

PREP GOLF

Rough day for 11 golfers

FOSTORIA - Lima Shawnee and Ottawa-Glandorf sizzled during Division II District golf play at Loudon Meadows Golf Course Friday.

The two schools advanced to next week's state tournament to be played at Ohio State University.

They will advance along with individuals Matt Wilkinson of Ontario, who claimed medalist honors with 36-33-69 and Steve Webb of Lima Central Catholic, who was two strokes back with 35-36-71.

Lima Shawnee finished with 297 while Ottawa-Glandorf was just five strokes back at 302.

Finishing third was Lima Central Catholic (306), followed by Genoa (309), Huron (310), Upper Sandusky (311), Eastwood and Perkins (314) and Rossford (323).

Panthers out in Div. III, B-4

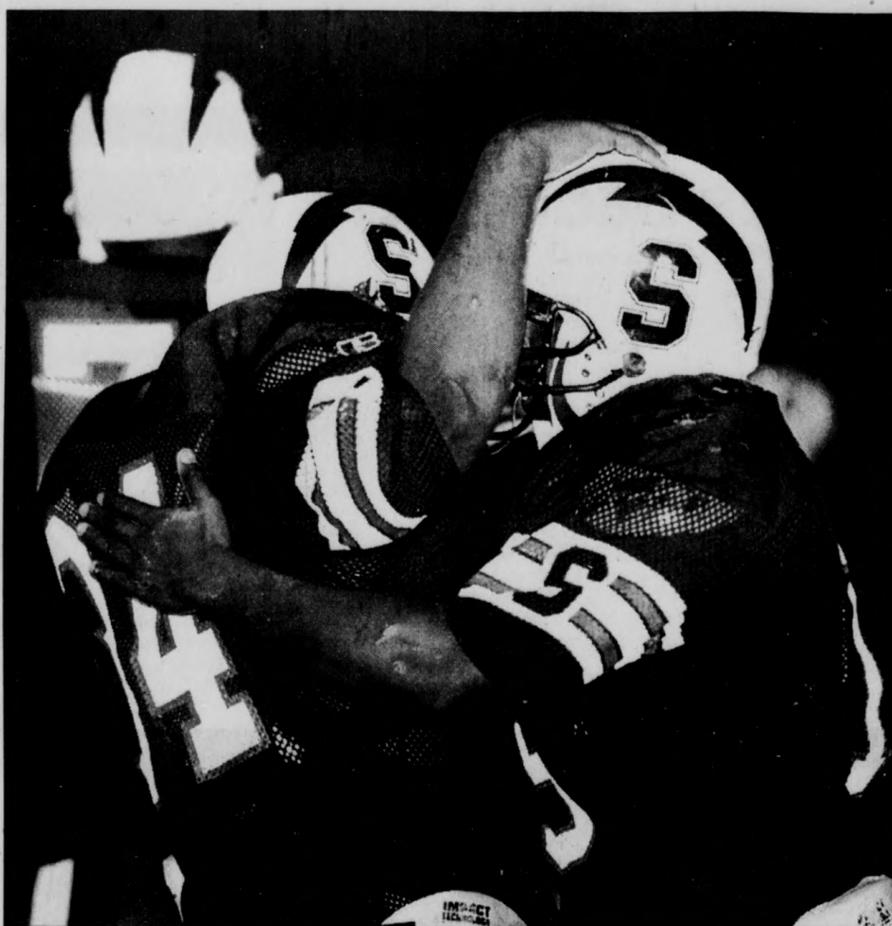
Two other area players competed as individuals in the event with Port Clinton's Tim Beldon having a 46-38-84 while Willard's Alex Major had 47-43-90.

Also, Lakota's Trent Tucker was in contention for one of the two state berths for individuals with 40-34-74. He is the nephew of Margaretta girls basketball coach Tim Tucker.

Todd Palmer had a 40-34-74 to lead the way for Huron while Nate Faust followed with 37-39-76. Chris Milavickas (42-38) and Matt Wooster (40-40) each finished with 80 while Richard Ehrbar's 45-40-85 was thrown out as the fifth score and didn't count in the final team standings.

