

# Avon Lake shows championship form

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AVON LAKE — Avon Lake showed why it is a championship team Friday night.

The Shoremen struck by land and by air, in quick bursts and protracted marches, while their defense forced repeated turnovers as they swept by Olmsted Falls, 42-6, to wrap up at least a share of the Southwestern Conference title.

The win keeps Avon Lake unbeaten in SWC play with a 6-0 mark (8-1 overall). Bay remains one game out at 5-1. The Shoremen wind up their regular schedule at North Olmsted Friday night while Bay finishes at Olmsted Falls.

The league championship is the third in coach Don Soltis' nine years at Avon Lake.

"We came off a tough year (4-6) in 1984," Soltis said. "It's been a long, hard process this season and we still have a way to go — we hope."

"Our defense allowed no touchdowns tonight. (Quarterback) Doug Wichman was not sacked, and was extremely sharp (Wichman completed 14 of 18 attempts for 211 yards and two TDs).

"We have five receivers with fine hands. We've never had this good a combination of the run and the pass before."

An opportunistic defense was

Score by Quarters					T
1	2	3	4		
Olm Falls	0	0	0	0	0
Avon Lake	21	0	14	7	42

Scoring:  
 AL — Paul Schillinger, 75 fumble recovery (Jedi Regan kick)  
 AL — Shawn Tyler, 16 pass from Doug Wichman (Regan kick)  
 AL — Schillinger, 34 pass from Wichman (Regan kick)  
 OF — Bob Chalmers, 71 run (pass failed)  
 AL — Eric Johnson, 5 run (Regan kick)  
 AL — Joe Zinsmeister, 3 run (Regan kick)  
 AL — Schillinger, 15 run (Regan kick)

the catalyst in the first half as Avon Lake made five takeaways, three leading to scores. The Shoremen held a 21-6 lead at intermission and played possession football in the second half.

Wide receiver-tailback Paul Schillinger paced Avon Lake with three touchdowns, including a 79-yard fumble recovery that turned the momentum of the game.

OLMSTED FALLS got off to a strong start. Tom Terec returned the opening kickoff 48 yards to the Shoremen 37. The Bulldogs moved to the nine before a delay penalty moved them back.

Then came the play that changed the game. Avon Lake forced a fumble and Schillinger picked it up and raced 79 yards for a touchdown. Joel Regan kicked the first of his six extra points.

Wichman intercepted to set up the Shoremen's second TD and capped the drive with a 16-yard strike to Shawn Tyler. Schillinger made his second

fumble recovery minutes later and scored three plays afterward on a 34-yard pass from Wichman.

The Bulldogs got on the board as time ran out in the half. Bob Culkar ran 71 yards out of punt formation for Olmsted Falls' score.

AVON LAKE opened the second half with a 10-play, 56-yard scoring drive. Ken Johnson, who finished with 91 yards in 17 carries, ran the final five yards for the score. Joe Zinsmeister and Schillinger added second-half TDs.

"Avon Lake has a super team," Bulldogs coach Jeff Chase said. "I just hope they get in the playoffs."

"I'm not disappointed with our effort," Chase said. "We played very well at times. Turnovers took away whatever opportunity we had, but I don't think the score indicated the kind of game we played."

Team Statistics	Olm Falls	Avon Lake
First downs	10	19
Rushing	5	8
Passing	5	11
Penalty	0	0
Yards rushing	99	149
Yards passing	161	211
Total offense	260	360
Passes att.-comp.	28-11	18-14
Intercepted by	0	4
Fumbles-lost	6-3	2-2
Punts-yards	2-69	1-37
Average	34.5	37.0
Yards penalized	51	81
Rushing plays	31	29

# Lorain High tunes up for Elyria High

MARION — Dennis Washington ran for two touchdowns as Lorain snapped a two-game losing streak with a 20-7 victory over Buckeye Conference foe Marion Harding.

With the score tied at 7-all, Washington broke loose for a 70-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. He later tallied from eight yards out for his ninth touchdown of the season. Washington finished with 126 yards on 18 carries.

The Steelmen got on the scoreboard first in the opening stanza as Carson Coates ran 13 yards to paydirt.

Marion tied the game briefly in the second quarter when Pat Scott scored on a five-yard touchdown.

Lorain, 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the Buckeye, closes out the season with a home game against Elyria Friday. Marion, 0-9 overall and 0-6 in league action, travels to Mansfield Malabar for a non-conference contest.

Team Statistics	Lorain	Marion
First downs	8	15
Rushing	5	2
Passing	3	11
Penalty	0	2
Yards rushing	232	70
Yards passing	55	190
Total offense	287	260
Passes att.-comp.	8-3	33-15
Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Punts-yards	7-238	6-192
Average	34.0	32.0
Yards penalized	20	0

Score by Quarters

1	2	3	4	T
Lorain	7	7	6	20
Marion	0	7	0	7

Scoring:  
 L — Carson Coates, 13 run (Phil Trister kick)  
 M — Pat Scott, 5 run (Jeff Curry kick)  
 L — Dennis Washington, 70 run (Trister kick)  
 L — Washington, 8 run (run failed)

Edison-New London NEW LONDON — Led by sophomore quarterback Steve Houser, Edison shut out winless New London, 9-0.

