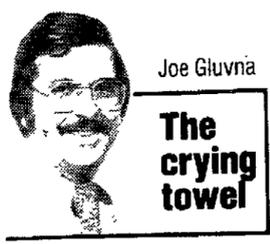


NORTH RIDGEVILLE'S Ken Wright (5) was a demon on pass defense Friday night, intercepting two Vermillion passes. Here he breaks up a potential touchdown pass to the Sailors' Tim Kilker (7). (C-T photo by Tom Mahl)

Slovak Lanes Classic underway

The 27th Annual American Slovak Lanes Singles Classic, featuring a purse of more than \$30,000, began this weekend and will continue for 9 more weeks in Lorain.



Joe Giuvna The crying towel

Guaranteed top prizes are \$4,500 for the handicap six-game total, \$2,250 for second place and \$1,125 for third. In the actual division, it will be \$1,500 for top spot, \$750 for second and \$375 for third.

THE TOURNAMENT, although open to both men and women, features an additional kitty for women for an extra \$2 added to the \$28 entry fee. The tournament committee will kick in \$150, \$75, \$30 and \$20 for the top four women handicap scores and \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the top three actual scores.

What's the main reason teams come to the ABC National Tournament each year? The opportunity to roll a big score and win a few bucks?

THE top 10 money winners on the pro circuit are: Mark Roth, \$99,865, Marshall Holman, \$86,070, Mike Durbin, \$84,640, Rickie Sajek, \$84,395, Gil Sliker, \$83,650, Gary Skidmore, \$81,763, Wayne Webb, \$79,875, George Pappas, \$71,430 and Mark Baker, \$70,480 and Ted Hannahs, \$69,485.

games, according to the American Bowling Congress.

But it's fun busting out of the old homestead and acting dumbly where no one knows who you are.

THE 1985 tournament in Tulsa, Okla. Three stars to the guys who picked that one. Tulsa has Oral Roberts University, which would be a neat place to visit while on a bowling tournament. And there's the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art, or the Mohawk Park, which the World Book Encyclopedia says is 1,140 hectares in area. And a lot of oil.

SERIOUSLY, Tulsa is a fine town. Cleveland always gets the rap. What the heck, nail Tulsa.

SATURDAY SQUAD times

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Prep football notebook

When Columbia coach Rick Dodson talks about his team having a big heart, one of the players he's really talking about is Bob Vibonese, a 5-7, 145-pound defensive tackle. "He's just amazing," Dodson says. "He gets in there and really gives it his best. He's something else."

Columbia's Eric Juris is really a team player. He's been an offensive back throughout his career, but this year was switched to tackle. When informed of the switch, Juris told his coach, "It's not what Eric Juris wants, it's what the team wants. The team comes first."

One play can be very important in a close football game and a procedure penalty might have cost Firelands the game Friday night. The Falcons were moving the ball in the fourth quarter against Columbia and had a second and one situation at the Columbia 34. A procedure penalty, however, made it second and six and forced a pass, which was intercepted by Wally Peery.

Firelands is known for its passing attack, but without Dave Smith to make it go, the Falcons had trouble passing against Columbia. Firelands did not complete a pass until 6:43 remained in the game. Chuck Doan was called on to play quarterback the second half because he had experience as a quarterback when he was a

sophomore. He discovered how Paul McDonald feels as Columbia applied a lot of pressure on Firelands' final possession.

Columbia's Phil Medvetz gets a lot of recognition for his offense, but he was the defensive standout in the big win over Firelands. His biggest play came when Firelands' Bob Best picked up a blocked punt and appeared headed for a winning touchdown. Medvetz managed to stop him at the Columbia 20, then helped sack the quarterback twice on the next series.

Three former area coaches are still winning big. Ex-Elyria Catholic boss Jim Rattay who his fourth game in six tries at Euclid as the Panthers blanked Mentor, 14-0.

Former Columbia boss Nick Toth, now at Toledo Central Catholic, steered his team to its sixth straight win in a perfect season, a 28-6 victory over Toledo Start. And Al O'Neill, formerly at Lorain St. Mary, Clearview and Avon Lake, is 6-0 at Lakewood St. Edward. The latest victory was an eye-opening 26-0 win over Toledo Scott, the same team that easily defeated Elyria High and Sandusky.

