

## Edison claims first Monroeville wins

It was in the cards for Monroeville to win Friday's Firelands Conference opener at South Central.

Since Steve Ringholz took over as head coach of the Eagles in 1978, Monroeville has won conference openers in each of the even-numbered years while losing on the odd-numbered.

And, the Eagles kept the streak alive with a 12-0 blanking of South Central in the conference opener.

"It was kind of frustrating. We had almost 400 yards total offense and still could only put two touchdowns on the board. We're just not able to reach the end zone for some reason or another. One of these days, though, we'll break loose," noted Ringholz.

The Eagles, unbeaten in four outings, gained 143 yards on the ground and passed for an additional 213 enroute to 356 yards total offense while South Central came up with 120 yards rushing and 100 passing.

"South Central is a good 1-3 ball team. The score was close all the way. We had several opportunities to score but just couldn't do it," added Ringholz.

Senior Dave Keszei had another good night throwing the ball with an 18-of-30 showing for 213 yards. Mark Stacey was his favorite receiver with nine receptions for 154 yards while Scott Jones grabbed six for 63 yards.

Roger Smith, who scored the first Monroeville touchdown from one yard away in the second period, was the leading ground gainer in the game with 142 yards in 22 carries.

During the first touchdown drive, which consumed 11 plays, Smith had a 33-yard gainer.

The 6-0 score held up until the fourth quarter when Stacey scored on a six-yard run. Earlier, he hauled in a 35-yard pass from Keszei and it took the Eagles just four plays to go 70 yards.

"Our defense did an excellent job. We stopped their big running back (Mike) Tuttle on just seven yards in five carries. But, they used him as a decoy much of the time which opened the door for the other backs," noted Ringholz.

## Edison 22 Mapleton 7

ASHLAND — Paul Mentis was able to breathe a sigh of relief following Edison's 22-7 downing of Mapleton in the Firelands Conference opener.

After all, it was the first win for the veteran mentor since taking over the helm of the FC school.

"It's a good feeling to get that first one in the win column," noted Mentis who had watched the Chargers lose their first three non-conference games to Norwalk, Margaretta and Huron.

But, Mapleton (1-3) threw an early scare into the Chargers as Kevin Hickey scored on an 8-yard run and Keith Bowersox kicked the conversion for a 7-0 lead.

Edison, however, bounced right back with a 65-yard drive which culminated with Rich Reinbolt going the final four yards to paydirt and Jim Hall threw a two-point conversion pass to Al Berardi as Edison went ahead, 8-7.

"We fell behind early but our kids played with a lot of poise. We made some mistakes but were able to overcome them," added Mentis.

Berardi, who gained 79 yards in 14 carries, scored again during the second period on a five-yard run as the Chargers in-

creased their lead to 14-7 by halftime.

Then, Reinbolt, who gained 86 yards in 14 carries, scored from the one-yard line in the third quarter and Hall passed to Don Sebold for the PAT and the final 22-7 count.

"We had a lot of success running the ball. Both Al and Rick had good nights but our up front blocking was a key factor. Both Don Leonard, at offensive guard, and Paul Stephens, at tackle, were really blowing people off the line," added Mentis.

The Chargers rushed for 282 yards while Mapleton was limited to 183 yards total offense.

## St. Paul 16 Black River 0

NORWALK — Homecoming marked the return to the end-zone for the Norwalk St. Paul Flyers.

The Flyers, who lost star quarterback Brad Alge during the team's 17-8 victory over Keystone in the season's opener, had been shut out two straight weeks against rugged Sandusky Bay Conference foes.

St. Mary's Central Catholic had beaten the Flyers 13-0, and Margaretta handled St. Paul last week, 35-0.

But in a rare Friday night home game for St. Paul, it was the Flyers who posted the shutout while the offense also got untracked in a 16-0 victory over Black River.

Because it was Homecoming, the Flyers played the home game at Whitney Field on Friday. For years, the Flyers have played their home games on Saturday, while the Norwalk Truckers played on Friday.

The victory evened St. Paul's mark at 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the Firelands Conference, while Black River dropped to 1-3 and 0-1.

St. Paul's scoreless drought ended in the first quarter, as Matt Spriggs booted a 27-yard field goal to give the Flyers a 3-0 lead.

That's the way the game remained until the third period, when Spriggs took a 56-yard pass for a touchdown from quarterback Charlie Meyer to extend the Flyer lead to 9-0.

Paul Myers, a sophomore quarterback, then fired a 17-yard touchdown strike to Mike Adleman with Spriggs adding the extra point.

St. Paul hosts Mapleton next Saturday, while hosts Western Reserve the same night.

## Plymouth 12 New London 8

PLYMOUTH — Last year, Plymouth won its conference opener and went on to claim the Firelands Conference crown.

Head coach Dick Roll is hoping for a repeat following a 12-8 FC opening win over New London Friday.

With just 30 seconds left before halftime, the Big Red broke a scoreless deadlock as Scott Ryman blasted over from one yard away to cap off a 49-yard, five-play drive.

And, that held up as the only score until the final period when both teams reached paydirt.

First, Plymouth (2-2) went up by a 12-0 score as Steve Hall, who gained 77 yards in 18 carries, scampered in from 24 yards away at the 11:15 mark.

But, New London (1-3) answered on its ensuing possession as Shawn Tappel capped off the 66-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run. Brett Cooke passed to Jeff Romine for the two-point conversion.

