

# Western halts Monroeville's win streak in overtime

**COLLINS** — Monroeville's 24-game regular season winning streak is history.

Western Reserve brought the streak to a screeching halt with a 28-20 overtime win in Firelands Conference action Friday.

"(The streak) was a great accomplishment," said Monroeville coach Steve Ringholz. "But this is just one loss. We just have to bounce back because anything is possible."

The win leaves the Roughriders tied for first place in the league with Black River at 3-0, with the Eagles one game back. Western, now 4-1 overall, faces another league showdown when it visits the Pirates Friday.

"Western played a real good ball game," said Ringholz. "I've got to give their players and coaches a lot of credit."

Monroeville jumped out into the lead when Jason Ott recovered a Rider fumble in the end zone for a touchdown early in the second quarter. Rick Lodwick booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

Brad Eungard got the score back less than a minute later when he hit Kirk Sherrill with a 54-yard touchdown strike. The senior quarterback then made it 8-7 by running in the two-point conversion.

The Eagles uncovered its big play offense as Sean Smith and Chris Gies hooked up for a 59-yard touchdown pass, but Eungard bolted over from the one and hit Sherrill with a 21-yard scoring pass to give the Riders a 20-13 halftime lead.

Monroeville was able to knot the score on a 47-yard touch-

down pass from Smith to John Anderson, with Lodwick adding the extra point.

But the Eagles had to call on its defense to keep the Riders at bay during the final 12 minutes and send the game into overtime.

"We were fortunate to get the game into OT," Ringholz said. "We were fighting field position in the fourth quarter and our defense managed to keep Western out."

But in the extra session, Ty Wolfe went over from the two and Eungard added the two-point conversion to end the scoring.

The winners picked up 310 yards total offense with 179 coming on the ground. The Eagles countered with 278 yards through the air, but were limited to just 48 yards rushing.

"Their ability to hit the big pass and our problems running the ball was the key," said Ringholz.

The Eagles, now 4-1 on the season, return to action Friday at New London.

In other games around the league, Black River retained a piece of the league lead with a 30-7 decision over Ashland Crestview, St. Paul hung on to top New London 28-22, and Plymouth blanked South Central, 20-0.

Also, Mapleton dumped Danbury, 33-0.

## B. River 30 Crestview 7

**ASHLAND** — Black River kept rolling along with a 30-7 Firelands Conference win over

### FIRELANDS CONFERENCE ROUNDUP

SCHOOL NAME	OVERALL					LEAGUE				
	G	W	L	P.F.	PA	G	W	L	P.F.	PA
Black River	5	5	0	185	47	3	3	0	104	39
Western Reserve	5	4	1	99	82	3	3	0	55	40
Monroeville	5	4	1	132	77	3	2	1	76	60
Crestview	5	3	2	63	74	4	2	2	48	66
Plymouth	5	3	2	77	66	4	2	2	50	54
St. Paul	5	2	3	86	88	4	2	2	86	74
Mapleton	5	3	2	90	75	3	1	2	44	68
South Central	5	2	3	76	93	4	1	3	42	74
New London	5	2	3	68	80	4	0	4	36	70

Crestview Friday.

The undefeated Pirates (5-0) are tied with Western for first place in the league standings at 3-0 and will host the Roughriders on Friday.

B.J. Fraysar opened the scoring for Black River with a three-yard touchdown run, but the Cougars came back to capture a 7-6 lead on a seven-yard run from Scott Durbin and the Ed Blum kick.

The Pirates took the lead for good later in the quarter as Joe McGraw hit Craig Clifford on a 71-yard scoring strike, with McGraw adding the two-point conversion to open up a 14-7 advantage.

McGraw struck again in the third period on a 37-yard scoring gallop, with Clifford ending the scoring when he pulled in a 35-yard touchdown pass from Jim Addington in the fourth.

Black River rolled 276 yards total offense and limited the Cougars to just 33.

## St. Paul 28 New London 22

**NORWALK** — St. Paul built a 21-0 lead and then had to hang on to claim a 28-22 Firelands

Conference victory over New London at Whitney Field Friday.

The Flyers, who ended a two-game skid with the victory, are now 2-2 in the league and 2-3 overall while the Wildcats fall to 0-3 in the Firelands and 1-4 on the season.

St. Paul opened the scoring on a three-yard run from Craig Coe in the first period with Larry Fisher booting the extra point.

The Flyers made it 14-0 with six seconds left in the half when Greg Rogers hit Mike Davis on a 42-yard scoring strike, and then tacked on another score to pull out to a 21-0 lead on a one-yard plunge by Coe with at the end of the third period.

But New London started on the long road back when Rob Lavengood went over from the one with 7:59 left in the game and Bobby Wilson added the extra point.

The Flyers held on to their 21-7 lead until Derek Davidson pulled down a six-yard touchdown pass from Lavengood with 1:12 remaining. The quarterback then hit Chad Hall on the two point conversion to make it 21-15.

The Lakers fall to 0-5 on the season while the Mounties improve to 3-2.

St. Paul put the game out of reach when Rogers broke free for a 49-yard touchdown run 42 seconds later, but the Wildcats weren't done as Bruce Goodman returned the ensuing kick off 82 yards for the score.

The Flyers rolled up 221 yards on the ground and 122 through the air, while New London was limited to 50 yards rushing and 156 yards passing with three interceptions.

## Plymouth 20 S. Central 0

**GREENWICH** — Wendell Sloane scored three times to lead Plymouth to a 20-0 Firelands Conference victory over South Central Friday.

The Big Red improves to 2-2 in the league and 3-2 overall while the Trojans fall to 1-3 in the Firelands and 2-3 on the season.

