

# SHS

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he churned his way into the open and was finally dragged down by Kaufman at the SHS 18, 76 yards from where he hauled in the kick.

Sandusky's defense came up big again, this time in the form of Moore, one of the linebackers. DiFranco's pass to the goalline hit the intended receiver on the shoulder pads and bounded into the air. Moore came back toward the ball and put it away at the one.

The Streaks worked their way out of trouble and Romero booted a 45-yard punt to the Midview 30.

The Middies punted three plays later and Sandusky set up shop at its own 43 with 2:39 left in the half.

On the first play, Mines again rolled out on the option and pitched back to Moore who exploded for a nifty 32-yard gain in which he started down the east sidelines, then cut across the middle of the field and was finally dragged down on a touchdown-saving tackle by Midview's Brian Kowalski.

The Streaks had a first down at the 13 when a mixup resulted in a fumble and Kaufman recovered at the 26, a 13-yard loss.

SHS was faced with 3rd and 23 at that point when Moore came up with a 21-yard reception and again simply refused to go down until he reached the 5.

Cook opted to go for the field goal with 10 seconds remaining in the half and Romero's kick split the uprights for a 17-0 advantage.

Then came the reversal of form in the second half.

The Middies had 27 plays compared to 18 for the Streaks. Midview gained 148 yards to 69 for Sandusky.

However, Sandusky's defense refused to break although it bent quite a bit as the Middies mixed their attack up quite a bit and were effective on counter plays as SHS sold out to the passing game.

Midview came right on to start the second half and mounted a nice drive from its own 29 to the Sandusky 34. However, DiFranco was intercepted for the third time when Kaufman stepped in for the theft.

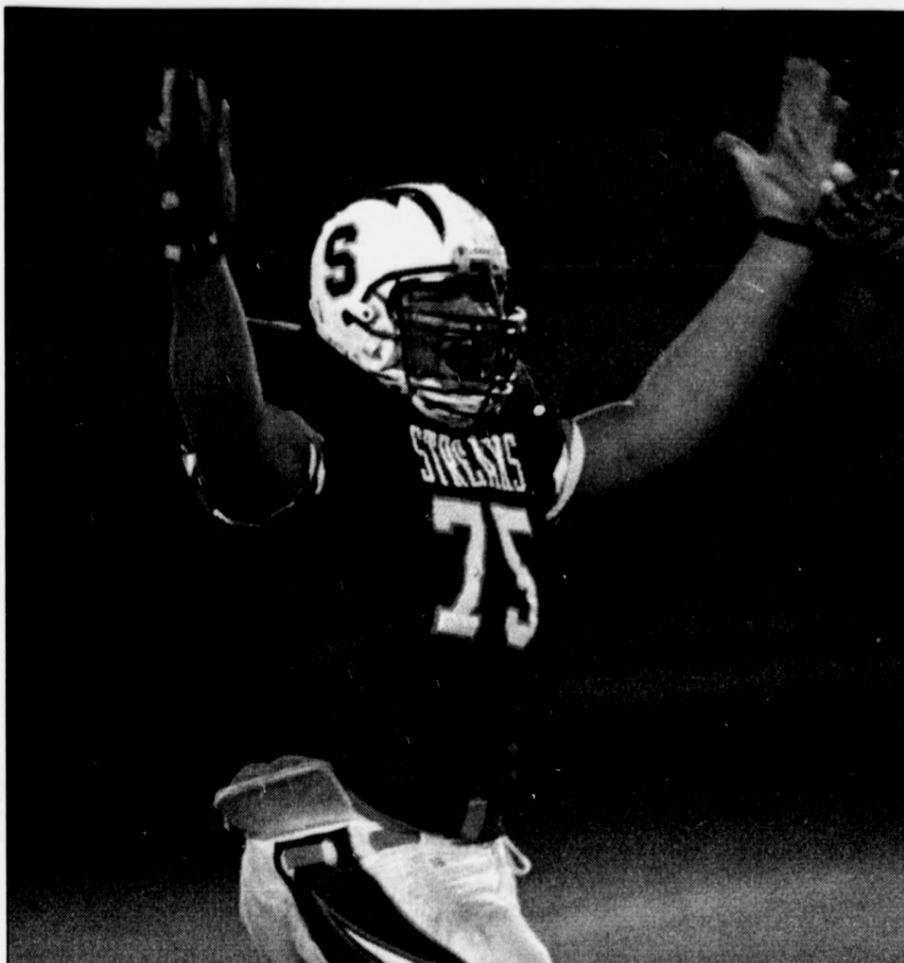
Neither team mounted much of anything the balance of the third period.

