

Bears

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On their next possession, the Bears struck quickly with Thomas finding Dauch for a 51-yard scoring strike and Bonningson ran for the conversion after the snap from center was bobbled on the point after try. The score staked the Polar Bears to a 34-0 lead with 1:41 to go in the third period.

Each team scored in the fourth quarter.

Lakota, 1-2, avoided the shutout as Adam Gnepper hauled in a two-yard pass from Josh Hatley and Hatley also hit John Marshall for the two-point conversion as Lakota pulled to within 34-8 with 7:36 to go in the game.

At the 3:04 mark, John Zang capped off an eight-play, 58-yard drive with a 19-yard run to the end zone to close the scoring at 40-8.

Justice led the Polar Bears on the ground with 62 yards in 10 carries while Dauch hauled in two passes for 87 yards and Tim Christian grabbed two passes for 27 yards.

The Polar Bears, who had 402 yards total offense, did not have to punt in the game.

Margaretta yielded just 83 yards total offense with Lakota getting much of its yardage through the air on eight of 15 for 59 yards, Gnepper catching six for 47 yards.

Redmen

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Clyde (1-2) had one last chance with the ball but Kuhns and Brad Rohrbacher combined to sack Clyde quarterback Josh Young and force a fumble, with Courtney DeLuca falling on the ball.

The sack was one of five in the game by the Redmen.

"They were bringing a lot of pressure up the middle on us...bringing the linebackers hard," Bishop said.

Clyde center Dan Dirlam is in the hospital, and Fliers guard Paul Halbeisen has strep throat.

The Fliers managed 130 yards to Bellevue's 258.

"They do some things that put you in a bind; they've got the quarterback that scared us a little bit," Nasonti said.

After Bellevue fumbled the opening kickoff and Clyde recovered, the Fliers began the scoring on Young's 11-yard touchdown pass to Cory Gonya.

The Redmen blocked a punt midway through the second quarter, and Kuhns scored from the 2 seven plays later to make it 7-7.

Bellevue then warmed up the engine at halftime.

Edison falls in final minute, 12-7

WELLINGTON — Ryan Myers proved tough to handle for Edison Friday night.

The 6-2, 210-pound senior fullback rambled for 228 yards on 27 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns to lead Wellington to a 12-7 win over the Chargers.

Edison, 1-2, took a 7-0 lead with just 1:13 left in the first half as Jake Deehr rambled in from eight yards out and Josh Bryant booted the conversion. That capped off a 12-play, 57-yard drive.

The Dukes, 3-0, got on the board in the third quarter when Myers scored on a 46-yard run to cap off a four-play, 61-yard drive at the 7:35 mark.

Myers then gave the Dukes the lead for good on a two-yard run with 1:49 to go, capping off a 13-play, 81-yard drive.

Edison battled right back on the arm of Deehr, who completed five passes to lead the Chargers from their own 41 to the Wellington 16. Then, on first down, Wellington intercepted a Deehr pass to thwart the comeback attempt.

Chris Warren led the Edison ground game with 15 yards on 15 carries while Deehr, who completed five of 19 passes with one interception, gained 34 yards on 13 carries. Jim

Vermilion strikes quickly for 3rd win

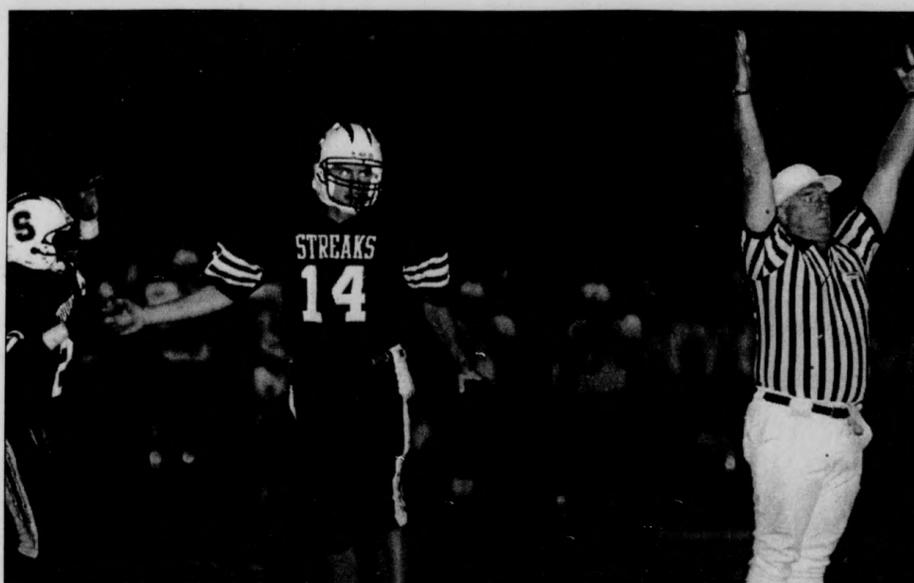
AMHERST — The Rogers brothers have struck again.