Plymouth got all the scoring it would need on a one-yard run from Sloane in the first quarter, but the senior back added a 20-yard gallop in the second and a nine-yard run in the third.

The Big Red rolled up 216 yards on the ground and 25 through the air and limited South Central to 157 yards.

## Mapleton 33 Danbury 0

**NOVA** — Mapleton handed Danbury its 15th straight regular season defeat with a 33-0 shellacking in non-conference play Friday.

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Brian Cline got Mapleton rolling with a four-yard scamper with 2:37 left in the first quarter, with the Mounties tacking on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Cline to Bill Linder with 36 seconds left in the half.

Mapleton picked up a pair of scores in the third quarter on a one-yard run from Steve Black and a 12-yard scoring strike from Cline to Mike Braun, and then ended the scoring with 10:28 left in the game on a 73-yard punt return from Linder.

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# Bellevue scores early to bounce Norwalk

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**BELLEVUE** — The Bellevue Redmen executed Coach Terry Adams' strategy of scoring early while the rain held off, then controlling the football after they got some points Friday against long-time Northern Ohio League rival Norwalk.

Scoring 14 points in the first nine minutes, Bellevue controlled the Truckers on the way to a 27-9 homefield win.

Bellevue exhausted Norwalk's slim 26-man roster in the second half during intermittent showers with ball-control running and a variety of substitutions late in the game.

The Redmen produced 194 yards on the ground on 45 attempts to Norwalk's 57 yards on 31 attempts. Bellevue junior running back Tom Smythe led all rushers with 54 yards on 13 attempts.

After the game Adams said humidity and the rain probably tired Coach Scott Thompson's limited squad. "I think that becomes a problem (the lack of numbers). I think it takes its toll."

Adams commended Thompson's team for making it

through the "turmoil" of last week's announcement of his resignation and questioning by parents of his demands on players.

With the loss, Norwalk slipped to 1-4 overall, 0-2 in the Northern Ohio League, while Bellevue upped its record to 4-1 and 1-1.

Adams felt his offense keyed the win by keeping Norwalk senior quarterback Chris Garcia and the offense off the field. In last week's league opener against Upper Sandusky, Bellevue was blanked 10-0 and its time of possession was 18 minutes.

Adams said his offense was on the field at least 28 minutes Friday in the 48-minute game.

"Last week our defense was on the field all night," he said.

Settling on senior quarterback Troy Miller was a smart idea too, he said.

Miller took a six-yard keeper up the middle five minutes into the game for a stand-up touchdown on Bellevue's first possession. Miller soon after intercepted a Garcia pass and ran it to the Norwalk 45.

Two minutes later, Miller found Steve Schaefer in the

right corner of the end zone for a 16-yard touchdown pass.

Norwalk came back with a 36-yard Garcia pass to junior fullback Jeff Phillips. The drive

## Clyde bolts to early lead

**CLYDE** — Clyde, fresh from a 21-2 win over Port Clinton, is 4-1 at the midway point of the season.

And, it's the best start for the Fliers since they bolted from the gate for a 5-0 mark in 1982.

The Fliers scored on a pair of passes from quarterback Mike Carter to wide receiver Jason Whaley in the opening period for a quick 14-0 lead.

"For the first time this season, we decided to receive after winning the coin toss. I just felt it could start raining at any time and we wanted to get an early score if possible," said Clyde head coach Bob Bishop.

"The only pass we threw on the opening drive was the 9-yarder from Carter to Whaley for the score. It was the first time we had scored in the first quarter this season," added Bishop, watching the Fliers climb to 2-0 in the Sandusky Bay Conference where they share first place with Huron and St. Mary's Central Catholic.

Later in the first period, Carter found Whaley for a 26-yard completion and score. Wade Nofitz converted again and the Fliers had a 14-0 lead.

"We had a pass completion for 42 yards right before the score. After that, we went into cruise control for awhile."

The Fliers added another score in the third period on a 3-yard run by Ryan Ray, who gained 66 yards on 16 carries to trail teammate Johnny Montgomery who had 68 yards on 11 tries.

Port Clinton, falling to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the SBC, avoided the shutout in the fourth period with a safety.

"It's good to be 4-1 but we know there are some tough ones ahead, beginning with Huron next week. In my four years here, I've never been able to beat either Huron or Margaretta and they've been thorns in our sides," said Bishop, now sporting a 15-20 record in 3 1/2 seasons at the helm.

"We had good balance (139 yards rushing and 101 passing) and didn't have any turnovers which is excellent.

"Defensively, we did a good job against the run (PC had 44 yards on 31 carries). Troy Keeegan had a fine game at defensive end and outside linebacker Toby Ball and inside linebacker Eric Level played well on defense, too," added Bishop.

ended with an 18-yard pass to senior halfback Charles Lampkin 11 1/2 minutes into the first.

With 4:23 left in the second quarter and Norwalk tiring, Bellevue senior defensive back Ken Strunk recovered a fumble on the Norwalk 45, which led to a one-yard touchdown run by Miller with 36 seconds left in the half.

Smythe finished the scoring on a four-yard touchdown with 1:34 left in the third quarter, capping a six-play, 29-yard drive.

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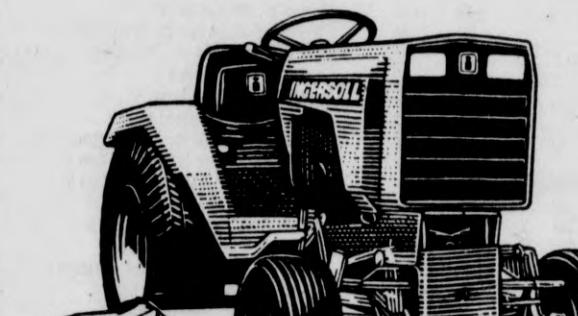
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