Clearview Coach Tom Hoch finally tried something that he's been thinking about for three years - coaching from the pressbox where the assistant coaches usually man their jobs. "It's the first time I've done it. I wanted to get a better picture

of what was going on with our offense. I went up for offensive reasons, but I got to see a lot of things with our defense also. It's a great place to see the entire field and how things develop. I learned a lot up there, even more than I would with game films," Hoch said.

Clipper fans can be able to spot Hoch on the sidelines next week, however. "I'm not staying up there, but I will return when I think it's needed. It's a good spot to see things. We came close to winning with me up there. Maybe next time I'll coach from a tower that's way up in the air so we'll win."

Several Midview players congratulated Clearview Coach Tom Hoch following the Middies' 18-0 win. It was obvious the Midview players were showing their respect for Hoch who did a fine job in preparing for the contest.

Midview's Chris Brooks' interception of a screen pass looked like a thing of beauty to Midview followers, but Middle Coach Jim Bollenbacher admitted that there was a blown assignment. A Midview player was supposed to contain on his side, but went after the quarterback instead. Brooks was alert and the defenseman picked off the pass neatly and raced to the endzone untouched. "He'd better catch the pass - he's an offensive end," Bollenbacher smiled. "We misplayed the interception, but Brooks read it real well."

Monroeville whips New London

NEW LONDON — Roger Smith ran for three touchdowns as undefeated Monroeville rolled over New London, 33-10, in a Firelands Conference game Friday night.

Smith sprinted 53 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter to give the lead to the Eagles, 14-10. He later scored two more TDs on runs of one and five yards.

For New London, Steve Kozel kicked a 32-yard field goal to set a school record. He also passed an eight-yard TD strike to Steve Spears in the second quarter.

Monroeville, 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the Firelands North, hosts Western Reserve in a big conference showdown Friday. New London, 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the league, goes to Norwalk St. Paul Saturday.

Team Statistics table comparing Monroeville and New London. Columns include First downs, Rushing, Passing, Penalty, Yards rushing, Yards passing, Total offense, Passes att.-comp, Intercepted by, Fumbles-lost, Punts-yards, Average, Yards penalized, Rushing plays.

Score by Quarters table showing Monroeville's 33-10 victory over New London.

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St. Paul-South Central GREENWICH — Dave Meyer ran 44 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter as Norwalk St. Paul defeated host South Central, 12-7, in a Firelands Conference contest Friday night.

South Central opened the scoring in the first quarter when Steve Lewis raced 70 yards to give the Trojans a 7-0 lead.

St. Paul came back in the second period when Matt Spriggs scored his fifth touchdown of the season on a two-yard run.

The Flyers, 4-2 overall and 3-0 in the Firelands North, hosts New London Saturday while the Trojans, 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the Firelands South, travels to Black River Friday.

Team Statistics table comparing St. Paul and So. Central. Columns include First downs, Rushing, Passing, Penalty, Yards rushing, Yards passing, Total offense, Passes att.-comp, Intercepted by, Fumbles-lost, Punts-yards, Average, Yards penalized, Rushing plays.

Score by Quarters table showing St. Paul's 12-7 victory over So. Central.

SC - Steve Lewis, 70 run (Mike Tuttle kick), SP - Matt Spriggs, 2 run (kick failed), SP - Dave Meyer, 44 run (kick failed).

Black River-Mapleton ASHLAND — Matt Pfeifer ran nine yards for the game's lone touchdown as Black River shut out host Mapleton, 8-0, in a Firelands Conference game Friday. The Pirates used a strong running attack in the game,

Firelands Conference

rolling up 264 yards on the ground. The defense held Mapleton to just 87 total yards offense.

Black River, 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the league, hosts South Central Friday while the Mounties, 1-5 overall and 0-3 in Firelands play, travels to Crestview.

Team Statistics table comparing Black River and Mapleton. Columns include First downs, Rushing, Passing, Penalty, Yards rushing, Yards passing, Total offense, Passes att.-comp, Intercepted by, Fumbles-lost, Yards penalized.

