

Avon High halts two-game skid

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AVON — "Our kids pulled together as a team at a time when we needed to."

Those words from Avon coach Mike Kelly describe the ecstatic mood of the Eagle lockerroom following their 8-6 win over Inland Conference foe South Amherst Friday night.

WITH THE win, the hosts put a halt to a two-game losing streak are now 3-2 in league outings as are the Cavaliers and Keystone. Columbia and Firelands lead the IC-West standings with 4-1 records.

Avon's lone touchdown drive started at the SA 34 with 6:15 left in the first half.

On the third play of the drive, Eagle quarterback Mike Farmer hooked up fullback Brian Bliss for a seven-yard gain to the Cavs' 26, two yards shy of a first down. However, the visitors were whistled for a personal foul infraction, putting the ball down at the SA 11.

Three running plays by Bliss and fullback John Sikora and an encroachment penalty against the Cavaliers gave the Eagles a first-and-goal at the one.

After Keith Halaska and Bliss failed to find paydirt, Farmer tallied the Avon touchdown with 1:27 left before intermission to set up what would be an all-important try for two extra points.

Farmer took the center snap and spotted wingback Ron Osenbaugh all alone in the left corner of the end zone for the two extra points.

"THAT PASS for the extra points was called from up in the press box," said Kelly. "Our offensive backs coach (Mark Mabry) spotted it for us."

"Also, give credit to Farmer

and especially to Osenbaugh for keeping his feet inbounds on the play," offered Kelly.

South Amherst got on the board first by taking the opening kickoff and marching from midfield to score in 11 plays.

The Cavs took a gamble on the fourth play of the drive when they faced a fourth down and a yard to go at the A 41. The gamble paid off when sophomore Jay Morris picked up two yards to keep the drive alive.

SENIOR FULLBACK Doug Irvin (who finished the night with 86 of the Cavs' 93 rushing yards) toled the ball on five of the plays, including the play before senior quarterback Tim Henes found the end zone from 11 yards out with 6:09 left in the first quarter.

On their attempt for two extra points, the guests tried a running play which failed when the Avon defense swarmed the ball carrier.

"All that I can say is that Avon wanted this ball game more than we did," said Cavalier head coach Jon Altonen.

The Eagles, 5-3 overall, travel to Firelands next Friday night while South Amherst, now 4-4 overall, prepares to entertain Columbia next Saturday.

	Avon	S Amherst
First downs	4	10
Rushing	2	9
Passing	0	1
Penalty	2	3
Yards rushing	17	93
Yards passing	14	8
Total offense	31	101
Passes att.-comp	7-2	4-1
Intercepted by	0	0
Fumbles-lost	5-1	7-6
Punts-yards	4-138	2-58
Average	34.5	29.0
Yards penalized	11-75	7-52
Rushing plays	29	47

	1	2	3	4	T
Avon	0	0	0	0	0
S Amherst	6	0	0	0	6

SA — Tim Henes, 13 run (kick failed)
A — Mike Farmer, 1 run (Ron Osenbaugh, pass from Farmer)

Black River now 8-0 Firelands

SULLIVAN — Another one down and one to go.

Undefeated Black River mowed down Plymouth, 61-0, and the Pirates are one game away from winning their second straight Firelands South Crown.

The Pirates, 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the league, travels to Crestview Friday for the final hurdle. The Cougars are one game back of Black River and a loss would eliminate Crestview from the race.

Black River stayed on the ground, racking up 395 yards and nine touchdowns. The area's leading scorer, Larry Ensign, ran for four touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Jim Foky reeled off three TD runs of 47, 33 and 38 yards.

The Pirates held Plymouth to a minus 20 yards rushing and 137 yards passing. The shutout was Black River's seventh of the season.

Plymouth, 5-3 overall and 2-3 in the South, hosts South Central Friday.

	Plymouth	B.River
First downs	8	17
Yards rushing	20	395
Yards passing	137	46
Total offense	157	441
Passes att.-comp	42-16	7-3
Intercepted by	1	4
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Punts-yards	4-96	0-0
Average	24.0	0.0
Yards penalized	5-31	7-55
Rushing plays	24	52

	1	2	3	4	T
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0
Black River	7	27	21	6	61

BR — Larry Ensign, 4 run (Dave Savick kick)
BR — Ensign, 2 run (kick failed)
BR — Chad McComas, 31 run (pass failed)
BR — Jim Foky, 47 run (Ensign run)
BR — Ensign, 6 run (Savick kick)
BR — Foky, 33 run (Savick kick)
BR — Ensign, 1 run (Savick kick)
BR — Foky, 38 run (Savick kick)
BR — Stan Lapinski, 1 run (run failed)

Crestview-Monroeville
MONROEVILLE — Crestview's running attack was a little more successful than Monroeville's as the Cougars came away with an 18-6 victory.