Ryan Beverick also carded 38-36-74 for Sandusky Bay Conference champion Perkins while Mark Swain followed with 39-37-76. Kenny Browne followed with 42-39-81 while Chad Whaley had 44-39-83 and Justin Bertsch had 43-42-85, but his score didn't figure in the team scoring.

All four players for Lima Shawnee shot sub-80 rounds with Jason Rager leading the way at 38-34-72.



Register photo — SARA DAVIS

Sandusky's Cassell Causey (left) and Darcel Irby (right) celebrate a score against Bedford, Mich., Friday night at Strobel Field. They each scored two touchdowns in the Blue Streaks' 28-8 victory over the Mules.

Streaks

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botched, but Kevin Stock picked the ball up and ran for the conversion to cut the SHS lead to 28-8 with 53 seconds to go in the third period.

"With a 21-0 lead at halftime, we wanted to work on the running game. We had some fumbles in the second half, but a lot of it was due to the fact we were using a lot of different players and it was tough to get that continuity.

"We took the run completely away from them and it was an excellent effort on both sides of the ball. Darcel came up with a couple nice runs after he caught the ball and the overall consistency was the big thing tonight," added Cook.

The Streaks finished with 386 yards offense including 206 yards on the ground. Nine different backs carried the load for SHS with junior Andre Matthews leading the way with 44 yards on six attempts while Irby had 42 on 10 carries, Causey had 37 on seven carries and sophomore

Jimmie Cherry came on late for 31 yards on three attempts.

Senior Orlando Williamson came up with four receptions early for 59 yards and Irby also caught four passes for 80 yards.

Bedford finished with 53 yards offense including 90 through the air and the Mules were limited to minus-37 yards on 13 carries.

The Blue Streaks go on the road for the final time this season next Friday, visiting Fostoria, before closing at home against Columbus DeSales and Fremont Ross.

'Skins slip by Panthers

■ Port Clinton capitalizes on SMCC mistakes in fourth

By JOBE BILGEN
Special to the Register

PORT CLINTON — It was a classic case of two teams not knowing how to win, with the team making the fewest mistakes in the end coming out the victor.

Port Clinton, dominated for three quarters by St. Mary's Central Catholic, capitalized on the mistake-prone Panthers on every opportunity in the final twelve minutes to turn a 22-12 deficit into a 26-22 victory.

The tide turned for the Redskins (2-5, 1-3) when an errant pitch by Panther quarterback Ryan Wikel was recovered by Kerry Kemp with 7:50 left in the game. It was the Panthers (0-7, 0-4) second consecutive play from scrimmage which was fumbled and recovered by Port Clinton.

Cort Kaufman hooked up with a wide open Corey Cutchler for a 30 yard touchdown strike after Panther safety Jeff Riedy blew his coverage assignment. It took Port Clinton 60 seconds to go 40 yards in five plays to make the score 22-19.

After a squib kick went out of bounds, the blue and gold took over at its own 35 yard line. Two running plays sandwiched an incomplete pass, and St. Mary's faced fourth and 10 from its 35. That was when Bill Moritz, a 5-8 junior, came in untouched from the right side of the Panther line and blocked the punt of David Vossmer.

"We put in the blocked punt this week. After looking at film, we thought there was an opportunity to get one. He was close to the line and slow at getting it off, so we went after it," said Port Clinton head coach Ty Roth.

Port Clinton took over at the SMCC 23, but the Panther defense stiffened and PC could not convert on fourth and four.

On its next series, St. Mary's went three and out and was forced to punt again. Vossmer got this one off, but shanked it for an eight yard punt and the 'Skins took over at the SMCC 33 with 3:04 to play.

"We were playing against two

teams in the first half—ourselves and St. Mary's," said the soaking wet Roth who was given a surprise bath courtesy of his players. "Special teams were killing us as it set up their (St. Mary's) first touchdown. Luckily things went our way in the end."

A worn out St. Mary's defense could not stop Port Clinton this time as Kaufman took over on the game-winning drive. He ran for three yards on the first play, then hooked up with Drew Smith for 12 resulting in a first down at the 18.

The 5-8 senior quarterback then ran twice to set up third and two at the 10. On the next play he handed off to Moritz, who carried four Panther defenders and bulled his way for 9 yards down to the one.