Score by Quarters table showing Black River's 8-0 victory over Mapleton.

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Freshmen headline district qualifiers

OBERLIN — A pair of freshmen head the list of players clinching Class AAA playoff berths Friday in the Girls Sectional Tennis Tournament at Oberlin College.

Fourth-seeded Nicole Gelman of Elyria and Midview's Paula DeMarco advanced to today's AAA sectional finals along with top-seeded Sonja Nemes of North Olmsted and second-seeded Inga Lenzer of Midview. Nemes faced Gelman today, while DeMarco went against Lenzer. All four will advance to the Midpark District next Thursday and Friday.

The final district qualifying spot was earned today as Southview's Barb Underwood, Paige Marsala and Shelly Miller of Avon Lake and Jackie Sprenger battled for fifth place.

DeMarco was the only unseeded player to earn a district spot as she upset third-seeded Teresa Flores of Southview, 6-4, 7-5, in the second round.

In Class AAA doubles action today the topped seeded team of Jodi Miller and Lauren McCain of Avon Lake took on the duo of Susan Kennedy and Kelly McBride of Bay. North Olmsted's third-seeded pair Suzy Leak and Carole Marquardt faced second-seeded Kathy Sords and Barbara Scott. Three of the four finalists will advance to the Midpark district.

In Class A-AA, Elyria Catholic's top-seeded Mary Lynn Hertrik advanced to today's semi-finals and met Olmsted Falls' Debbie Scherming. Second seeded Jenny Shults of Oberlin also earned a finalist spot and took on Elyria Catholic's Suzy Stec. Three of the four will move on to next week's Canton district.

In A-AA doubles two top-seeded Elyria Catholic teams competed in today's semi-finals. Monica Manzo and Tricia Brizes make up the Panther team which faced the Anita Lajwani-Karen Beck duo of Fairview. In today's other match EC's Chris Koebel and Melanie Jones met second-seeded Missy Revett and Sabrina Stec. Winners of the two matches will advance to the

Plymouth-Crestview

PLYMOUTH — Crestview won its first game of the season as the Cougars nipped Plymouth, 14-8, in a Firelands Conference game Friday.

Team Statistics table comparing Plymouth and Crestview. Columns include First downs, Rushing, Passing, Penalty, Yards rushing, Yards passing, Total offense, Passes att.-comp, Intercepted by, Fumbles-lost, Punts-yards, Average, Yards penalized, Rushing plays.

Scoring: C - Tim Knowlton, 41 pass from Mark Hershiser (Jim Coy run), C - Coy, 35 interception return (kick failed), P - Steve Hall, 24 run (Half run).

Canton district.

Today's play began at 9 a.m. Friday CLASS AAA SINGLES First Round

Sonja Nemes (N.Olmsted) def. Kelly Antonopolis (Amherst) 6-1, 6-2; Maria Glasco (Westlake) def. Jenni DiFilippo (Lorain) 6-4, 6-2; Lisa Hartman (Ash) def. Barb Barac (N.Ridgeville) 7-4, 6-1; Barb Underwood (Southview) def. Sue Bascom (Lorain) 6-1, 6-0; Paige Marsala (Avon Lake) def. Deana Aydelot (NO) 6-0, 6-1; Elka Sieben (Admiral King) def. Laura Soron (Elyria) 7-4, 6-1; Michelle Brugh (Bay) def. Colleen Westlake (Ash) 6-2, 6-4.

Nicole Gelman (Ely) def. Carrie Tomko (Midview) 6-4, 6-3; Teresa Flores (Sv) def. Lisa Petia (Ely) 6-2, 6-4; Paula Demarco (Mid) def. Julie Jensen (Am) 7-5, Jackie Sprenger (Lorain) 6-1; Cathy Chasmar (NR) 7-4, 6-4; Tracie Cunningham (Bay) def. Doreen Perez (Sv) 6-2, 6-4; Amy Tyler (AK) def. Cunningham 6-3, 6-4; Shelly Miller (AL) def. Carole Jergemier (West) 6-1, 6-4.