The Cougars rolled up 162 yards on the ground and scored two touchdowns on runs by Jim Anderson and John Tennis. Monroeville only gained 63 yards and had a touchdown run by Brian Liedorff.

	Mapleton	S Cent.
First downs	16	7
Rushing	12	4
Passing	3	3
Penalty	1	0
Yards rushing	196	55
Yards passing	105	160
Total offense	291	115
Passes att.-comp	21-11	10-5
Intercepted by	2	3
Fumbles-lost	2	2-0
Punts-yards	1-40	2-99
Average	40.0	49.5
Yards penalized	9-88	2-30

	1	2	3	4	T
Mapleton	0	0	6	6	12
So Central	0	0	0	12	12

M — Brian Mohrman, 5 run (pass failed)
SC — Craig White, 4 run (kick blocked)
SC — John Mills, 52 interception return (run failed)

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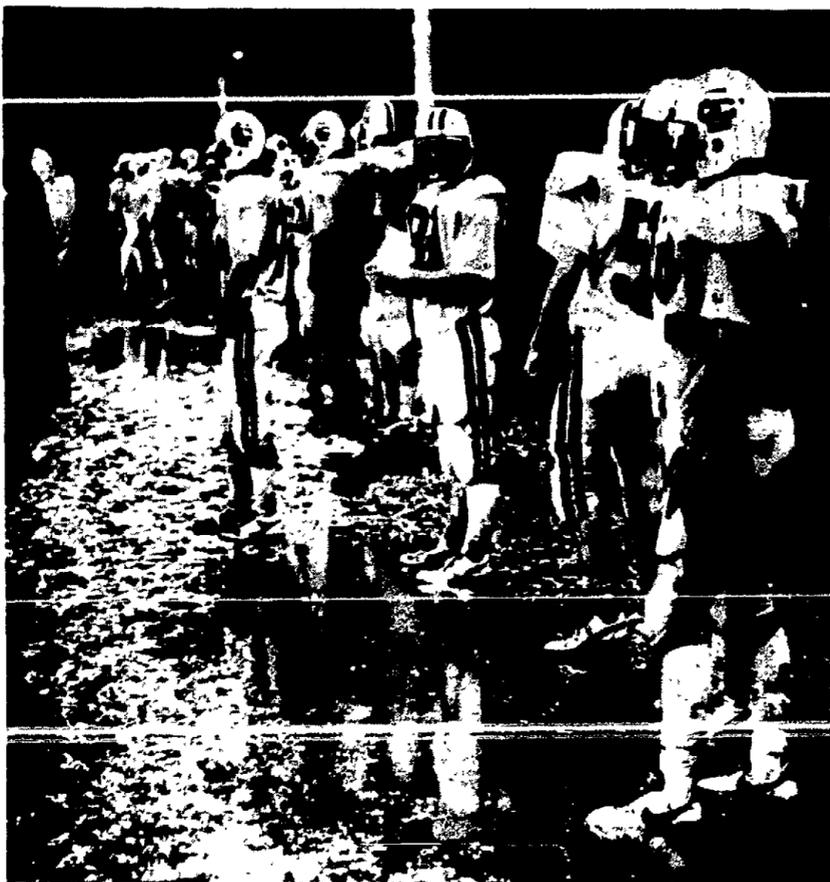
Casabella cards 79

COLUMBUS — Todd Casabella, a sophomore at Open Door Christian School in Ellyria, shot a first round 79 in Class A state high school golf tournament action Friday at the Ohio State University golf course.

Another area performer, Lorain Catholic's Don Pustulka fired an 82 in Class AA action.

CSU loses

CLEVELAND — Barry Wainsley's goal wasn't enough as the Cleveland State University soccer team dropped a 2-1 decision to Indiana University here Friday.



ELYRIA CATHOLIC players try to avoid the puddles of water as they watch their teammates on the field Friday. (C-T)

Prep notebook

Ellyria West's Tyrone Nelson rushed for 71 yards on eleven carries for a good 6.5 average in the Wolverines' 35-15 loss to Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas. But the Knights' Mike Ranalli led all rushers with 157 yards on 23 carries for a 6.8 average.