On second and goal, Kaufman nudged his way through the line for the final yard and scored his third one yard plunge of the night. Brando Reyna booted the extra point and forced St. Mary's to score a touchdown.

St. Mary's drove down to the Port Clinton 48 yard line before Wikel was thrown for an eight yard loss with 25 seconds left.

Roth added, "there's no added joy in beating St. Mary's because those are my friends. The only joy I have is for my kids. This game was dedicated to Mike Hoffman who would have been a senior but died his freshman year."

The final numbers were almost identical. St. Mary's ran 64 plays for 233 yards (114 passing) in 23:51. The Redskins had the ball for 24:09 and gained 243 yards (119 rushing) on 67 plays.

Moritz led the Port Clinton rushing attack with 76 yards on 21 carries and Jonathon Wierzbka caught six passes for 49 yards.

St. Mary's was paced on the ground by Ron Baum's 16 carries and 43 yards. Dustin Nejedly and Andy Fantozz each hauled in four catches for 63 and 32 yards respectively.

"This is the first time in my sixteen years of coaching where I just don't have an answer. I don't have an answer for the kids. I don't have an answer for anybody. We played three and a half solid quarters, but it somehow slipped away," said Panther head coach Mike Opfer.

Columbian stays in front in NOL

Tiffin Columbian remained on top in the Northern Ohio League with a 46-3 rout of Norwalk while the trio of Bellevue, Bucyrus and Galion remained just one game off the pace after hitting the win column Friday night.

Bellevue, 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the league, bounced back from a stunning loss to Galion last week with a 20-7 victory over rival Shelby.

Bucyrus, also 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the league, also came back from a defeat at the hands of Tiffin Columbian last week with a 56-12 rout of Willard.

Galion improved to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the league after manhandling Upper Sandusky, 36-7.

Bellevue 20, Shelby 7
At Shelby, the Redmen continued to control the series with their main rival in recent years.

After they scored on a 43-yard pass from Duke Fox to Chris Sharp with just over two minutes gone in the game, Shelby came right back on the ensuing possession as Toby Stepsis hooked up with Kurt Keplinger for a 54-yard touchdown completion and John Terry added the point after for a 7-6 lead with 5:05 showing on the clock.

Bellevue bounced back in the second quarter with Russ Kuhns scoring on a 21-yard run and Sean Slater caught the conversion pass from Fox to give the Redmen a 14-7

lead with 4:18 left before halftime. Just 36 seconds into the fourth quarter, Sharp scored for the second time in the game on a 13-yard run and that pushed the Bellevue lead to 20-7 and it stood up the rest of the way.

Bellevue picked up 229 yards on the ground with Kuhns leading the way with 147 yards on 25 carries. They also added 117 through the air as Fox completed 11 of 18.

Bucyrus 56, Willard 12
At Willard, Bucyrus took control early and raced to a 28-0 halftime lead.

Steve Binnix scored four times to lead the way for the southern Redmen. Binnix followed 11 seconds later with an 82-yard kickoff return to push the Redmen lead to 49-6 heading into the final period.

Each team scored in the final period. Willard scored on a 13-yard pass from Charlie Frye to Chad Carr.

Tiffin Columbian 46, Norwalk 3
At Norwalk, Tiffin's Nick Newland rambled for 228 yards on 24 carries and also had one pass reception for another 40 yards.

Newland scored six of Tiffin's seven touchdowns in the game. He started with runs of 60 and 27 yards in the first quarter as the Tornados broke out to a 12-0 lead in the opening quarter.

Bears bowl over Chargers, 36-7

By JIM PARCELL
Staff Writer

NORWALK - Margaretta used big plays, a takeaway defense and a circus catch to dominate Edison 36-7 Friday night in a Sandusky Bay Conference game.

The Polar Bears (6-1 and 3-1) scored 36 points in the first half, while Edison (2-5 and 1-3) scored a late touchdown.

The Bears recovered the first of three Edison fumbles on their own 30 and marched 70 yards in 10 plays for their first score. A 28-yard pass from quarterback B.J. Thomas to Jason Andres sparked the drive, which ended with Tony Pooch's 3-yard run.

