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Eagles' Ringholz posts 100th win

MONROEVILLE — A Monroe rally helped Steve Ringholz pick up his 100th win.

The Eagles bounced back from a 14-0 deficit early in the second quarter with 21 unanswered points to post a 21-14 decision over Lorain Catholic in non-conference play Friday.

The win lifted Ringholz's record over his 15-year career to 100-45-1.

Monroeville began its rally with a 36-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Fries to Jim LoPresti with 4:31 left in the first half.

The Eagles were able to grab the lead with 10 seconds left in the half when Scott Ruffing went 56 yards with an interception and Matt Tyler, who booted the extra point after the first score, ran for the 2-point conversion on the second.

LoPresti and Fries hooked up in the third quarter on a 5-yard scoring strike to add the insurance score for Monroeville.

S. Central 28 New London 27

GREENWICH — Matt Prater made his last two passes count.

Prater hooked up with Brandon Sanders on an 8-yard touchdown toss with just over a minute remaining, then added a pass to Darren Hunt on the 2-point conversion to lift South Central to a 28-27 Firelands Conference thriller over New London Friday.

The win was the first in four tries for the Trojans and their rookie coach Bryan Oney.

But it took a furious rally as the Wildcats, also 1-3 on the season, put 27 points on the board in the second quarter behind four touchdowns from Jason Matthews.

Both teams are 1-2 in the Firelands.

Prater opened the scoring with a 9-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, but Matthews had runs of 26 and 7 yards at the beginning of the second to give New London a 14-6 lead.

Jimmy Houghlten padded the Wildcat lead with a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown midway through the period, with Matthews finding paydirt with two seconds left in the half when he recovered a fumble in the end zone.

Prater got South Central back on track with a 10-yard scoring strike to Nathan Antil in the third period with Mullins closing the gap with a 1-yard run with six minutes left in the game.

Prater followed by running in the 2-point conversion, then sealed the win with his touchdown toss to Sanders and the conversion pass to Hunt in the final minute.

The Trojans gained 253 yards total offense in the game with 138 coming on the ground. New Lon-

don countered with 220 yards total offense, including 178 yards rushing.

Both teams are back in action Friday with the Trojans visiting Plymouth and the Wildcats host Norwalk St. Paul.

Plymouth 24 W. Reserve 13

COLLINS — Ricky Reeder tossed a pair of touchdown passes to lead Plymouth to a 24-13 win over Western Reserve in Firelands Conference play Friday.

Reeder, who completed 13 of 23 passes for 213 yards, hit Quinn Sexton with a 9-yard strike in the second quarter and hooked up with Jason Resendez on a 7-yard touchdown pass during the Big Red's 18-point outburst in the second quarter, then added a 1-yard run in the fourth to close out the scoring.

Curt Handshoe raced 24 yards for the other Plymouth score in the second period while Pete Good scored on a 15-yard pass from Curt Bly, with Ply adding a 13-yard run in the third for the Roughriders, now 2-2 on the season.

Plymouth also owned a comfortable edge in the statistical battle, outgaining the hosts by a 342-245 margin.

Black River 26 St. Paul 0

NORWALK — Black River put a serious crimp in any Firelands Conference title hopes for the St. Paul Flyers with a 26-0 victory Friday night at Whitney Field.

The Pirates scored in every quarter with Jeff Nixon opening the scoring with a 19-yard run, then adding touchdown passes to 59 and 67 yards to Jason Bindinger.

Black River, which limited St. Paul to just 104 yards total offense, also had a safety and a 36-yard touchdown run from Jason Morrison to close out the scoring.

Seneca East blanks Mohawk

ATTICA — Matt Beckman scored on a 29-yard run in the second period and Nate Watson converted for the only scoring as Seneca East blanked Mohawk, 7-0, in a battle of undefeated.

It was the first Midland Athletic League game for both teams, who were 3-0 coming into the contest.

Turnovers played a key role in the outcome. Mohawk had four turnovers with two lost fumbles and two interceptions while the Tigers played errorlessly.

Seneca East, 4-0, picked up 170 yards on the ground and added 39 through the air on one of five completed passes while Mohawk had 137 yards rushing and 43 through the air on five of 15.

en innings, walking two and striking out one.

Cleveland started quickly as Kenny Lofton led off the game with a double and scored on Carlos Baerga's first of two home runs. The two-run shot made Baerga the first AL second baseman to 100 RBI since Bobby Grich in 1979.

The teams traded runs in the fourth on RBI singles by Lofton and Livingstone, but Baerga made it 4-1 in the fifth with his 19th homer.

Starter Dave Mlicki left after the fifth with a sprained ankle, and ex-Tiger Ted Power immediately ran into trouble. He hit Mickey Tettleton, Rob Deer reached on an error, and Livingstone curled his fourth homer around the right-field foul pole.

"I've always had power, so I don't think this is a fluke," Livingstone said. "I've always been a better hitter with runners on base because it feels good to drive in runs."

Paul Sorrento doubled to lead off the eighth and moved to third when Gullickson and Dave Bergman failed to pick up Reggie Jefferson's grounder.

After Gullickson fell behind Carlos Martinez 2-0, Mark Leiter came in and gave up a sacrifice fly. Felix Fermin then grounded into a double play, but the damage was done.

Tony Phillips led off the ninth with a double and took third on Lou Whitaker's grounder.

