

Midpark alone in first

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| Midpark | 20 |
| Strongsville | 14 |

STRONGSVILLE — Midpark survived a scare Friday night as the C-T's top-ranked team edged Strongsville, 20-14, in a Pioneer Conference game.

After Mike Kozub scored his second touchdown to tie the game at 14-14 in the fourth quarter, Jon Abramczyk tallied on a three-yard run to keep the Meteors undefeated.

With the win and Berea's loss, Midpark is alone in first place with a 5-0 mark.

Dave Rowland gave the Meteors a 14-0 halftime lead with two touchdown runs.

| Score by Quarters | | | | | T |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Midpark | 7 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 20 |
| Strongsville | 0 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 14 |

Scoring
M — Dave Rowland, 40 pass from Dan Urban (Garth Selong kick)
M — Rowland, 5 run (Selong Jack)
S — Mike Kozub, 1 run (kick failed)
S — Kozub, 5 run (Scott Sal pass from Darren Tracy)
M — Jon Abramczyk, 3 run (kick failed)

Unbeaten Monroeville knocks off Mapleton

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| Monroeville | 21 |
| Mapleton | 0 |

MONROEVILLE — One by one, Monroeville has eliminated its competitors en route to another Firelands Conference crown.

In succession, the Eagles have knocked off Western Reserve, New London and Plymouth. On Friday night, Monroeville remained undefeated with a 21-0 shutout of visiting Mapleton.

The Eagles, 7-0 overall and 6-0, racked up 356 total offensive yards while holding Mapleton, 6-2 and 4-2, to 105 yards. Jerry Morrow and Rick Bryant collected touchdowns while Joe Lindenberger hit John Anderson with a nine-yard scoring strike.

| Team Statistics | | | | | Maple | Monroe |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--|--|-------|--------|
| First downs | 9 | 17 | | | | |
| Rushing | 6 | 11 | | | | |
| Passing | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| Penalty | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Yards rushing | 48 | 233 | | | | |
| Yards passing | 57 | 123 | | | | |
| Total offense | 105 | 356 | | | | |
| Passes att.-comp. | 16-7 | 20-11 | | | | |
| Intercepted by | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 2-1 | | | | |
| Points-yards | 6-162 | 2-88 | | | | |
| Average | 27.0 | 44.0 | | | | |
| Yards penalized | 25 | 20 | | | | |
| Rushing plays | 28 | 44 | | | | |

| Score by Quarters | | | | | T |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Mapleton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monroeville | 0 | 7 | 0 | 14 | 21 |

Scoring
Mon — Jerry Morrow, 2 run (Eric Dickman kick)
Mon — John Anderson, 9 pass from Joe Lindenberger (Dickman kick)
Mon — Rick Bryant, 9 run (Dickman kick)

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| Plymouth | 27 |
| Black River | 7 |

PLYMOUTH — Chuck Deskins

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| Brecksville | 13 |
| Berea | 0 |

BEREA — Brecksville used a potent running attack to upset the Chronicle-Telegram's second-ranked team Berea, 13-0, in a Pioneer Conference game.

The loss dropped the Braves, 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the league, out of first place.

The Bees rolled up 235 yards on the ground and scored on a 54-yard touchdown run by John Kern in the first quarter. Rob Merhar added two field goals in the second period for Brecksville, 6-2 overall and 4-1 in Pioneer play.

| Team Statistics | | | | | Breck | Berea |
|-------------------|------|------|--|--|-------|-------|
| First downs | 8 | 9 | | | | |
| Rushing | 8 | 6 | | | | |
| Passing | 0 | 2 | | | | |
| Penalty | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| Yards rushing | 235 | 156 | | | | |
| Yards passing | 0 | 90 | | | | |
| Total offense | 2-0 | 246 | | | | |
| Passes att.-comp. | 2-0 | 21-6 | | | | |
| Intercepted by | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 1-1 | | | | |
| Points-yards | 2-74 | 2-74 | | | | |
| Average | 37.0 | 37.0 | | | | |
| Yards penalized | 35 | 20 | | | | |

| Score by Quarters | | | | | T |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Brecksville | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Berea | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Scoring
Breck — John Kern, 54 run (Rob Merhar kick)
Breck — FG Merhar 16
Breck — FG Merhar 31

rushed for three touchdowns as Plymouth topped Black River, 27-7 in Firelands Conference action.