Marion Motley's nephew, Andre, nearly broke one for a long touchdown against West as he gained 52 yards to the Ellyria West one in the second quarter. The 6-foot-0, 165 pound speedster gained 60 yards on three carries for the Knights.

West's Shannon Clark continued his fine punting in booming four for a total of 164 yards, a 41.0 average.

North Olmsted's Dave Tomaric hospitalized after a concussion suffered in last week's 9-3 win against Rocky River, will not play again this season but is in good health and is back home.

Ellyria has beaten Findlay 22 times in its 32-game series with the Trojans, who have won the other 10. But the series has spawned some thrilling games. Seven of the last nine have been decided by three points or less.

Ellyria won 14-13 in 1977, 8-7 in 1979 and 14-12 in 1981 before last night's 3-0 victory. Findlay won 12-9 in 1980, 32-29 in 1982 on Bruce Porter's last-second field goal and 13-11 last year.

Harrison Jackson of Ellyria has kicked two field goals this year, the first coming in a 24-0 win over Marion Harding. Last night's 27-yarder was a game-winner. Ellyria's last win without scoring a touchdown was in 1983 — also 3-0 — over North Olmsted. Tim Green's field goal won that one.

Ellyria High has played all eight games this year wearing red jerseys. Shipment of the team's white jerseys was fouled up by the sending company, so the Pioneers will wear red all year.

Coach Bill Jones of Ellyria was upset all week about the condition of Findlay's Donnell Stadium. A friend called him, and told him it was bad. During the day, the Pioneer marching band decided not to come to Findlay. Director Doug Benford felt, correctly, that sitting for two hours in the rain without being able to give a show on the field was not worth the expense.

The field really became unplayable last Saturday when Findlay College, one of the nation's top-ranked NAIA teams, beat Westminster of Pennsylvania in the rain. It rained for four hours. Some

junior nigh games were played in a rain on Thursday, and there was a soccer game.

The field was so soaked — and the drainage so poor — that water was oozing up from the turf. The groundskeeper put a drying agent on the field, but Dave Egbert of the Findlay Courier said he sank into the turf up to his ankle. That was before the game — before the rain began.

"The field was even worse than it looked," said Jones.

Ellyria wanted no part of the football in the second half. Although the Pioneers could've received, they elected to kick-off. In the first half, Findlay, twice, punted on third down.

Ellyria High can break a couple of barriers with a win over Toledo Macomber Friday. The Pioneers could have their first three-game winning streak since the 1979 undefeated team, and assure themselves of at least six wins, the most since 1979. The 1981 team had three wins and a tie in its first four games, but the tie broke the win streak.

Beating Macomber won't be easy. The Macmen slaughtered Montpelier, 62-0, Friday.

Al O'Neill, former Avon Lake coach and currently the head coach at Lakewood St. Edward, was in the press box at George Daniel Stadium Friday night, scouting Ellyria Catholic.

Southview played a flawless game against Ellyria Catholic as far as penalties go, going the entire game without drawing a yellow flag.

The referees at the Southview-Ellyria Catholic game had trouble holding the ball Friday night. Several times as they tried getting a dry ball into the game they dropped it on the wet field.

The rain Friday night was bad. How bad was it? Well, it wasn't as bad as the storm that hit in 1978 when Ellyria Catholic and Ellyria West battled at the Knights of Columbus Field, but it has to rank second in that category. EC coach Fred Schmitz didn't mind the rain in '78 because he was in the press box, but this time it was a little different. However, he didn't mind the rain because it didn't rain on the Panthers' return parade to Ellyria.

Ellyria Catholic had only one fumble and didn't lose any in the win over Southview, while the Saints dropped the ball eight times, losing four. Getting recoveries for the Panthers were Bryan Proccacini, Greg Decker, Dan Kelley and Greg Kempf.

deliberately on its final possession.

"It makes you feel good," said Jones, who beat the school where he coached for 10 years. "But when you play on a field like this, it's not football."

Whatever it was, Ellyria will take it.