Olin came on to strike out Travis Fryman, but Fielder hit a grounder just past shortstop Fermin to send the game into extra innings. Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove was also impressed with Anderson's achievement.

"You don't manage that long without doing a good job," he said. "Sparky handles games well, he handles players well, and he handles the media well. And along with being a good manager, he's a good man."



Senior Eddie Johnson tries to break grasp of Lorain's Jeff Dudziak in a 30-yard run to the three in the opening moments of the fourth quarter.

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Streaks

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receiver was off the mark on a fourth down play at the Willard 15 late in the first half.

But the Flashes put their defense back on the field one play later with a fumble, but the unit rose to the challenge with the Rams missing a 41-yard field goal attempt near the end of the half.

"We hurt ourselves with penalties and fumbles in the first half," said King. "They did not surprise us. I thought we had the exchange problem worked out."

"We've made great strides from the start of the season until tonight, but I will take a NOL win on the road."

It was the same Upper Sandusky field that the Flashes earned their first-ever playoff berth with a hard-fought 6-0 overtime win in the

last game of the 1988 season, so close tests on the road at Upper are nothing new for King and his staff.

"We just played well enough to win," said King.

fourth and five at the Lorain 28. Barnum dropped back to pass and fired the ball over the middle where tight end Al Kirksey made a fine catch while running into a teammate to give the Streaks the first down at the 11.

The Streaks fumbled again on their second possession but got the ball back to start the second quarter and marched 88 yards in 10 plays featuring Lofton who exploded for runs of 41 and 17 yards.

A well-executed pass resulted in the score. Barnum lobbed a perfectly thrown pass into the arms of Kirksey breaking over the middle and the big tight end rumbled into the end zone untouched at the 6:50 mark from 13 yards out.

Harper's theft four plays later set up the third touchdown of the

Vermilion holds on

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Vermilion raced out to a 21-0 lead in its Erie Shore Conference opener but then had to hold off a late North Ridgeville surge to earn a 23-14 victory.

The Sailors seemingly have everything under control with the three touchdown lead in the third period.

"I could sense our kids relaxed after that and North Ridgeville came back at us. What I liked was the fact we regained our poise at crunch time and came up with a nice drive when we had to late in the game to protect our lead," coach Ralph Mayer said.

Vermilion's first score came when junior tailback Kevin Jones plunged one yard and Adam Shuster kicked the PAT.

"We scored just before the half to go up 14-0. Jason Hill intercepted a pass around midfield and ran it back to the five with less than a minute left in the half. Jones went over from the three with 38 seconds remaining and Shuster's kick made it 14-0," Mayer recalled.

Vermilion is 2-2 on the year and the Rangers dropped to 1-3.

In the third period, backup tailback, Matt White, a sophomore, popped in from the one while filling in for Jones who injured a hip.

Then things started to get interesting. The Rangers scored on a touchdown pass from quarterback T. J. Turner to Rodney Allison and added the two-point conversion.

They came right back with Turner going in from the three to cut the deficit to 21-14.

"They got the ball back again and moved into our territory before we stopped them with 4 1/2 minutes left. We drove the ball from our 3 to the 45 and ate up a lot of the time but still had to punt. They came at us with everyone and we managed to get a 49-yard kick off and they had the ball inside their own 10. We sacked Turner in the end zone for a safety to put the game away," Mayer concluded.

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Buckeyes may lose track coach

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State track coach Russ Rogers said there was a 75 percent chance he would leave the Big Ten school for a similar job at Arizona State University.

Rogers would coach the men's and women's teams at the Pacific 10 Conference school.

Last spring he led the Buckeyes to their first Big 10 men's outdoor title since 1948. Rogers is entering his fifth season at Ohio State.

"They made me a really great offer and I'm giving it strong consideration," he said. "I've talked to the athletic department here, and right now we're sort of in limbo."

Rogers said he probably would announce his decision within the next few days.

Rogers coached men's and women's track and cross country teams at Fairleigh Dickinson in New Jersey for 10 years.

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Jimmy beats Martina

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jimmy Connors beat Martina Navratilova in a quasi-tennis match Friday night and her defeat was mostly her fault.

Or mostly her double-fault, to be exact.

Connors, a 6-1 favorite in man-to-woman betting, won 7-5, 6-2 before a sellout crowd of 13,832 outdoors at Caesars Palace. Both stars came to play and not to create an event, like Bobby Riggs' infamous "Battle of the Sexes" with Billie Jean King at the Astrodome in Houston 19 years ago.

"Jimmy played great," Navratilova said. "I was really impressed with how he handled the pressure. I guess I'm glad it's over."

There were few exchanges among the players and hardly any between them and the fans during the struggle for a winner's prize of \$500,000.

Navratilova committed eight double faults and two of them were key.

With Connors up 6-5 in the first set, Navratilova double-faulted away set point.

Connors was leading 3-2 in the second set and was ahead 15-30 with Navratilova serving in the sixth game when she double-faulted again. Connors then broke service, held his own and broke service again to close out the match.

Connors, on the other hand, had only six double faults, although he was allowed just one serve. This meant if he faulted, it was automatically a double fault.

Another bend of the rules allowed Navratilova to serve to a wider court. She had 2 feet, 3 inches extra on each side, or half of the doubles alley. She, however, scored only six points on shots into the doubles lane.

"I didn't take advantage of the alleys," Navratilova said. "I served poorly today."

"I was more nervous today than any match I've ever been in," said the 35-year-old Navratilova.

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