Vermilion's outstanding 1-2 punch supplied the haymaker that carried the Sailors to a 35-12 romp over host Amherst.

The Sailors had a 14-6 halftime lead. That grew to 28-6 in the first two minutes of the second half.

Scott Rogers returned the second half kickoff 45 yards to the Amherst 43. On the first play from scrimmage Erik Rogers bolted the distance and Dax Hiteshew added the PAT for a 21-6 lead.

The Comets took the ensuing kickoff and an unsportsmanlike penalty put them deep in the hole.



Sandusky kicker Mike Poeschl (14) is congratulated by Damaris Walls as an official signals that Poeschl's 42-yard field goal attempt was good in the first half against Brunswick Friday night at Strobel Field.

Streaks

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Dave Harris caught a short pass from Jonilla, was popped by a blue-shirted SHS defender and Causey hopped on a fumble at the Brunswick 23.

It took the Streaks seven plays to strike as Causey powered up the middle for the touchdown from the one with 6:10 remaining in the half. The big play for the Streaks came on third and 12 at the 25. Quarterback Jeremy Newell fired a strike to Orlando Williamson for 13 yards to move the sticks. Newell ran the option to perfection for six yards to the one two plays later, then Causey used his 240 pounds to barrel over the defenders for the score.

Poeschl's kick made it 7-3.

The Streaks drove 44 yards in eight plays while battling the clock. They took over with 2:05 left and Newell hit back-to-back passes covering 12 yards to Demarcus Alexander and 16 to Williamson to make it first and goal at the seven.

However, Peterson and company made a strong defense of their own and Poeschl had to boot his 43-yard field goal.

The second half belonged to the defensive units.

For example, Sandusky had just 13 yards rushing in 19 carries. Brunswick was held to 22 yards in 13 rushes. The Streaks passed for 37 yards and the Blue Devils 76.

However, Brunswick came up with a trick play that caught the Streaks by surprise to tie the game late in

the fourth period.

The Blue Devils had the Streaks against the wall and Jason Zess punted from his own end zone to the 35. A return of 11 yards enabled the Blue Devils to start at the SHS 24.

On the opening play, Gallagher, who took over for Jonilla at quarterback in the second half, dropped back on a pass play. Suddenly, he threw the ball to Jonilla, who lined up at a wide receiver spot. Jonilla made the reception behind the line of scrimmage. Therefore, he also tossed a pass to Dempsey who raced downfield and stood alone in the end zone as the SHS secondary raced for Jonilla. The score came with 5:43 on the clock. Toot's PAT was perfect and the score was deadlocked.

Then came the overtime, and the disappointing defeat.

3rd overtime loss in 3 years

By CHARLES WAGNER
Sports Editor

SANDUSKY — Sandusky football coach Larry Cook has been through this before.

In fact, three years in a row.

The Streaks' overtime loss to Brunswick followed on the heels of the same fate in 1995 and 1996.

In 1995, Sandusky lost to Fremont Ross. Then, a year ago, it was a 24-21 defeat at the hands of Lorain Admiral King. Mike Poeschl had kicked a field goal to put the Streaks on the board only to have the Admiral strike on a slant-in pass for a touchdown, and the shocking Erie Shore Conference win.

"I'm proud as a coach can be of the effort the kids made tonight. We had them reeling and it's a shame the first half came to an end. Our defense played another great football game but it all boiled down to the fact they came up with the big plays. We made some as well, but

we couldn't get the one that would have broken their back," Cook said.

"It's tough because we gave it everything we had and I thought we beat them physically. We just were not consistent when we had our chances and made too many little mistakes. The effort was just tremendous and we easily could have won this one tonight but they had the pass play and made a good call on the touchdown run that beat us in overtime. They executed the play perfectly," Cook noted.

