

Panthers, St. Joe, Rockets, Gibsonburg In Preview Wins

Lococo Goes Over Blue Streak Remodeling Nears Finish As Saints Win 7-0

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St. Mary's Panthers, if first night showings are any measure, set the stage for a season as successful as 1951 when they duplicated a 7-0 victory over Genoa in the third game of the Sandusky Bay Conference Preview at Oak Harbor Friday night. (That was the score of the Saints' win over Genoa in the preview last year.) Gibsonburg topped Oak Harbor 7-0, Fremont St. Joe brushed Elmore aside 13-0 and Oak Harbor defeated Clyde 6-0 to wind up the evening before more than 2,000 fans.

St. Mary's stuck to the ground almost entirely, throwing only once, a jump pass over the line from quarterback Butch Wagner to end Bud Everett that gained five yards.

Genoa returned Sandusky's opening kick-off to its own 30 and before the Panthers could collect themselves, Genoa backs Wayne Bittner and Larry Everhardt first reeled off two successive first downs to the Saints' 46.

But St. Mary's line stiffened and the Comets were forced to punt after losing on a running play and throwing two incomplete passes.

St. Mary's took over on their 28 and after three plays and an off-side penalty to each team, had the ball on the 35.

There Charlie Lococo took a handoff on the next play and raced 35 yards to Genoa's 30. He picked up a first down in two more tries, but the Saints lost six yards on the third play of the next series of downs and Genoa took over.

The Comets advanced only three yards against the Panthers and punted out to midfield where Butch Wagner returned, nicely to the Comets' 32.

Five running plays sandwiched around the jump pass were good for two first downs. Then Wagner sneaked to the 10. Craig Smith cracked six yards to the four, but the Saints were set back five yards for offside.

Lococo made six and Wagner sneaked to the one foot line. On fourth down, Lococo went over the middle for the score at 2:30. Joe Lang calmly booted the ball between the uprights for the seventh point.

Genoa's running attempts after that were stymied by good Panther line play, with John Keller and Ed Naufel breaking through to cost Genoa ground twice.

With time running out, Genoa tried a pass on fourth down with 25 to go and St. Mary's linebacker John Schell speared it on the Genoa 25, where the game ended two plays later.

Team Speed for Saints
Overall team speed and good defensive play were the encouraging points about the Panthers. They used quick power plays frequently and a lot of the time got across the scrimmage line before Genoa realized the play was in motion.

Halfback play by Lococo and Smith showed the Saints will have some speed and line play was good on attack as well as on defense.

Four Others Tough
But the Panthers will have some mighty tough going from at least four other teams in the Bay League. Fremont St. Joe looked the most formidable, with a fleet of fast backs, featuring John Widman, and a fast charging line, with tackle Gerry Cronin, the standout.

The Crimson Streaks' fullback, Pete Spieldenner, missed the preview because of an ankle injury. The Fremonters gained at will against Elmore.

Oak Harbor and Clyde will definitely be in the title race. The Oakes managed their score on fourth down, 14 to go, with 11 seconds to play. Ken Apling passed to end Dave Mylander for the TD.

Oak Harbor was young but big enough. Coach Dave Martin has apparently done another good job in putting together a team and the Rockets should be pretty rugged by mid-season.

Clyde Is Biggest
Clyde is the biggest team in the conference and should be able to move the ball against any team. They have a good passer, good ends and a big line.

Gibsonburg moved well on the ground and in the air against Lakeside. Sophomore eCurt Bow-plug at quarterback and his brother Bob, is an able ball carrier; so is Don Hemingway on Gibsonburg's 16, but ran out of gas there just as the game ended. Gibsonburg had scored when Hemingway went off tackle for 14 yards midway in the game.

Don Lane, the Lakers' quarterback, was a capable passer, completing one to end Ronnie Harger for 25 yards in Lakeside's march.

ST. MARY'S—7
ENDS—Herzog, Everett, Benkey. TACKLES—Naufel, Keller, Hurst, Meyers, Lang, Serpich. GUARDS—Long, Manner, Veith. TROUBLE—Schell, Brozki. BACKS—Smith, Wagner, Macek, Platte, Lebacker, Lococo, Doyle, Yochem, Blackwood.

GENOA—0
ENDS—Schmidt, Reeder. TACKLES—Fondessy, Frey. GUARDS—Foss, McGlone. CENTERS—McFarland. BACKS—Bittner, Everhardt, Verkin, Schimming.

St. Mary's 7-0
Genoa 0-0
Touchdowns—Lococo. Points after touchdowns—Lang (SMH).

YESTERDAY'S STARS
PITCHING: Early Wynn, Indians. Pitcher a four-hit, 3-0 victory over Chicago, enabling Chicago to pull to within 2½ games of New York's pace-setting Yankees.