Edison tried to rally. The Charged marched 76 yards to 3 before Margaretta stopped them.

Margaretta coach Don Wilson called the goal line stand the game's "pivotal point."

The Bears scored 28 second-quarter points.

A tipped pass off Andy Bohn's hands was caught by Andres, who ran 72 yards for a touchdown on what Wilson called a "circus catch."

Bohn recovered an Edison fumble moments later, leading quickly to a Aaron Justice's 5-yard touchdown run.

Then the Polar Bears scored on a 5-yard run by Pooch and Thomas' 10-yard touchdown pass to Nick Kane.

Andres' fumble recovery and Bohn's interception late in the opening half allowed the Bears to ice the Chargers. Edison cheered Josh Bryant's second-quarter fumble recovery, but the team didn't capitalize on it.

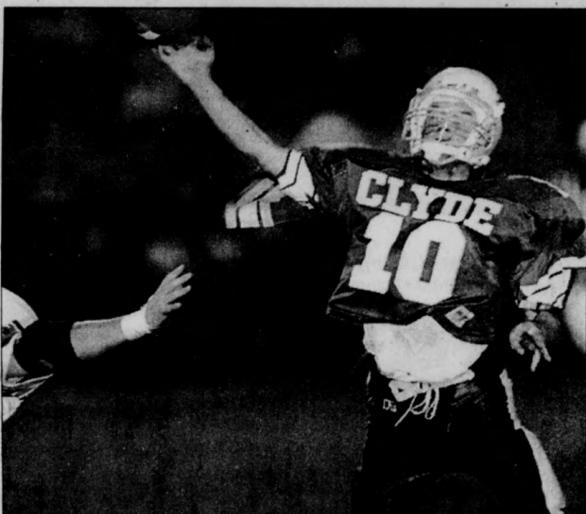
The Chargers had the only second-half score when Josh Lambert ran 20 yards with 8:24 remaining.

Thomas completed nine of 13 passes for 203 yards, while Pooch ran 15 times for 91 yards.

Wilson called Thomas, "as good a quarterback as I've ever coached." Edison's Kelly Wlodarsky had 98 yards rushing on 17 carries.

"You have to make plays," Edison coach Tim Campana said. "We had opportunities to score but turnovers plagued us."

Next week Margaretta hosts Huron, while Edison is at St. Mary's Central Catholic.



Register photo — TERRY REIMER

Clyde quarterback Josh Young (10) unleashes a pass in the first half against Perkins Friday night.

Clyde

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and 3-1 off the scoreboard after three trips by the Pirates to the Fliers' 20, while the Fliers were limited to 58 yards rushing and a 34-yard option pass in the first half.

"They brought a lot of people after us," Bishop said. "We weren't able to do some of the things we thought we could. The defense obviously won this game after we lost the field position battle early."

"Defensively we have to adjust to the speed of what the other team is doing. You can go through it in practice, but you can't really simulate the crispness and the precision. Sometimes it takes a while. It takes a defense adjusting on its feet, and I think we did a little bit of that."

The Pirates managed just 40 yards in the second half.

"We were a little bit out of our offensive sync down by two touchdowns," Farlow said. "We were a little urgent about getting a score. We were out of our three-down rhythm; we had to take a few chances."

But Adam Mitchell completed just three of 14 passes.

Coe pulled down Mitchell's first pass after it was tipped to open the scoring. After Perkins was stopped on downs at the Clyde 22, the Fliers drove 78 yards for Young's 6-yard score.

Perkins also had drives stall at the Clyde 14 and 15 in the first half. Missed field goals on the last two plays of the half kept it 13-0 Clyde at the break.

While Perkins struggled on offense in the second half, Clyde got a 65-yard run from Young and his second touchdown.

That left Clyde fans chanting "SBC, SBC, SBC..."

Stage set for Firelands showdown

■ Flyers, Eagles take perfect marks into league headliner

The stage is set for a showdown in the Firelands Conference.

Norwalk St. Paul and Monroeville will take identical 7-0 records (4-0 in the FC) into next Saturday's headliner at Whitney Field.

