	12	12
passes completed	4	5
had intercepted	1	2
net yards passing	54	41
Total Net Yards Gained	182	250
Fumbles (number)	1	3
ball lost	1	2
Penalties (number)	4	6
yards penalized	20	70

start, and is 2-4-1 overall and 0-3 in the Firelands Conference North division.

St. Paul is at Monroeville Friday, while Plymouth hosts Black River, the co-leader of the South division with Ashland Crestview.

Strickland uncanny in leading Huron

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23 passing attempts for 155 yards, connected on four-of-five passes during the drive including a 26-yarder to J Roth. Also, he hooked up twice with Craig Incorvia for gains of eight and 14 yards and also found Ron Sennish for a 15-yard pick up.

Following the pass to Sennish, Hallock scampered around left end for the final five yards and a St. Mary's touchdown. J Roth passed to Dan Ulmer for the

two-point conversion and the Panthers trailed by a 35-8 score with 5:17 left in the contest.

"We just played a miserable first half, the worst I have ever witnessed," said St. Mary's mentor Butch Weyer, who watched the Panthers dip to 0-6-1 overall and 0-4 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

"Those fumbles in the second half really hurt. If we could have scored, it would have made it interesting. Those are the kind of

mistakes we shouldn't be making at this time of the season. We're no longer an inexperienced team. By this time (seventh game), you're experienced."

"In the early going, we should have come up with a couple of interceptions. We knew what they (Huron) was going to run at us and our people were right there but just didn't come up with the interception or knockdown of the pass and they (Huron) were able to get a big

lead at halftime."

Holsapple led Huron receivers with four catches for 103 yards while Incorvia paced St. Mary's with five receptions for 60 yards and Roth had four for 65.

Mike Van Rossum led the Tigers on the ground with 52 yards in just one carry while Siegel had 47 in 13 rushes. Wieber topped the Panthers with 52 yards in 14 attempts.

The Panthers return to action Friday, traveling to Clyde.

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First Downs (total)	8	14
net yards rushing	134	174
passes attempted	20	17
passes completed	4	10
had intercepted	4	0
net yards passing	56	128
Total Net Yards Gained	190	302
Fumbles (number)	6	1
ball lost	0	1
Penalties (number)	9	9
yards penalized	95	89

Speidenner was the leading ground gainer for the winners with 83 yards in 17 carries while Coleman totaled 81 in 12 rushes.

St. Joe takes charge in 2nd half to down PC

FREMONT — Fremont St. Joe scored three times within a seven minute span of the second half and went on to defeat Port Clinton by a 35-13 count in Sandusky Bay Conference play Saturday night.

St. Joe, 4-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference, clung to a slim 14-13 lead until late in the third quarter when disaster struck the visiting Redskins, which drop to 1-6 overall and 0-4 in the SBC.

First, St. Joe moved ahead by a 21-13 count as Steve Guyer hauled in a 19-yard touchdown pass from John Sidell and Phil Mosser booted the conversion with 2:33 left in the third quarter.

Port Clinton was unable to sustain a drive on its ensuing possession.

The Redskins attempted to fake a punt and threw a pass which was intercepted by St. Joe's Scott Kuzma and he

returned the theft 45 yards to paydirt. Again Mosser converted as the hosts took a 28-13 lead as time ran out in the third quarter.

In the fourth, the winners added another score as Greg Streaker was on the receiving end of a 17-yard pass from Sidell and Mosser booted the PAT for the final 35-13 score.

St. Joe took a 14-0 lead early in the game.

In the first quarter, Mark Coleman scored on a 32-yard-run with 9:02 showing on the clock and Mosser converted for a 7-0 lead.

With 10:49 remaining before halftime, the Streaks tallied again as Mike Sweeney intercepted a Port Clinton pass and raced 69 yards to paydirt and Mosser converted for a 14-0 advantage.

But, the Redskins battled back.

At the 7:45 mark of the second quarter, Eric Messner took a two-yard pass from halfback Tom Scott and Chris Raff booted the conversion. The Redskins moved even closer and trailed by a 14-13 margin following Jim Bredbeck's 49-yard punt return for a score and the PAT attempt failed.

Guyer was a thorn in the side of Port Clinton. He pulled in five receptions for 101 yards and also had two interceptions. Paul

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Dupree raced for a 75-yard touchdown the first time he touched the ball midway through the first quarter and added scoring runs of 13 yards in the third period and 7 yards in the fourth quarter en route to the first 100-yard rushing day of his collegiate career. He had entered the game with only 178 yards rushing this season.

Dupree spearheaded a devastating Oklahoma rushing attack that abused Kansas for 556 yards. The Sooners rotated six running backs and flip-flopped between the 1-formation and the wishbone in improving their record to 4-2 with their seventh straight victory over Kansas.

Stanley Wilson, who started at tailback ahead of Dupree, added 99 yards and starting fullback Weldon Ledbetter chipped in 66 yards. Backup fullback Freddie Sims added 88 yards and starting quarterback Kelly Phelps had 34 yards in nine carries and two touchdowns.

West Virginia 16, Va. Tech 6
BLACKSBURG, Va. (UPI) — Jeff Hostetler fired a 10-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter and Paul Woodside added three field goals Saturday to lead 12th-ranked West Virginia to a 16-6 victory over Virginia Tech before the largest crowd ever to watch a football game in Virginia.

The Mountaineers, 5-1, took advantage of five Virginia Tech turnovers — three of which led directly to West Virginia scores. Wayne Brown caught Hostetler's TD pass and Woodside's field goals covered 44, 17 and 35 yards.

Cincinnati 16, Memphis State 7
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Allen Harvin ran for 132 yards and one touchdown and quarterback Danny Barrett passed for 204 yards Saturday to lead Cincinnati to a 16-7 victory over winless Memphis State.