The Middies had another shot when Mines fumbled at his own 48 and Rick Jackson recovered.

They drove to the 11 before losing the ball on downs, but had possession 4 plays later at the SHS 38.

DiFranco and wide receiver Mike Hayes teamed up for a 24-yard pass play to the Sandusky one. Hayes had double coverage, but went higher in the air than the defenders to make a superb catch.

DiFranco wedged in from the one two plays later, with 2:12 left in the game. Hayes kicked the PAT.



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Sandusky's 6-7, 300-pound senior defensive tackle Orlando Pace celebrates a sack of Midview quarterback Jason DiFranco for a seven-yard loss in the second quarter. Pace did not play the second half because of back spasms.

## Cook: Our first half was great all the way around

BY CHARLES WAGNER  
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There are two sides to every story.

In Friday's Erie Shore Conference game at Strobel Field there were two games played in one.

The Streaks won the first "game" by a lopsided margin, but lost the second "contest".

However, coach Larry Cook will take the 17-7 win over Midview. "It's 3 down and 1 to go next week when we prepared to play North Ridgeville on the road. We've had a tough time playing there."

"The key tonight was the way we played in the first half. Our offense put the ball into the end zone and our defense completely shut them down. The second half was completely different. Maybe we became complacent. I know this, we didn't have the intensity in the second half we did early in the game," Cook noted.

"In the first half we took the pass and the run away from them and our offense came up with the big plays. The pass from Phil Mines to LeAndre Moore was a thing of beauty. We have been working on that play for three weeks, but hadn't used it until tonight.

"Phil made a nice read and LeAndre ran a perfect pattern and we had 6 quick points," Cook noted.

"LeAndre had a big run to set up our second touchdown and Paco Romero's field goal just before the half was very important. That meant they had to score 3 times to beat us," Cook continued.

"I thought we came out flat in the second half and did not play with the same intensity we had in the first half. I'm proud of our defense. It may have bent, but it didn't break and Midview has a much better football team than people give them credit for. They made us work hard for everything we got tonight," Cook said.

He also commented on why 300-pound defensive tackle Orlando Pace was on the sidelines the second half.

"Orlando has back spasms. We could have used him if we really had to, but didn't want to take any chances since we had the lead. He's okay," Cook noted.

"We had good balance from our runners and I believe Phil is getting better every week. He made a lot of good decisions and the option was our bread and butter play for the most part tonight. It's nice to be 3-0 in the conference, and also nice to get back to the .500 mark after our tough start," Cook concluded.

## Perkins golfers just happy to advance

GALION — Perkins golfers are happy, but not the youngsters from Ontario.

The Pirates made their way out of the Galion Division II sectional for the fourth year in a row.

It's how they did it that is the story.

The top 3 teams advance to the district at Green Hills Friday. Bellevue won the crown with 325, followed by Shelby at 330. Perkins and Ontario tied for third.

A tiebreaker was needed to determine who gets out. The score of the fifth player is the key. Eric

Claxton had 91 for the Pirates and Ontario's fifth player was disqualified because he signed an incorrect scorecard.

The player in question played the back nine first, but put those scores on the card showing the front nine.

In addition, another Ontario golfer had trouble on a par-three hole in which his tee shot landed on the tee for another hole. He played a provisional ball and also the ball on the tee. He took a 5 with the right ball, and a 4 with the provisional. He was also the same youngster who needed a 46 on his last nine to give Ontario a one-stroke margin over Perkins. He had 47 which came after a 40 on his first nine.

Adding to Ontario's woes, when the van was ready to leave the Galion Country Club course, it wouldn't start and course officials had to jump start the vehicle.

For Bellevue, Shawn Miller had 78, Chad Murray 81, Ryan Moore and Jason Cope 43s and Aaron Pagnard 87. The latter's score was not needed.

For Perkins freshman Jeff Beat-

ty had 78, Tom Speer 80, freshman tony corder 85, Lincoln Schneider 88 and Claxton 91.

Ben Wilkins of Norwalk moves on as an individual after he posted a fine round of 76 to earn medal honors. Jud Wible of Huron carded 83 and is also going to the district.

## Danbury to III District

HURON — Danbury and three area individuals qualified for the Division III District Golf Tournament at Bowling Green next Friday.

The Lakers claimed the third and final qualifying spot at the sectional played at Thunderbird Hills, finishing with a team score of 343. They finished behind sectional champion Wynford and runnerup Colonel Crawford.

Leading the way for Danbury was Thomas Belna with 42-40-82 while Ryan Gerrard followed with 41-43-84, Wayne Manko had 42-48-87 and Zackary Twarek had 42-48-90. Also, David Redett had 44-48-92.