Houser scored Edison's only touchdown on a four-yard run in the second quarter. Houser finished the night with 48 yards on eight carries.

The Chargers picked up a safety in the third quarter when Bryan Shambhart tackled the New London quarterback in the endzone.

Ken Ross carried the ball 16 times for the Wildcats and chalked up 63 yards.

With the win, Edison snapped a four-game losing streak. The Chargers, 3-6 overall and 2-4 in the Firelands North closes out the season at Monroeville Friday.

New London has dropped nine straight this year, the last four of which have been shutouts. The Wildcats go on the road to unbeaten Black River Friday.

Team Statistics	Edison	N.London
First downs	10	8
Rushing	8	4
Passing	0	3
Penalty	2	1
Yards rushing	176	91
Yards passing	22	38
Total offense	198	129
Passes att.-comp.	8-3	14-4
Intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Punts-yards	5-150	4-129
Average	30.0	32.2
Yards penalized	9-90	9-104
Rushing plays	31	41

Score by Quarters

1	2	3	4	T
Edison	0	7	2	9
New London	0	0	0	0

Scoring:  
 E — Steve Houser, 4 run (Houser kick)  
 E — Safety, Bryan Shambhart tackled quarter-back in end zone

South Central-Plymouth Team Statistics

Team Statistics	S.Central	Plymouth
First downs	16	14
Yards rushing	158	37
Yards passing	105	237
Total offense	263	274
Passes att.-comp.	23-5	23-18
Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Yards penalized	7-75	18-201

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So. Central	8	0	0	8
Plymouth	0	14	0	14

Scoring:  
 SC — Steve Dotson, 3 run (Dotson run)  
 P — Bill Castle, 1 run (pass failed)  
 P — Charlie Deskins, 5 run (Jason Robinson, pass from Troy Keene)  
 Myers kick  
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# Black River romps to title

ASHLAND — Rack up another Firelands South title for Black River.

The undefeated Pirates made a mockery out of their showdown with runnerup Crestview with a 61-7 rout Friday.

As usual, the Pirates went to their 1-2 scoring punch of Jim Foky and Larry Ensign. Foky scored three touchdowns on long runs of 32, 59 and 56 yards while Ensign picked up three TDs on short runs. Foky finished the game with 187 yards on 11 carries.

Ensign now leads the area with 116 points while Foky anchored his hold on second place with 90 points.

TIM CHANNEL had a hand in two other touchdowns. He threw a 27-yard TD strike to Larry Clifford in the second quarter. Channel then scooped up a fumble and ran 24 yards for a fourth quarter TD.

The Pirates rolled up 450 yards total offense while holding the Cougars to 191 yards. Black River is averaging close to 42 points a game while the defense has allowed 2.2 points a game.

Crestview tied the game at 7-all in the first quarter when Jim Anderson ran five yards for a touchdown.

Black River, 9-0 overall and 6-0 in the league, wraps up the regular season with a home game against New London Friday. Crestview, 4-2 in the Firelands action, closes out the year at South Central.

Team Statistics	B.River	Crest
First downs	13	8
Rushing	9	5
Passing	3	3
Penalty	1	0
Yards rushing	353	108
Yards passing	87	83
Total offense	450	191
Passes att.-comp.	8-4	12-7
Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles-lost	2-0	6-3
Punts-yards	2-61	7-26
Average	30.5	37.3
Yards penalized	3-25	5-35

Score by Quarters

1	2	3	4	T
Black River	7	21	0	33
Crestview	7	0	0	7

Scoring:  
 BR — Jim Foky, 37 run (Dave Savick kick)  
 C — Jim Anderson, 5 run (Mark Herkiser kick)  
 BR — Larry Ensign, 6 run (Savick kick)  
 BR — Foky, 59 run (Savick kick)  
 BR — Larry Clifford, 27 pass from Tim Channel (Savick kick)  
 BR — Ensign, 3 run (Savick kick)  
 BR — Channel, 24 fumble return (Savick kick)  
 BR — Foky, 56 run (Savick kick)  
 BR — Ensign, 2 run (kick failed)  
 BR — Dave Masterson, 6 run (kick failed)

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# Firelands Conference roundup

Darryl Young scored two touchdowns for the Mounties including the game-winning TD in the fourth quarter.

Jere Davis picked up Reserve's two TDs on short runs.

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Team Statistics	W.Reserve	Mapleton
First downs	9	13
Rushing	5	8
Passing	3	4
Penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	86	60
Total offense	173	231
Passes att.-comp.	22-11	22-6
Intercepted by	0	0
Fumbles-lost	3-1	0-0
Yards penalized	3-45	6-37

Score by Quarters

1	2	3	4	T
West Reserve	6	7	0	13
Mapleton	6	0	6	12

Scoring:  
 M — Darryl Young, 4 run (kick failed)  
 WR — Jere Davis, 1 run (kick failed)  
 M — Mike Bricker, 1 run (Terry Gerwig, pass from Young)  
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