

Rains give Hershier 2nd chance

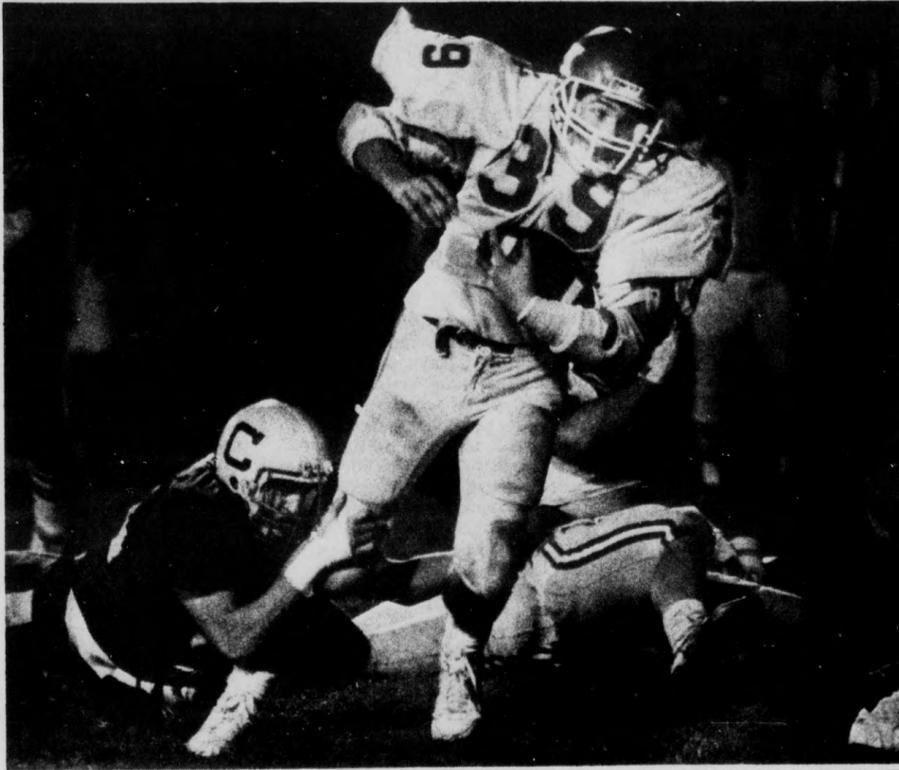
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NEW YORK — Rivalry? What rivalry?

It was just a baseball game between the New York Mets and the Los Angeles Dodgers. At least it was supposed to be just a baseball game. A cold, steady drizzle Friday night forced postponement of Game 3 in this National League Championship Series until this afternoon.

Orel Hershier will start on three days' rest for the Dodgers today against Ron Darling, who was to start Friday for the Mets against John Tudor.

Tudor will start Sunday instead, against Dwight Gooden, giving his aching right hip two extra days to heal.

The starters for Monday — and this is very tentative — probably will be Tim Lincecum for the Dodgers and Sid Fernandez for the Mets. Game time will be 1:20 p.m. EDT.



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Gary Dowell (39) tries to pull away from a Clyde tackler for a gain. The junior back rushed for 47 yards in eight carries but quarterback Scott Johnson scored the only touchdown as the Tigers scored an 8-0 victory over the Fliers.

Tigers register second straight shutout

Defense leads Huron again

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CLYDE — Huron has gained a reputation for a high-powered offense, but the story of the 1988 season is on the defensive side of the ball.

The Tiger defense stopped Clyde twice inside the Huron 10 and registered their second straight shutout, 8-0, in Sandusky Bay Conference action Friday.

"I'm not surprised by the defense because they've been doing it week in and week out," said Huron coach Tony Legando.

"It's not that I enjoy this, but we can play ball control because of the defense. Maybe we should have even gone to it earlier," Legando continued.

The win, coupled with St. Mary's loss to Perkins, pushes Huron into sole possession of first place in the SBC with a perfect 3-0 record. The Tigers are 3-3 on the season.

"We're sitting pretty in the conference," said Legando. "We're right where we want to be."

The Fliers fall for the first time in three conference outings and are now 3-3 on the season.

"Clyde is a scrappy team," Legando said. "They were well-prepared and a good team in the pits. They will fist-fight you and I mean that as a compliment."

Huron got the game's only

score on the opening drive.