It will be the third meeting between the two schools in the past two years with St. Paul winning both the regular season and playoff battles last year.

The Flyers kept their record perfect with a 48-0 thrashing of Ply-

mouth while Monroeville also had little trouble with Mapleton, 40-20.

South Central (4-3) took over sole possession of third place with a 3-1 record after a 27-13 win over New London.

In other action, Crestview (3-4) squared its record at 2-2 with a 42-20 win over Western Reserve.

St. Paul 48, Plymouth 0
At Plymouth, Dan Pugh and Mike Morrow accounted for much of the offense by the Flyers.

Pugh scored four touchdowns and Morrow added three more scores as the Flyers took control in the first half by a 34-0 score and they added two more touchdowns.

Pugh got it going for St. Paul with

scoring runs of 33 and 24 yards within a three-minute span of the first period. Then, Morrow capped off the prolific first period with a 46-yard run at the 2:50 mark. In each case, Ryan McDonnell added the point after.

Monroeville 40, Mapleton 20
At Monroeville, the Eagles broke an early 6-6 deadlock with a scoring outburst in the second period.

Brad Clark hauled in a 12-yard pass from Chad Ackerman to get the Eagles flying in the first period but Mapleton (2-5, 1-3) came back with the equalizer as Jack Gray hauled in a 31-yard scoring toss from Rusty Huffman with 4:08 to go in the quarter.

Crestview 42, W. Reserve 20
At Collins, Ashland Crestview scored twice in the final period to break away from the Roughriders (1-6, 0-4).

The Roughriders were down by just one point, 21-20, late in the third quarter but it was all Crestview from that point on.

South Central 27, New London 13
At New London, South Central did all the scoring it needed in the first half as Doug Dendinger threw for two of the four first half touchdowns.

He found Tim Deering for two yards at the 7:20 mark of the first period and came back in the second quarter with another 15-yard scoring toss to Deering.

Ed Fox Fox's Trail



After going 20-5 last week, the season record improved to 78-25 for 75.7 percent. Here are this week's picks with home team in CAPS:

Air Force (6-0) over NAVY (2-2), 34-14 -- The Falcons are aiming at the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

Ohio State (5-0) over PENN STATE (4-0), 27-24 -- The Buckeyes have played well against the Military Lions since that disastrous 63-14 loss in 1994.

Notre Dame (1-4) over PITT (3-2), 31-23 -- The end of a four-game losing streak for the Irish.

TENNESSEE (3-1) over Georgia (4-0), 45-21 -- Bobo might be the nation's top-rated quarterback coming in, but it is Manning who enjoys the hot hand with five touchdown passes and over 300 yards in the air.

Florida State (4-0) over DUKE (2-3), 52-10 -- The Seminoles have big games ahead.

MICHIGAN (4-0) over Northwestern (2-4), 35-6 -- The Wolverines finally avenge back-to-back losses to the Wildcats.

BOWLING GREEN (3-3) over Western Michigan (3-3), 24-14 -- The Falcons are getting to the point where they will be involved in some key MAC encounters.

Dayton (5-0) over DRAKE (5-0), 23-21 -- The Flyers could go undefeated.

EASTERN MICHIGAN (1-4) over Ball State (1-5), 38-27 -- These two are the biggest disappointments in the MAC this season.

Purdue (3-1) over MINNESOTA (2-3), 24-20 -- The Boilermakers won't win many by the blowout route.

Texas (2-2) over Oklahoma (2-3), 35-20 -- If these two are meeting, it must be State Fair time in Texas.

OKLAHOMA STATE (5-0) over Colorado (2-2), 27-25 -- The Cowboys are back in the saddle again.

Ucia (3-2) over OREGON (3-2), 51-27 -- The Bruins continue to pile up big numbers.

Ashland (5-1) over Wayne State, 34-14 -- The Eagles are coming off a most impressive win over previously-unbeaten Saginaw Valley State.

Baldwin-Wallace (3-1) over CAPITAL (3-1), 34-17 -- The Crusaders have been a big surprise in the OAC, but it could be downhill from now on.

MALONE (1-3) over Tiffin (2-3), 27-17 -- These two are just trying to gain some respect.