## Prep football

	Mon	SC
First Downs (total)	24	17
by rushing	4	7
by passing	10	5
by penalty	10	5
net yards rushing	143	120
passes attempted	30	17
passes completed	18	8
had intercepted	0	0
net yards passing	213	100
Total plays	58	52
Total Net Yards Gained	356	220
Fumbles (number)	4	1
ball lost	2	0
Penalties (number)	7	5
yards penalized	65	55

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Monroeville	0	6	0
South Central	0	0	0
Scoring: Monroeville — Roger Smith, 1 run. (run failed).			
Monroeville — Mark Stacy, 6 run. (run failed).			

	Ed	Map
First Downs (total)	17	5
net yards rushing	282	79
passes attempted	9	16
passes completed	5	9
had intercepted	0	2
net yards passing	43	104
Total Net Yards Gained	325	183
Fumbles (number)	3	2
ball lost	2	1

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Edison	8	6	8
Mapleton	7	0	0
Scoring: Edison — Rich Reinbolt, 4 run. (Al Berardi, pass from Jim Hall).			
Mapleton — Kevin Hickey, 8 run. (Keith Bowersox, kick).			
Mapleton — Al Berardi, 5 run. (kick failed).			
Mapleton — Reinbolt, 1 run. (Don Sebold, pass from Hall).			

	NSP	BR
First Downs (total)	11	6
passes attempted	11	9
passes completed	7	1
had intercepted	0	1
net yards passing	164	15
Total Net Yards Gained	279	59
Fumbles (number)	5	4
ball lost	1	2
Penalties (number)	5	3
yards penalized	65	30

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Norwalk St. Paul	3	0	6
Black River	0	0	0
Scoring: St. Paul — Matt Spriggs, 27 field goal.			
St. Paul — Spriggs, 56 pass from Charlie Meyer. (kick failed).			
St. Paul — Mike Adleman, 17 pass from Paul Myers. (Spriggs, kick).			

	NL	Ply
First Downs (total)	8	12
Rushes (total)	129	143
net yards rushing	7	7
passes attempted	5	4
passes completed	1	2
had intercepted	1	2
net yards passing	90	54
Total plays	54	56
Total Net Yards Gained	219	197
Fumbles (number)	3	2
ball lost	2	1
Penalties (number)	5	6
yards penalized	40	85

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
New London	0	0	8
Plymouth	0	6	6
Scoring: Plymouth — Scott Ryman, 1 run. (kick failed).			
Plymouth — Steve Hall, 24 run. (pass failed).			
New London — Shawn Tappen, 3 run. (Jeff Romine, pass from Brett Cooke).			

## Cook: Findlay too strong

BY CHARLES WAGNER  
Sports Editor

Sandusky High football coach Larry Cook was concerned about the difference in size between his club and Findlay going into Friday's Buckeye Conference clash at Strobel Field.

"I was worried whether or not we could stop them. We felt we could move the ball ourselves, but the big concern was whether or not we would be able to stop them. They were so big and physical," Cook said after the Streaks dropped a 26-20 decision to fall to 2-2 for the season.

"I'm proud of the kids. They kept battling and gave it everything they had. We have a depth problem and when you lose two key players like we did in Tom Fresch and Tony Sargent from our defensive unit, that really hurt us. Findlay was so powerful and then ran from an unbalanced line in the second half to get another blocker in there, and we just couldn't stop them," Cook said.

"We are paying our dues for somebody else. We need a strength and weight training program which has been lacking. These kids should be on free weights and we have some ordered and you can sure bet we will have them," Cook stated.

As if losing Sargent and Fresch in the game wasn't enough, senior tight end John Dickman doubled over after the game and was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital for tests and was still hospitalized at 2 a.m. press time.

"I looked at John and he was okay, then I looked back and he almost passed out. I don't know what the problem is but he is still getting tests." Cook said one hour after the game ended.

"Tom Fresch is one of our captains and a fine young man who was an excellent leader. He worked hard during the off-season from what I was told in order to become an outstanding player for us. It's a shame to have a young man who has dedicated himself to playing football for Sandusky High School not have the opportunity to continue," Cook said.

"We just couldn't get the ball away from Findlay. We did well when we had the ball, but they just ran at us and the young kids we put in the game did their best. I said before, our depth is our sophomores and it's tough for them to make that adjustment from jayvee football to the varsity level," Cook continued.

Cook commented on the running of junior tailback, Eric Jordan.

"I could see watching him progress he was ready to break one loose, and tonight he did it three times. I believe Eric Jordan is going to become an outstanding runner for us, and he's improving quickly," Cook noted.

Sophomore Chris Kubach, back up to Fresch at linebacker and the starter in the opener at offensive center, until he was injured, is still sidelined but could be ready next week. That forced Cook to insert sophomore Marco Roberts into the lineup at

linebacker, and also sent junior Keith Pace in as the center.

"Keith did a fine job and we just put him in at center. He had just 4 or 5 practices at that position and we did a fine job. We were able to run the ball very well, and he was a factor. I felt sorry for Marco Roberts who was pressed into the game. He gave it everything he had, but Findlay has those big kids on the line, and both their runners have power," Cook continued.

Cook realizes there may be several changes in the making before next week's game with Lorain Senior, also at Strobel Field.

Findlay had 17 first downs to 9 for Sandusky and the Streaks ran off only 38 offensive plays to 60 for the Trojans who used the pass sparingly, but effectively.

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