Jeff Faflik started the drive by taking the kickoff 35 yards to the Clyde 49. Eight plays later, Scott Johnson went over from the three, and then hit Barry Esposito on the two-point conversion try.

The Fliers got their first chance inside the Huron 10 in the second quarter when the snap on a Tiger punt that sailed over Don Isman's head. Clyde took over on downs at the Huron 13.

Troy Newsome picked up seven yards on the first play, but the Tigers stopped Jim Kramer on the next play for no gain. The Fliers followed with a pair of incomplete passes and returned the ball to Huron.

"We know from experience that when you get down inside the 10, Huron is tough on the run," said Clyde coach Bob Bishop. "We knew we had to throw the ball. The plays were there but we didn't execute well."

The Tigers were close to a score at the end of the first half, moving the ball inside to the Clyde 12 with 27 seconds remaining.

Esposito pulled down a Johnson pass on second-and-10, but was ruled out of the end-zone. Huron followed with a three-yard gain by Gary Dowell and the drive stalled two plays later after two passes fell incomplete.

Clyde got its second chance

inside the Huron 10 after Duke Fultz recovered a Tiger fumble at the Huron 39.

The Fliers faced a fourth-and-two at the six and Mike Carter's pass to Cory Distel fell incomplete to end the threat.

The Tigers opened the fourth quarter by driving to the Clyde seven, but Johnson's pass was incomplete on fourth-and-five to give the ball back to the Fliers.

"We dropped a few passes," said Legando. "We had a couple of guys open and missed a few in crunch time but the kids get to feeling they've learned the system so you've got to go back and stress fundamentals."

Clyde answered the Huron scoring chance by eating up nearly seven minutes on a 19-play drive which stalled at the Huron 31. The big play for the Tigers came on a Clyde clipping penalty which nullified a big gain by Johnny Montgomery.

"Penalties have been a bug-a-boo for us this season," Bishop said. "We didn't have as many penalties this time, but they came at inopportune times."

Len Broughton led Huron by pounding out 55 yards in 16 carries. The Tigers had a total of 121 yards on the ground.

"Len Broughton is what you look for in a football player," said Legando. "It's not his size

or speed, but his desire."

Johnson completed seven passes in 20 attempts for 84 yards but threw three interceptions.

"We had the backs beat, but the balls were underthrown," said Legando. "Scott would be the first one to tell you that but I'd rather look at the things we did well and work at the things we didn't do so well."

Newsome was the game's leading ground gainer with 95 yards in 19 carries, while Kramer had 33 yards in 11 tries. Carter was 5 of 16 for 37 yards and an interception.

Clyde returns to action Friday at Margaretta while Huron travels to Strobel Field on Saturday to face St. Mary's Central Catholic.

STATISTICS		
	H	C
First Downs (total).....	12	11
by rushing.....	8	7
by passing.....	4	3
by penalty.....	0	1
Rushes (total).....	36	40
net yards rushing.....	121	117
passes attempted.....	20	16
passes completed.....	7	5
passes intercepted.....	3	1
net yards passing.....	84	37
Total plays.....	56	56
Total Net Yards Gained.....	205	154
Fumbles (number).....	1	1
ball lost.....	1	1
Penalties (number).....	3	3
yards penalized.....	25	25

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
Huron	8	0	0	0
Clyde	0	0	0	0

Scott Johnson, 3 yard run (Barry Esposito pass from Johnson)

Miracle finish for Oak Harbor stuns Margaretta

CASTALIA — There are two sides to any story.

For Oak Harbor, it was an astonishing miracle play.

For Margaretta, it was the ultimate as far as a heart-breaking defeat.

With 8 seconds remaining in Friday's SBC battle and the score deadlocked at 21-21, the Polar Bears attempted a pass play from its own 35.

Quarterback Mike Lyons, who fired 29 passes for the night, tried to hook up with Brandon Biehl on a sideline pass. It never made it.

Instead, Oak Harbor's Jason Wilcoxon came up from his secondary spot and stepped in front of Biehl, shrugged off Biehl's attempt at halting the "thief" in his tracks and was off to the races as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Lyons made a valiant effort to keep Wilcoxon from crossing the final stripe, but was unsuccessful as Wilcoxon thundered into the end zone for six points, and a hear-thumping 27-21 Oak Harbor win.

Coach Gary Qusino was speechless. Then again, he had little to say during the game because of laryngitis.