The three individuals advancing on to district play were Ben Wheeler of Norwalk St. Paul with 75, Plymouth's Brett Hall with 83 and New London's Kevin Sunderman with 84.

## Sailors

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Matt White exploded for a 51-yard burst to get the Sailors out of a deep hole in the last 4 minutes.

## Plymouth in FC lead

# Eagles knock off Wildcats

By MICHAEL THRONE  
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MONROEVILLE — Monroeville coach Steve Ringholz and New London coach Rocky Farlow both knew they were in for a Firelands Conference war Friday night at Marsh Field.

But, when all was said and done, the Wildcats won the battle only to have the Eagles win the war, as they surged past New London in the fourth quarter for a 13-7 Homecoming win.

"We talked to our kids all week about this game being a brutal war and we were right. We wore them down a little in the third and fourth quarters and got the win," commented Ringholz, whose team upped its mark to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the FC.

"I can't ask for more from our kids. They played their hearts out. It was a great game and it's a shame we have to go home with the loss," Farlow stated.

The Eagles were outgained by the Wildcats by a 250 to 180 count, including a 177 to 129 edge on the ground, but they made the big plays at the right times.

The "war" began slowly with both teams going three downs and punt on their first possessions. New London attempted to draw first blood when they embarked on a eight play drive, but Wildcat kicker Jay Raphael's 45-yard attempt went wide-right and the two teams were scoreless after the first stanza.

The defenses continued to take center stage until the Wildcats took the ball after a failed Eagle fourth-down conversion and marched 80 yards in five plays.

Tailback Jimmy Houghten did the bulk of the work as he carried the ball three times for 30 yards, but fullback Josh Pack picked up the score as he rumbled 41 yards around the right end to put the Wildcats on the board. Raphael tacked on the extra point and the score was 7-0.

But, the Eagles struck back on their next possession.

After a 48 yard kickoff return by Brian Jones, the Eagles cruised the final 52 yards in seven plays to tie the game. The drive was helped out by a New London pass interference penalty and capped off when Kevin Fries hit Brian Loolen with a 13-yard scoring toss. Matt Tyler added the point-after.

The Wildcats, now 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the FC, took the kickoff and began another drive. They almost got into the endzone when signalcaller Aaron Matthews hit Dan Whitaker with a pass. Whitaker rumbled 47 yards and was caught from behind by Mike Appeman in what would prove to be the game-saving tackle.

With three seconds left, Raphael attempted a 21-yard field goal after Whitaker's catch-and-run to end the half, but it sailed wide-

right and the score remained tied at seven.

"No question about it, Appeman saved the game with that tackle. That was the play of the game," stated Ringholz, who takes his team to Western Reserve next week.

The two teams fought through the third quarter with neither teams getting a score, but the Eagles began a drive at the end of the stanza that led to the winning touchdown.

Brett Jones rumbled for 33 yards in the drive, including the touchdown. He took the handoff, bounced off the pack and bounded off two tackles to reach the endzone with a 13-yard touchdown. A two-point conversion was botched and the final score was 13-7.

"I can't say enough about our defense. New London has so many weapons and we hoped to prevent them from hurting us. We came up big when we had to," Ringholz said.

Jones finished the night with 82 yards on 18 carries along with one touchdown.

Pack led New London in rushing with 62 yards on 12 carries, while Matthews was 6 of 15 for 73 yards and one interception.

"We hoped to get just one break and we didn't really get any," commented Farlow, whose team hosts FC leader Norwalk St. Paul next Friday.

<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Western Reserve</b>	<b>8</b>

COLLINS — Plymouth took over sole possession of first place in the Firelands Conference Friday night.

But, it didn't come easy for the Big Red as they were forced to rally for a 13-8 win over Western Reserve.

Plymouth, 4-2 overall, improved to 3-0 in the conference for a one-half game lead over Norwalk St. Paul, which takes a 2-0 FC mark into tonight's game against South Central at Whitney Field.

Jim Meador scored on a 13-yard run and Gregg Davis booted the conversion as Plymouth took a 7-0 lead in the first period.

In the third period, Western Reserve scored on a 19-yard run by Steve Meagrow and Ryan Bomar put the Roughriders ahead, 8-7, when he ran for the two-point conversion.

The Roughriders maintained their lead until the final quarter when Curt Handshoe scored on a 13-yard run for what proved to be the game-winner.

Plymouth dominated the game statistic-wise with 233 yards offense compared to just 115 for the Roughriders, who were plagued by four turnovers including three interceptions. Meanwhile, the Big Red had no turnovers.

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