| Team Statistics | | | | | Black River | Plymouth |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--|--|-------------|----------|
| First downs | 9 | 9 | | | | |
| Rushing | 8 | 5 | | | | |
| Passing | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| Penalty | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Yards rushing | 123 | 115 | | | | |
| Yards passing | 37 | 119 | | | | |
| Total offense | 160 | 234 | | | | |
| Passes att.-comp. | 13-2 | 13-7 | | | | |
| Intercepted by | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-0 | 0-0 | | | | |
| Points-yards | 6-239 | 6-205 | | | | |
| Average | 39.9 | 34.1 | | | | |
| Yards penalized | 40 | 65 | | | | |
| Rushing plays | | | | | | |

| Score by Quarters | | | | | T |
|-------------------|---|---|----|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Black River | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Plymouth | 0 | 0 | 13 | 14 | 27 |

Scoring
BR — Gary Ward, 2 run (Jamie Maskonka kick)
P — Chuck Deskins, 2 run (Wendell Stone kick)
P — Frank Burks, 35 pass from Chuck Koose (kick failed)
P — Deskins, 9 run (Koose run)
P — Deskins, 13 run (kick failed)

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| Norwalk St. Paul | 10 |
| South Central | 0 |

GREENWICH — Craig Coe's seven yard touchdown run and Larry Fisher's 35 yard field goal was all Norwalk St. Paul needed to down winless South Central, 10-0, in a Firelands Conference game.

| Team Statistics | | | | | Nr.St.Paul | S.Central |
|-------------------|------|-----|--|--|------------|-----------|
| First downs | 12 | 5 | | | | |
| Rushing | 5 | 4 | | | | |
| Passing | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| Penalty | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Yards rushing | 106 | 58 | | | | |
| Yards passing | 132 | 0 | | | | |
| Total offense | 238 | 58 | | | | |
| Passes att.-comp. | 16-8 | 3-0 | | | | |
| Intercepted by | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Fumbles-lost | 5-2 | 3-2 | | | | |
| Yards penalized | 55 | 74 | | | | |

| Score by Quarters | | | | | T |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Nr.St.Paul | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| So.Central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Scoring
NSP — FG Larry Fisher 35
NSP — Craig Coe, 7 run (Fisher kick)

Prep notebook

Midview didn't look like an 0-7 team on its first drive against Elyria Friday night.

The Middies took the opening kickoff and marched right down the field, using 12 plays to get a first down at the Elyria 5. Bob Jackson then scored on a run over left guard, but it was called back because of holding.

After a minus yard on a run and two incomplete passes, Midview threw a pass into the end zone, but it was knocked down by Mike Burgess.

Midview's defense completely stopped Elyria the first period. The Pioneers had the ball twice, but punted both times after three plays.

Elyria had two first downs until the 7:03 mark of the second period and both came on penalties.

Elyria missed out on a touch-

Area netters eliminated from tourney

COLUMBUS — Rocky River's Anne Brown and Avon Lake's doubles team of Erica Hardy and Lisa Sebastian lost in the second round of the 13th annual girls state tennis tournaments at Ohio State University.

Andrea Farley, who's in pursuit of an unprecedented fourth consecutive A-AA championship, beat Brown in two sets, 6-0, 6-0. The sophomore rebounded from a loss in the first set to come back and beat Columbus Hartley's Jina Osterloh, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the first round. Brown finished fourth in the Class A-AA tournament last year.

Carroll Bloom-Carroll's tandem of Amy and Krissy Gussett ousted Hardy and Sebastian in a three-set heartbreaker, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Hardy and Sebastian pulled a similar comeback to Brown's in their first round match. The local representatives dropped the first set, 2-6, but bounced back to beat Dayton Oakwood's tandem of Katie McCormick and Jenny Pici, 7-5, 6-2, in the final two sets.

In another A-AA first round doubles match, Olmsted Falls' duo of Devon DeLisio and Morgane Weekley dropped a 6-2, 6-4 decision to Ottawa Hills' Taylor Mehring and Sarah Monoky.