"We're on cloud 9. It was a great comeback with a miracle finish. They threw the quickout to get one more pass in and Wilcoxon picked it up and time expired when he was at the 20. He got hit (by Lyons) at the 10 and stumbled into the end zone. Five more yards and he wouldn't have made it. It was a great ending to a great high school football game," Qusino said.

"I feel bad for Margaretta. They played their hearts out and we kind of stole it at the end. It looked like it was going into overtime.

"We were down 21-7 at the half and played a great second half and we were fortunate to win," Qusino whispered.

"We made a few minor adjustments on both offense and defense and my assistant coaches took control and did a heck of a job. Give credit to Bill Hubans, Tom Osborn, Wayne Seifke and Tom Floro for what they did. I just couldn't talk or anything," Qusino concluded.

Margaretta shocked the Rockets by coming out throwing the ball.

In fact, the Bears marched 67 official yards in 9 passing plays in their first possession to strike paydirt. The hosts actually covered 97 yards as three penalties cost the Bears 30 yards.

Lyons connected on 6 of the 9 tosses, including a 19-yard pay-off to Keith Miller at the 9:23 mark. The key pass was a 39-yard strike to Todd Moore to the Rockets' 24 but a 15-yard penalty after the play shoved Margaretta back again.

Oak Harbor tied the score at

7-7 in the first minute of the second period.

Bob Shanteau returned a Polar Bear punt 36 yards to the 30. On the first play, halfback Josh Bell reeled off the distance and Wilcoxon's kick made it 7-7.

The Bears went up 21-7 with 14 points in the second period.

Lyons fired a 26-yard scoring strike to Biehl at the 8:57 mark and Chris Holbrook booted his second PAT.

The Bears came right back to score again, this time on a three-yard run by Dan Armbricht with 3:38 left in the half. The Bears went 49 yards in 6 plays.

However, the second half was another story and Oak Harbor was in command.

The Rockets marched 62 yards in 6 plays to score for the second time with 1:42 left in the third period as Steve Alexander clicked on a 31-yard pass to Jamie Lacer. Wilcoxon kicked the PAT.

Oak Harbor, 2-1 in the SBC and 5-1 overall, knotted the count with 9:40 remaining in the game as Bell scooted the final 4 yards to ccap a 36-yard drive which required 5 plays.

It appeared more and more the teams would go into overtime, until Wilcoxon's dramatic interception, and return.

Margaretta went to the air 29 times and hit on 14 passes for 205 yards and finished with 345 yards in total offense. Lyons teamed with Miller and Biehl 4 times apiece.

The Rockets had 159 yards rushing with Bell winding up with 103 yards on 18 carries.

Margaretta remains winless in the SBC and is 1-5 overall. The Bears' three conference losses have been by a total of 17 points. In each case, one big play was the deciding factor, but none any bigger than the one Friday.

STATISTICS		
	OH	M
First Downs (total).....	11	20
by rushing.....	9	8
by passing.....	2	11
by penalty.....	0	1
Rushes (total).....	38	31
net yards rushing.....	159	140
passes attempted.....	12	29
passes completed.....	5	14
passes intercepted.....	2	2
net yards passing.....	84	205
Total plays.....	50	60
Total Net Yards Gained.....	243	345
Fumbles (number).....	0	0
ball lost.....	0	0
Penalties (number).....	3	9
yards penalized.....	15	75

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
Oak Harbor	0	7	7	13
Margaretta	7	14	0	0

Margaretta — Keith Miller, 19 pass from Mike Lyons. (Chris Holbrook, kick)
Oak Harbor — Josh Bell, 30 run. (Jason Wilcoxon, kick)
Margaretta — Brandon Biehl, 26 pass from Lyons. (Holbrook, kick)
Margaretta — Dan Armbricht, 3 run. (Holbrook, kick)
Oak Harbor — Jamie Lacer, 31 pass from Steve Alexander. (Wilcoxon, kick)
Oak Harbor — Bell, 4 run. (Wilcoxon, kick)
Oak Harbor — Wilcoxon, 40-yard interception return. (no PAT attempted)

Monroeville nabs 16th straight win

MONROEVILLE — Monroeville keeps rolling along in the Firelands.

The Eagles, ranked sixth in the current UPI Division V poll, notched their 16th straight victory by pounding New London, 33-6, at Marsh Field Friday.

Monroeville is now 4-0 in the conference and 6-0 overall while New London falls to 2-3 in the FC and 3-3 for the season.