Both teams had their problems offensively and the running game for both was non-existent in the second half.

"It was a game of two very good football teams and we just came up a little short. I hope our kids can bounce back next week when we start the Great Lakes League season," Cook concluded.

Sandusky travels to Findlay.

Huron dumps Willard, 41-21

■ Cobb throws for three TDs, runs for another to lead Tigers

By TOM WOLFE

Special to the Register

WILLARD — Huron finished the non-conference portion of its schedule with a bang.

But the Tigers are not fooled by their 41-21 victory that spoiled Parent's Night at Willard on Friday.

"I feel good about the result, but you have to remember we know Willard is a very young team," said Huron head coach Tony Legando.

"We played well tonight, but we still have to keep our feet on the ground. We have some big games ahead of us."

Starting with Clyde at home next Friday in the Sandusky Bay Conference opener for both teams.

"I am proud of our timing on offense, but next week will be a whole different breed of cat," Legando said.

The Huron run-and-shoot was working on all gears against the Crimson Streaks, rolling up 477 yards total offense with 254 through the air.

Gregg Cobb continued to find the end zone, following up his 6-touchdown performance against Norwalk last week with three against Willard.

Jim Fisher grabbed two of the Cobb scoring tosses for 61 and 6 yards, plus added a 71-yarder from Scott Pisano in the second quarter as the Tigers (2-1) were building a commanding 27-0 lead.

Cobb added a 73-yard scoring scamper after the first Fisher touchdown reception and hit John Badiuk with a 26-yard touchdown strike following the Pisano-to-Fisher bomb.

"We got down early, and this is not conducive to what we want to do on offense," said Willard coach Terry King. "Big plays hurt us again. We did see some improvements and we were more intense in the second half which was a big plus."

The Flashes (1-2) got on the scoreboard when Brock Barnett hauled in a 50-yard scoring pass from Charlie Frye but Fisher and Cobb hooked up on the 6-yard touchdown pass and Jason Foster added a 2-yard scoring run to make it a 41-7 lead early in the fourth quarter after Mark Murray converted the fifth of six extra point attempts.

Frye finished the scoring with a 55-yard pass to Brian Barnett and then adding a 1-yard touchdown run.

"I was glad to see us play hard to the end," said King. "We just have to get a running game going. That is an area we have to establish."

"But remember, we only had two seniors on the offensive line and a freshman starter (Steve Martin) replacing senior Matt Vanderpool (knee injury)."

Of course, the Tigers also had their share of injuries.

"We had a lot of kids fill in and do well tonight," said Legando. "Matt McQuillen, Matt Whalen, Kurt Hall and Andy Johnston all played important parts for us. The only starter among the deep backs (on defense) was Scott Pisano, so they did a heck of a job."

Monroeville tops Tigers on big plays

ATTICA — Monroeville used the big play to overhaul Seneca East Friday in a battle of undefeated teams.

The Eagles rode the arm of quarterback Chad Ackerman, the hands of Brad Smith and the foot of Renee Schuchmann to a 20-18 win on the road.

Ackerman accounted for all three Eagle touchdowns on passing plays. Smith grabbed a pair of catches for scores, and Schuchmann provided the margin of victory as he kicked two extra points.

The Eagles scored on the opening play of the second period as Ackerman tossed a nine-yard strike to Scott Benfer. Schuchmann's kick made it 7-0.

Seneca East struck back 51/2 minutes later as Robert Kimble bulldozed in from the one. The Tigers went for the two-point conversion, but a pass fell incomplete.

Monroeville claimed a 14-6 lead 13 seconds before intermission as Ackerman fired an eight-yard touchdown pass to Smith. Schuchmann's kick hike the advantage to 14-6.

However, the Tigers roared back to go in front in the opening moments on the fourth period.

Kimble dashed 44 yards at the 8:08 mark of the third period but the hosts missed the PAT as a run failed. It was now 14-12.

However, Seneca East finally moved ahead on Kimble's third scoring jaunt, this one from five yards out. However, the Tigers again missed the try for the two-point PAT and were clinging to an 18-14 lead with just 1:36 gone in the final period.