Colleen Bailey (Lor) def. Cindy Leak (NO) 6-3, 6-3; Laura Kay (Bay) def. Colleen Klear (NR) 6-0, 6-2; Inga Lenzer (Mid) def. Kristin Klear (NR) 6-0, 6-1.

Nemes def. Velasco 6-0, 6-0; Bartman def. Underwood 6-2, 6-3; Marsala def. Sieben 6-2, 6-0; Gelman def. Brugh 6-2, 6-2; Demarco def. Sprenger 6-2, 6-2; Sprenger def. Tyler 6-4, 7-4; Miller def. Bailey 6-2, 6-3; Lenzer def. Kay 6-4, 6-4.

Nemes def. Underwood 6-0, 6-0; Gelman def. Marsala 6-2, 5-7, 7-5; Demarco def. Sprenger 6-2, 6-2; Lenzer def. Miller 6-2, 6-4.

DOUBLES First Round Jodi Miller-Lauren McCain (AL) by: Diane Warrs-Michelle DeTomas (Westlake) def. Jackie Zwaczka-Kelly Henderson (NR) 6-4, 6-4; Suzy Leak-Jill Heibel (Ely) by: Michelle Miller-Carole Jergemier (West) 6-2, 6-2; Nicole Gelman (Ely) by: Susan Kennedy-Kelly McBride (Bay) def. Jill Yester-Krista Tomczyk (NO) 6-2, 6-1; Angie Bayer-Kim Albion (Mid) by: Suzy Leak-Carole Jergemier (West) 6-2, 6-2; Jackie Sprenger (Lor) by: Leslie Pateck-Kristi Urban (Mid) 6-4, 3-4, 6-2.

Dawn Stritar-Valecie Spicer (NR) by: Amy DiFilippo-Jackie Taylor (Ely) 6-2, 6-2; Nicole Gelman (Ely) by: Veri Ondak-Gina Cazanarica (Southview) 6-4, 6-4; Cindy Jara-Jane Turley (Westlake) by: Danae Leach-Shelley Stec (Ely) 6-2, 6-2; Jackie Sprenger (Lor) by: Kelly Sords-Barbara Scott (Bay) 6-2, 6-4.

Miller-McCain def. Warrs-DeTomas 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; Pateck-Kristi Urban 6-2, 6-2; Gelman-McCain 6-2, 6-2; Kennedy-McBride def. Bayer-Albion 6-2, 6-2; Leak-Marquardt def. Spicer-Dobson 6-2, 6-2; DiFilippo-Foley def. Tyler-Turley 6-0, 6-0; Jara-Turley def. North-Hull 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; Sords-Scott def. Leach-Straw 6-4, 6-4.

Miller-McCain def. Spicer-Dobson 6-2, 6-0; Kennedy-McBride def. Gorman-Moore 6-2, 6-0; Leak-Marquardt def. DiFilippo-Foley 6-1, 6-3; Sords-Scott def. Jara-Turley 6-4, 6-1.

CLASS A-AA SINGLES First Round Mary Lynn Hertrik (Ely) by: Nancy Kirk (Lor) 6-4, 6-2; Amy Jacobs (Ober) 6-4, 6-0; Sara French (Olm Falls) by: Lisa Hartman (Fairview) by: Debbie Scherming (OF) by: Barbara Beck (Fair) 6-4, 6-2; Anita Lajwani-Karen Beck (Fair) by: Julie Olson-Joy Detterre (Lor) by: Stella Abella (Lor) by: Sonia Stec (OF) by: Suzy Stec (Ely) by: Colleen Leak (Bay) by: Barbara Scott (Bay) 6-2, 6-2; Jenny Shults (Ober) by: Jill Presti (EC) 1-4, 6-1, 6-1; Jenny Shults (Ober) by: Second Round Hertrik def. Scott 6-1, 6-2; French def. Matton 6-2, 6-2; Scherming def. Duce 4-4, 6-2, 7; Bowser def. Dawson 4-4, 6-4; Abella def. Clemens 6-0, 6-2; Stec def. Stang 6-2, 6-2; Kelly def. Alexander 6-0, 6-0; Shults def. Burger 6-4, 6-1.

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