For the second year in a row, Bay's Kelli Flanagan had bad luck in the Class AAA singles competition. Flanagan, who lost in first round action last year, dropped a 6-2, 6-2 decision to Toledo Notre Dame's Kathy Farrar.

down in the second period against Midview when a pass to Lee Frank in the end zone was long and he was ruled out of bounds. Elyria decided to settle for a field goal after that and Rich Auxer used his unorthodox style to make it.

"At that point we just wanted to get some points on the board," said Elyria coach Jeff Riesen. "We figured the way the weather was we better take some points."

Elyria's opening drive of the second half was helped along by two key penalties on Midview. On a third-and-three at their own 43, Elyria drew the Middies offside for a first down, then later a face mask penalty put the ball on the M-30.

Elyria quarterback Kevin Jones hit only two of his first seven passes, but then connected on four straight for 36, 26, 6 and 17 yards.

Midview quarterback Brian Miller hit his first pass for eight yards, but then missed eight straight and finished with only two completions in 17 attempts.

Midview had eight penalties against Elyria and five of them produced first downs for the Pioneers. Elyria, meanwhile, was charged with penalties and three gave the Middies first downs.

Former Midview basketball coach Dick Bickel was in the press box helping his little buddy, Neal Horwedel with the statistics, but on the kickoffs was more interested in what number 85 for the Middies was doing. Number 85 is Dick's son, Greg, a sophomore who only sees action on the kickoff teams.

All six of Clearview quarterback Derek Grayson's pass completions were good for a first down in Friday night's 41-14 victory over Keystone.

The 248 passing yards, coupled with 176 rushing yards, gave the Clippers a total offense of 424 yards.

Not only did junior Jason Monday of Keystone lead all rushers in Friday night's contest with Clearview, he also did a very good job as the Wildcats' punter.

Monday's first punt pinned the hosts back on their own two yard line before a late first-quarter kick hopefully would have had the Clippers in deep trouble also.

Monday booted the ball 61 yards to the end zone for a touchback. However, the guests retained possession of the pigskin when Clearview was guilty of a roughing the kicker penalty.

Firelands Coach Jon Altonen called Friday's upset of Elyria West "one of the highlights of my career."

Altonen started as a head coach at Firelands in 1968, stayed for three years, then took over at North Ridgeville. He then assisted the late Lee Tressell at Baldwin-Wallace and was on the staff when the Yellow Jackets won the NCAA Division III national championship.

Altonen then moved back into high school coaching at South Amherst and his 7-3 record in 1986 was the Cavaliers' only winning season in more than 20 years. When South Amherst merged with Firelands, he was back at Firelands.

"It feels good being back here," Altonen said.

The win also made Altonen think about Tressell. After all, Tressell's B-W teams were famous for the run-and-shoot offense and the 6-2 defense that Altonen used to upset Elyria West.

"I learned an awful lot from that man," Altonen said of Tressell. "Maybe he's looking down on this and saying, 'you did all right, Jon.'"

How difficult a task did the Firelands' defense have against Elyria West?

Well, if West Coach Darrell Mayne had any more weapons in his arsenal, he could join NATO. The Wolverines have had nine scoring plays of more than 50 yards this year and 13 of more than 38 yards this season.

Cory Wilkerson has already exceeded 1,000 yards rushing with 1,223 on just 108 carries. He's had 10 scoring plays or more than 38 yards.

"We just couldn't match their speed," said Firelands Coach Jon Altonen. "We hoped that they'd be a little down after last week (a win over Clearview), and we wanted to take advantage of that. Also our defense was aggressive tonight."

Randy Wasuk was Avon's mister all-purpose Friday night.

The sophomore tailback totalled 199 all-purpose yards, 101 yards on 21 carries and 98 yards on three receptions in the Eagles' victory over Oberlin.

Avon coach Mike Kelly said Friday night's miserable weather had little effect on his team.

"Our kids didn't turn the ball over because of the weather," he said.

Quarterback Greg Wearsch threw two interceptions, but those accounted for all of the Eagles' turnovers.