Quarterback Joe Lindenberg got the Eagles going by tossing a pair of touchdown passes in the first eight minutes of action.

Lindenberg found Chris Gies for a 33-yard strike with 6:22 left in the first, and then hooked up with Jerry Morrow from five yards out at the 4:55 mark to give the Eagles the lead for good.

Lindenberg was at it again in the second period, hitting Scott White with a two-yard touchdown pass with Eric Dickman hitting the extra point to make it 20-0.

Steve Farley ended the first half scoring for Monroeville with a three yard scoring run to push the Eagles out to a 26-0 lead.

Monroeville capped its scoring midway in the final 12 minutes on a 20-yard scamper from Sean Smith.

The Wildcats finally hit paydirt with 1:27 left to play as Cory Dendinger went over from the eight.

The Eagles piled up 370 yards total offense with Lindenberg leading the way. The senior completed 11 out of 14 passes

for 218 yards and one interception.

New London picked up 150 yards on the ground and 67 through the air.

STATISTICS		
	NL	Mon
First Downs (total).....	13	14
by rushing.....	8	7
by passing.....	4	5
by penalty.....	1	2
Rushes (total).....	32	38
net yards rushing.....	150	152
passes attempted.....	18	14
passes completed.....	7	11
passes intercepted.....	2	1
net yards passing.....	67	218
Total plays.....	50	52
Total Net Yards Gained.....	217	370
Fumbles (number).....	3	2
ball lost.....	2	1

Mapleton 35 South Central 0

GREENWICH — Mapleton scored in every quarter to take over sole possession of second place in the Firelands Conference.

The Mounties, who visit conference leader Monroeville in two weeks, improved to 3-1 in the FC and 5-1 overall as Clint Hickey scored a pair of touchdowns in a 35-0 blanking of South Central.

Mapleton got on the board twice in the first period as Craig Ritchey hauled in a 42-yard pass from Jeremy Krause. Then, Bill Rutherford scored on a 47-yard pass interception and Krause ran for the 2-point conversion and a 14-0 lead.

Hickey scored on runs of 1 and 13 yards in the second and third periods and Dan McQuate was on the receiving end of a 3-yard pass from Krause in the

final period. Keith Shonkweiler booted the conversion after the last three scores.

South Central remained winless at 0-6 overall and 0-5 in the conference.

St. Paul 18 Crestview 8

NORWALK — Norwalk St. Paul hit the win column for the first time Friday night, snapping a seven-game losing streak which dated back to last season.

The Flyers, 1-5 overall and 1-4 in the Firelands Conference, overcame an 8-6 deficit and took the lead for good when Greg Rogers scored from two yards out with just 1:15 left before intermission.

Rogers also threw for two other scores. He put the Flyers on top, 6-0, with a pass to Mike Davis at the 5:20 mark of the first period.

But, Crestview, which fell to 3-3 overall and 2-3 in the conference, jumped on top by an 8-6 score as Bob Williams scored on a one-yard plunge and Scott Durbin ran for the 2-point conversion.

The Flyers added an insurance score in the third quarter on an 18-yard pass from Rogers to Davis.

Plymouth 49 Danbury 0

MARBLEHEAD — Plymouth prepped for its Firelands Con-

ference showdown with Monroeville by thrashing winless Danbury, 49-0, in non-conference action Friday.

The Big Red, who improve to 5-1 on the season, are one game behind the Eagles in the conference standing. They get a chance to make up that ground on Friday at Mary Fate Park in Plymouth.

Chuck Deskins, who scored three times, opened the scoring with a four yards run in the first quarter. Later in the period, quarterback Chuck Kosse found David Sparks for a 22-yard scoring strike.

Kosse and James Fletcher hooked up on the two-point conversion to open up a 14-0 lead.

Deskin bulled over from the two and Jeff Bloomfield hit Fletcher on the conversion in the second period, followed by Fletcher scooping up a Laker fumble and racing 22 yards to paydirt later in the stanza.

Roger Keesy hit the point after to give the Big Red a 29-0 lead at the half.

Kosse hit Sparks for a 44-yard touchdown pass to open the second half, with Deskin going in from the 13.

Also in the third quarter, Keesy rambled in from the five, with foreign exchange student Carl Christianson kicking the extra point to end the scoring.

Plymouth had a total of 276 yards on the ground and added 178 more through the air while the Lakers could only muster 38 yards rushing and 74 passin.

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