Rushers			
ELYRIA			
	Carr.	Gain	Avg.
Lamar Jackson	24	57	2.4
James Mahone	13	35	2.7
Harrison Jackson	1	11	11.0
Kent Jones	9	-12	-1.3
Totals	47	91	1.9

FINDLAY			
	Carr.	Gain	Avg.
Brad Burrows	10	26	2.6
Todd Casey	11	20	1.8
David Spouse	6	14	2.3
Totals	27	60	2.2

Passers			
ELYRIA			
	Att. Comp.	Int.	Net.
Kent Jones	0	0	0

FINDLAY			
	Att. Comp.	Int.	Net.
Brad Burrows	18	4	4

Receivers			
ELYRIA			
	Caught	Yards	Gain
Bob Frantz	1	11	

FINDLAY			
	Caught	Yards	Gain
Mark Ritzler	2	17	
Brian Niswander	1	17	
David Luth	1	8	

West

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following West's bad snap from center on a punt, while the Wolverines had minus 27 yards in offense.

The Wolverines came back on Reggie Davis' 80 yard interception return for a score midway in the final quarter. Dan Nagy's reception of a Mike Mahone conversion pass ended the scoring for West. A final drive late in the game ended at the Aquinas' 12 when a field goal attempt failed.

THE KNIGHTS were guilty of

looking ahead to their game with Canton Central Catholic two weeks from now, according to coach Jack Rose. "We just weren't intense. I could see it in practice all week; the entire school is looking ahead to that game and you can't do that when everyone is pointing at you for being ranked number one.

"Offensively, we did what we wanted, but we don't like to give up that many points. West was well prepared but didn't do anything to surprise us." Aquinas, still undefeated on the season, hosts Lorain Catholic Friday.

"If the quick kick had worked

EC

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11 of the 12 plays and he was called on to run for the extra points that would have put the Saints on top, but the Panthers stopped him short.

"That drive really got them fired up," Schmitz pointed out. "They didn't have the ball much the first half and we didn't have to make any defensive adjustments, but after that drive we changed things around a little and contained them after that.

"AS IT turned out, that extra point kick by Kempf was a big one. I can't say enough about our defense. Our TNT (tackle-nose-tackle) boys, Chris Carmon, Dan Kelley and Andy O'Connor, really did the job and Jeff Ambrosio and Jeff Hoagland came up nice to give good support against the run. We also put Jim Klingshirm inside and in a position to make a lot of tackles and he did the job.

"Proccacini is just our leader on defense and made some big plays and Tom Solak is coming around of linebacker Steve Minnich, who didn't play hardly any the first six games, and Kempf also did a good job at defensive ends.

"It was a great game for us, probably our best of the year. We ran the ball pretty well up the middle, which may be boring football, but it paid off. To not lose a fumble on a night like this is really something."

Ellyria Catholic took advantage of another break to score an insurance touchdown late in the game. The Southview punter had to field a low snap and his knee touched the ground, giving EC the ball at the Saints' 28 with 5:36 remaining.

WITH SOME fine blocking from Sustersic and the offensive line and that typical hard-nosed running of Plas, the Panthers moved in for the score, Krol going in from five yards out on a keeper around right end. Plas had runs of 8, 5, 6 and 3 on the six-play drive.

For the game, Plas gained 76 yards on 25 carries, while Krol added 33 on nine tries. Taylor carried 34 times for 79 yards, giving him 1,027 for the season.

Ellyria Catholic, 6-2 overall and the Erie Coast champion with a 3-0 record, returns to action Friday, visiting Mansfield Malabar, while Southview, 3-5 overall and 1-1 in the league, concludes conference play Friday, hosting Ellyria West.

Rushers			
ELYRIA CATHOLIC			
	Carr.	Gain	Avg.
Gary Plas	25	76	3.0
Corey Krol	11	17	1.5
Dave Hodge	9	33	3.6
Jim Sustersic	1	2	2.0
B Willbond	1	-9	-9.0
Totals	47	117	2.5

SOUTHVIEW			
	Carr.	Gain	Avg.
G. Taylor	34	79	2.3
Bo Tarrant	8	29	3.6
Lome Rosario	4	-11	-2.8
R. Taylor	1	6	6.0
Frank Szuch	1	-13	-13.0
Nandi Cruz	1	-1	-1.0
Richie Cruz	1	-6	-6.0
Totals	50	83	1.6

Passers			
ELYRIA CATHOLIC			
	Att. Comp.	Int.	Net.
Dave Krol	5	1	11
J Hoagland	1	0	0

SOUTHVIEW			
	Att. Comp.	Int.	Net.
Louie Rosario	3	1	0

Receivers			
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Bob Frantz	1	11	

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Ellyria

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pass in Ellyria's playbook until a better day.

"The ball was slimy — too slimy to take a chance," he said.

Ellyria fumbled the ball six times and lost three, but it was Findlay that turned the ball over. The Pioneers stole four Trojan passes