It didn't take Monroeville long to regain the lead for good. Just 61 seconds after Seneca East scored, the Eagles were on the board as Ackerman connected for a 67-yard touchdown toss to Smith to complete

the scoring. Monroeville finished with 233 yards on the ground and converted six of 11 passes for an additional 99 yards.

Oak Harbor bowls over Perrysburg

PERRYSBURG — Oak Harbor continues to pile up the points, and the victories.

The Rockets went to Perrysburg for a battle of 2-0 teams, and came away with a 35-0 blowout

Coach Gary Quisno's squad scored 14 points in each of the middle periods on two runs and two touchdown passes by Dave Knieriem. The latter put the Rockets on the board with a 31-yard strike to Nathan Gaines early in the second quarter and Mark Baker exploded for a 55-yard run to give the visitors their 14-0 halftime lead.

In the third period, Knieriem, a sophomore, hooked up with Jason Osborne for a five-yard touchdown toss, then James Wagner ran three yards as the score mounted.

The final touchdown came in the final quarter on Wagner's six-yard jaunt.

Oak Harbor, which launches the Sandusky Bay Conference season Friday at home against Margaretta, had 327 yards in total offense. They rushed for 227 and had a big night passing with eight of 11 for 100 yards.

Perrysburg was limited to only 30 yards on 26 rushes and added 76 in the air.

Oak Harbor, running behind a veteran line, ran off 61 offensive plays.

Norwalk

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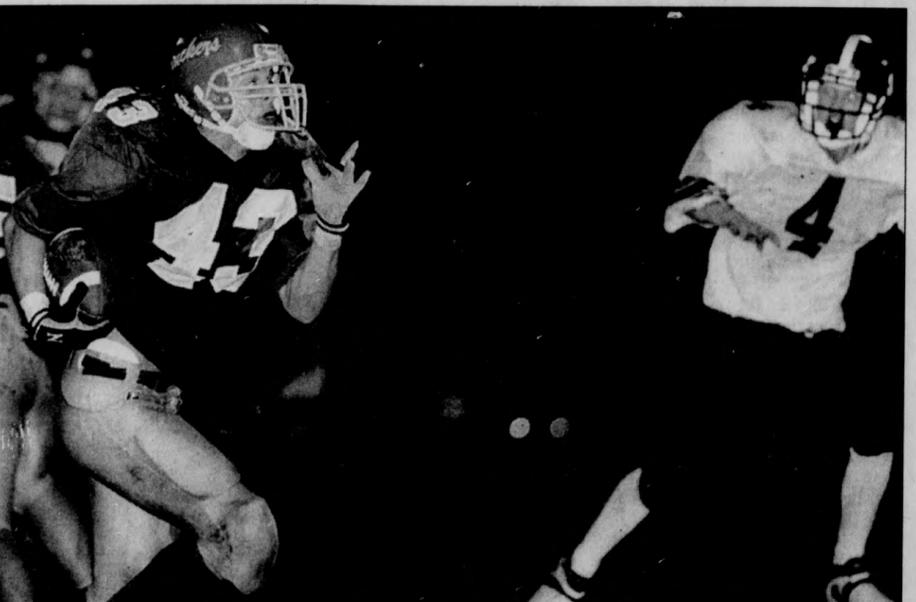
On the first play of the fourth quarter, Schlotterer ran five yards to give Norwalk a commanding 21-6 lead.

Perkins tried to make the game interesting by composing a 12-play drive only to have any chance of a comeback ruined by Brian Bower's sack on fourth down.

"We just kept shooting ourselves in the foot when we would get close to scoring," said Farlow.

In the middle of the fourth quarter, Perkins tried to comeback but faced a fourth-and-six. Farlow tried a fake punt that didn't catch the Trucker's off-guard and gave Norwalk the ball on the Pirate 47. Norwalk just ran out the time by running the ball and there was nothing that Perkins could do.

Norwalk's Rob Moore was 9 of 17 with 108 yards, while the ground game picked up 94 yards. The Trucker's were only penalized three times for 15 yards, while the Pirates were caught 9 times for 93 yards.



Norwalk's Tom DeLuca (43) sprints for a touchdown as Adam Mitchell (4) of Perkins tries to catch up during the third quarter at Whitney Field Friday night. The score erased a 6-0 deficit for the Trucker's, who went on to score a 21-6 victory over the Pirates.

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