BATTING: Clint Hartung, Giants.

Blue Streak Remodeling Nears Finish

The last of two-a-day practices today signals the end of Sandusky High's grid reorganization and the beginning (Monday) of drills pointed at defeating nine tough opponents beginning with Cleveland Rhodes here Friday night in the 1952 lid-lifter.

Although the Blue Streaks are untried except for a pair of backfielders and a lineman or two, prospects for the season are quite a bit more encouraging than they were three weeks ago.

Two positions were definite before the season started. They were the tailback and right guard spots, held by Jude Theibert and Bob Whinnery respectively. Chuck Acierio was a backfield certainty, but coaches pondered his position until practice began. They put Acierio in the spot they hoped they could—fullback—and the stocky, 180 pounder has served notice he'll do an excellent job there.

Other Spots Filled
Ample quarterbacking has removed the necessity of putting him at that spot, while two lettermen are available for the wing back position.

Acierio played in both positions last year, although his regular one was at wingback.

As the fullback this year, he takes over Ted Schwanger's duties, except that he'll be called on for two additional jobs—his specialties of place kicking and kicking off.

Acierio Gets Punting Chore
He'll apparently do the punting for the Streaks, and if the boots he was getting off in Thursday's drill were any measure, Sandusky will be in good shape there. Acierio was getting away kicks of about 40 yards, half of them perfect spirals.

Bill Harple appears to have won the quarterback job. A junior, Harple has the finesse and coordination, beside the blocking ability for the job, although, he's only 150 pounds. Bob Lange, a sophomore will be playing behind Harple.

The wingback job will probably go to Dessalane DeVese, although John Manuel is slated for plenty of action there and will be a defensive starter as well.

Lewis Is Left Guard
Jerry Lewis has fit into the left guard spot quite well, and figures to play both ways come game time. The tackles are still question marks, with two candidates fighting for the starting call on each side. At the left tackle, Ed Roll and Bill Crecelius are scrapping it out, while there's a

battle going on between senior letterman Leonard Taylor and sophomore Ellison Kelly for the starting right tackle berth.

Bill Mallory has been a sure shot for the right end position since practice started, although his status was uncertain for several days as doctors waited for an appendicitis attack to take its course.

At left end, its a toss up between Bob Wyatt and Sophomore Alpius White. But no matter how that call goes, both gridders will get plenty of work on the game nights. Those two, in addition to Mallory, like the rough stuff, and although Wyatt is one of the smaller candidates out for football, he has an exceptional gift of intestinal fortitude.

Lack of height may handicap the backfield, particularly in passing. None of the performers who figure to play there could be called big in regards to length, and they may experience some trouble getting the ball over the outstretched arms of big linemen.

May Have Jump Pass Difficulty
Theibert is as good a passer as he ever was, and Acierio can throw well. But there is bound to be some difficulty with the aerial game, particularly on the jump pass over the line which was so effective in 1951.

Both Theibert and Acierio are faster than they were last year. Neither has gained any weight, but the added speed should make both more dangerous. Acierio has power for the up the middle stuff. He's demonstrated that in scrimmages here. Theibert is as elusive as always.

The line split which the Streaks will use when forming offensively sometimes is a help to linemen in giving them a good angle for blocking an opponent. So the split has been integrated into the Streaks' system as a part time measure.

With only one scrimmage against out of town foes Coach Jeff De Haven won't really know what his charges can do against foreigners until Friday night's opener.

The Streaks will probably go through an intersquad scrimmage Monday afternoon, and they'll be lining as closely as possible to what the starting eleven will be on Friday night.

City League Finals Begin Sunday Night

Steady improvement by Mark's to the point where they'll be on even terms with Son's Bar when the two clash in first round City League title play, is shown by the scores between the two teams in their previous meetings.

They clash in the first game Sunday night at 7:30 at Battery Park. Son's won the June 8, contest 13-1, and took the July 10 game 6-4. But the Barmen won the August 14 clash by a 1-0 score, a real diagram of improvement for the Marksmen.

Much of the credit for the improvement goes to Mark's Manager Yank Muehling, who has his players in a highly confident mood that they'll win the title.

Here's a comparison of the two teams by position:
1st Base—Robert Michel of the Son's has a batting average of .280 and a fielding average of .979, while Manager Muehling of Mark's is hitting .345 and fielding .944.

2nd Base—Milton Shane of the Son's bats .262, fields .940, while Charles Turrie of the Mark's has a batting average of .195 and a fielding average of .925.

3rd Base—Lewis Enderle of Son's has a batting average of .944 and a fielding average of .994, while Charles Acierio bats .298 and fields .897.