Jim Fogler hit three field goals for the Bearcats, 4-2, who handed the Tigers their 13th straight loss over two years and the sixth this season.

Former Norwalk St. Paul coach Mike Gottfried watched his Cincinnati squad score with 11:11 left in the opening period on a 42-yard field goal by Fogler, taking advantage of a shanked 20-yard punt by Stan Weaver to set up the score.

Barrett completed 20 of 36 passes for Cincinnati and Harvin ran 30 times in posting his 132 yards. Belongy completed 6-of-13 for 113 yards.

College football

Bowling Green nips Northern Illinois by 2

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (UPI) — Gehad Youssef kicked a 29-yard field goal with 29 seconds left in the game Saturday to lift Bowling Green to a 20-18 Mid-American Conference triumph over Northern Illinois.

Northern had taken an 18-17 lead with 5:03 left when Tim Tyrrell hit Greg Spicher with a 31-yard touchdown pass and then Tyrrell and Spicher connected on a two-point conversion pass.

Northern, which dropped to 1-4 overall and 1-3 in the MAC, held a 10-7 halftime lead on a 30-yard Vince Scott field goal and a 1-yard TD run by fullback Lou Wicks.

Bowling Green's lone first-half score came on a 2-yard plunge by tailback Bryant Jones.

Bowling Green took the lead in the third quarter on another Jones' touchdown, this one coming from 4 yards out. Jones led all ball carriers with 76 yards in 30 attempts.

BG, now 4-1 overall and 4-1 in the conference, upped its lead to 17-10 with a field goal from 34 yards by Youssef before Tyrrell's TD pass.

BG's offense was sparked by freshman quarterback Brian McClure, who connected on 17-of-26 passes for 194 yards.

W. Michigan 10, Miami, Ohio 0
KALAMAZOO, Mich. (UPI) — Mark Kujaczski scored on a 55-yard interception return in the second quarter and Mike Prindle added a 46-yard field goal Saturday to spark Western Michigan to 10-0 victory over previously unbeaten Miami (Ohio) in a Mid-American Conference game.

Kujaczski's touchdown run at 5:28 of the second period helped hand Miami its first loss of the season after five outings. The play was set up when Bronco John Offerdahl forced a fumble by Redskin tailback Jay Peterson.

Two periods later, Prindle widened the score gap with his 46-yard field goal.

Western Michigan improved to 4-1-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the MAC. Miami dropped to 3-1 in the MAC.

Redskins' quarterback John Appold threw for 167 yards, but was sacked twice for Miami. Miami had arrived in Kalamazoo leading the NCAA Division I-AA in rushing defense, allowing just 39.2 yards per game.

Western Michigan quarterback Scott Smith, who had been out for two games with a knee injury, returned to play in the Bronco's homecoming game.

Central Mich 16, Toledo 12
MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. (UPI) — Halfback Curtis Adams threw a 5-yard touchdown pass then ran 17 yards for another TD to lead Central Michigan to a 16-12 victory Saturday over Toledo University in a Mid-American Conference game.

Adam's touchdown pass came at 11:27 of the second quarter when he tossed to receiver Jim Burnor. Two periods later, with 8:48 left to play in the game, he plunged across the goal line to

break a 12-6 Toledo lead and tie the game.

A kick by Novo Bojovic put Central ahead for good before Bojovic booted a 22-yard insurance field goal.

Toledo kicker Tony Lee tied the Perry Shorts stadium record of four field goals by booting the ball 20, 26, 27 and 22 yards for the losers. The record by Rade Savich was set in 1976.

Toledo attempted to score again before the clock ran out, and take the victory, but three interceptions — by CMU's Charles Broutine, Ray Bentley and Jim Bowman — blocked the visiting team's efforts.

The win improved Central to 3-2-1 on the season and 2-1-1 in the MAC. Toledo dropped to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the league.

Ohio U. 14, Eastern Mich 13
YPSILANTI, Mich. (UPI)

Freshman Bob Hirschmann missed a field goal with 13 seconds left Saturday and Eastern Michigan lost to Mid-American Conference rival Ohio University, 14-13, extending the longest collegiate losing streak in the nation to 25 games.

Hirschman's 39-yard field goal attempt was about five yards to the right.

Eastern led 13-7 going into the fourth quarter and appeared on the way to its first win since Sept. 20, 1980. But at 4:25 mark, split end Eddy WASHINGTON scored on a 40-yard pass from Donny Harrison to tie it up and Ron Harter's point after kick gave Ohio the lead.

Ohio, which started Eastern's losing streak with a 34-6 drubbing two years ago, improved to 3-1 in the MAC and 4-2 overall. Eastern is 0-6 overall and 0-4 in the conference.

Running back Ricky Calhoun scored both of Eastern's touchdowns, on runs of 1 and 2 yards, and finished the day with 158 yards rushing on 42 carries.

Ball St 21 Kent St 3
KENT, Ohio (UPI) — Despite losing four of 10 fumbles Ball State managed to score three times and defeat winless Kent State 21-3 in a Mid-American Conference contest Saturday.

After a scoreless first quarter, Kent took a brief 3-0 lead on a 21-yard field goal by Lou Caracci. But the Cardinals took the lead for good minutes later on a 1-yard plunge by fullback Bob Brinson and the score remained 7-3 at the half.

Ball State, now 2-4 overall and 2-2 in the MAC, tallied twice in the second half on a 15-yard pass from Jerry Eakle to Mike Schafer and a 3-yard run by Steve Straugbaugh.

Kent State, now 0-6 overall and 0-4 in the conference, was held to two yards net rushing.

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