Catcher—Robert Schlessman of Son's has a batting average of .187 and a fielding average of .966, while Louis Reed Fletcher has a batting average of .289 and a fielding average of .959.

Pitchers—Paul Neate bats .204 and fields .967; Arthur Schlessman bats .174 and fields 1.000—both are with the Son's, Robert Zimmerman has a batting average of .179 and a fielding average of .947; Hippo Ambos has a batting average of .298 and a fielding average of .915.

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Indian Victory—Easter Homers All Tribe Runs Across

REGISTER-STAR-NEWS Saturday, September 6, 1952



SOLO—Marguerite Williams streaked in on a single ski to win the United States Women's Water Ski Championship at Minocqua, Wis. The Cypress Gardens, Fla., miss bagged the jumping and trick-riding events. (NEA)

Giant Threat No Laughing Matter

(By Associated Press)
They laughed in Brooklyn the other day when Leo Durocher said:
"If we win it again 100,000 people will commit suicide."

Today Dodger fans are alarmed but there's been no mass exodus to the Brooklyn Bridge—yet.

The Dodgers, who blew a 13½ game lead to the Giants last year, lead their arch rivals by six games but their commanding margin could be reduced to one game by Tuesday morning. But to narrow the gap to one game the Giants have to sweep a five-game series that opens today at the Polo Grounds with a doubleheader. The antagonists clash in a single game Sunday and close out their vital series with a day-night twin bill Monday.

Durocher's enthused Giants pulled to within six games of the jittery Dodgers Friday, beating the Philadelphia Phillies, 5-4, as Brooklyn suffered a 3-1 beating at the hands of the Boston Braves.

In the loop's only night game, Wilmer Vinegar Bend Mizell pitched the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4-0 victory over Pittsburgh.

Yanks' Lead Cut
The Indians' triumph slashed Yanks' lead to 2½ games as the Bombers dropped a 3-2 squeaker to the Philadelphia Athletics. In the only other game Washington defeated pumchless Boston, 2-0, to run its winning streak to six games and extend the Red Sox' losing skein to seven.

Wildness on the part of Bob Kuzava and Johnny Sain ruined the Yanks at Philadelphia. Kuzava walked the first three A's he faced in the sixth inning with the score tied, 1-1. Sain took over and Billy Hitchcock beat out an infield hit to drive in the tie-breaking run.

Sherry Robertson then walked to force home the winning counter. Alex Kellner scattered nine hits to bag his 11th victory and first of the season over the Yanks.

George Reddington established the first alligator farm at Anastasia Island, Fla., in 1892.

NEW YORK — Bobby Dykes, 151, Miami, Fla., outpointed Gil Turner, 150½, Philadelphia, 10.
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Eddie Williams, 146, Tucson, Ariz., outpointed Chu Chu Jimenez, 141, Mexico City, 10.

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Huron Wins, Polars Tie Two In Grid Preview

CLEVELAND, Sept. 6 (AP)—"I had to hit a bad pitch to do it," Luke Easter said today while discussing a blow for which he had waited three years.

The homer—with two aboard—was the first he had ever clouted off the pitching of Chicago's Billy Pierce. And the time almost made the wait worth while. It produced all the runs last night as Cleveland trimmed the White Sox, 3-0, and moved to within 2½ games of first place New York.

"The ball was so close I caught it on the handle but real solid." Easter is an expert on how tough the Sox southpaw can be. For 37 straight times—from midseason 1950 until last month—Pierce horse-collared him. Then last month Easter got a single from Pierce and last week he hit a triple against him at Chicago.

Last night the big left-handed infielder hit his 26th four-base blow of the season.

Hit Pierce's First Pitch
He smacked Pierce's first throw to him in the fourth inning. The ball-taking off with a flat, low trajectory—just cleared the right field fence some 360 feet away.

It was so low that runners Bobby Avila on third and Larry Doby at first held up to see if a fielder would spear it.

The southpaw held the Tribe hitless until that fourth. Then Avila singled down the third base line. Doby let one pitch go by and belted the second into right field for another single. After that came Easter.

Wynn Allows Four Hits
Early Wynn allowed the Sox just four widely-spaced hits in collecting his 19th pitching victory.

Wynn fanned five and kept making the Sox pop the ball up in the air—there were only three assists for the Tribe, grounders to shortstop George Strickland.

Bob Lemon 17-10 pitched for Cleveland today as the Indians opened a three-game set against St. Louis.

Tommy Byrne 6-13 went for the Browns.

The Standings
W. L. Pct.
Sandusky 13 5 .722
Port Clinton 11 6 .647
Willard 12 7 .632
Fremont 10 7 .588
Tiffin 5 13 .278
Bellevue 2 15 .118

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