

Panthers Taste Victory, Streaks Swallow Defeat

Rhodes Records 6-0 Win

SHS Offense Fails To Move

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One little old touchdown is often sufficient to win a football game, but seldom enough of a yardstick to measure a true line on merits or demerits of a team.

Such was the case Friday night as Sandusky High dropped a 6-0 punting duel to Cleveland Rhodes before a heartening opening game turnout of 4,500 at Strobel Field.

It's hard to balance the books on the score... was Rhodes as good as advertised and was Jeff DeHaven's club lucky to stay that close... or were the locals a club utterly lacking in offensive punch that was just edged out in a battle of inferiors?

REGARDLESS OF conclusions drawn, it was definitely a tough one to lose... especially after pulling out of several mighty tough spots earlier.

In the end, it was the failure of the Streaks to return punts any appreciable distance and, even then, being unable to move the ball on the ground after gaining control that surrendered valuable yardage in the exchanges... and ultimately the fatal kiss of death.

Sandusky was forced to kick 10 times, once too often as it turned out.

RHODES GOT its scoring drive underway late in the game when the Streaks were unable to move out from the danger zone. SHS had the ball on their 23 after not returning a Rhodes punt a single yard. Bob Schwack quick kicked for the third time in the game after a reverse and a try at the middle lost six yards, with the boot neither fooling anyone or going very far.

Halfback Dave Rodusky lugged the ball back seven yards to the 33 from where the Rams ignited their scoring drive.

Quarterback Bill Keller hit 6-8 end Ron Teltschak on the first play for a 13-yard advance to the 20, and after four running plays netted a first down situation on the eighth, halfback Len Vult cut over his own right tackle and zipped into the end zone standing up for the game's lone six-pointer.

EIGHTY-THREE scant seconds were all that remained on the scoreboard clock when Willie Nesbitt returned a twisting, bounding boot out three yards to the 16.

As matters turned out it wasn't time enough, but before the gun sounded Rhodes had some anxious moments as the Streaks unleashed an air offensive that netted three completions in four tries good for 52 yards to the Rhodes 32.

It didn't save the Streaks from going down, but it did show the Streaks weren't going to be counted out.

Quarterback Jim Gill flipped to end Denny Byington for an 11-yard advance. Jonathan Jackson, in at tailback in the late going, then connected with Byington for 23 yards before Gill was dropped for a seven-yard loss trying to pass.

Jackson next just missed connections with Byington for another — Byington was being double-teamed on the effort and just missed out-wrestling the de-



BYINGTON HAULED THIS ONE IN

fenders for possession—and Gill pitched to Buster Ebner on the final play of the game for an 18-yard advance.

WHILE THE Streaks played a team rated one of Cleveland's best to a virtual standstill with a staunch defensive effort, the offensive statistics are brutal.

Sandusky picked up but one rushing first down, but did add four via the aerial route, winding up with only 43 net yards gained on the ground for an average of 1.7 per try.

It may be, however, that the locals won't run into as large and mobile a forward wall every Friday as Rhodes presented. Elyria, next week's foe, blanketed Cleveland West Tech in its inaugural, so DeHaven's club will have a chance to show if its defense is "for real" and if any of its offensive kinks have been ironed against another rugged defensive crew.

Lineups

RHODES—6
ENDS—Teltschak, Mantenecks, Baldwin, Glover
TACKLES—Croft, Mailey
GUARDS—Haherkorn, Rusnak, Leibold, Tulesky, McGinley
CENTERS—Sokol, Klotz
BACKS—Keller, Voltz, Rodusky, Zelek, Washburn

SANDUSKY—0
ENDS—Byington, Williams, Joliff, Smith
TACKLES—Beier, Bettridge, Kurtz
GUARDS—Klotz, Camp, Payne
CENTERS—Haskins, Longer
BACKS—Gill, Augustus, Wiseman, Nesbitt, White, Jackson, Balconi, Schwack, Ebner

Score by quarters: Rhodes 0 0 0 6—6
Sandusky 0 0 0 0—0

Scoring: TOUCHDOWNS—Rhodes, Voltz (6-yard run)

QUARTERBACK: Rhodes, Voltz (6-yard run)

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St. Mary Rallies In Fourth Period

Three-Minute Lightning Bolt Wins For SMH, 14-12

Lightning struck twice in three minutes at Toledo Friday night as the St. Mary Panthers popped the lid off the 1957 grid season with a spectacular come-from-behind victory over the highly-touted Clay Eagles, 14-12.

Down and nearly counted out, the Panthers bounced back to score both of their touchdowns with the Clay Stadium clock reading just over four minutes of playing time remaining.

The win was the fourth straight season opener for Coach Ed Sustersic, who was well pleased with the tremendous team play put forth by his squad.

With the Eagles out of the way, the local club will be busy next week preparing for its Sandusky Bay Conference opener with Oak Harbor at Strobel Field Saturday night.

Oak Harbor dealt Carey a crushing blow in its season opener Friday night, 27-6, with junior halfback Art Van Rensselaer picking up 138 yards in 27 carries, while scoring twice.

The Oakes topped the Panthers in the SBC premier at Gibsonburg last week, 6-0, and posted an 18-6 decision last year.

Cleveland Brown placekicker and offensive tackle, Lou Groza will attempt to split the uprisings for field goals and extra points in the St. Mary home opener.

ST. MARY CAME to life as senior halfback Larry Capucini spearheaded the attack with five minutes to go as Clay took over on their own 30 after Tom Kaman was forced to punt. A four yard loss and a 15 yard holding penalty pushed the Eagles back to the 14, where Bill Huss' second down quick kick was blocked by a host of Panthers but Clay recovered on the four.

Dick Baumgartner's pass was no good and Huss punted to Capucini on the 37 with the Panther halfback returning to the 30.

In two plays the Panthers tallied their first score. Junior quarterback Charles Kromer hit Capucini with a swing pass in the right flat after faking a jump pass to right end.

Capucini hauled down the aerial and skirted to the four before Baumgartner brought him in. On the very next play, Capucini darted off left tackle for the score. Tom Kaman tallied the extra point on a siant over the same spot and the local club trailed, 12-7 with 3:29 remaining.

Sophomore Dave Nofz kicked off to Baumgartner on 13 and returned the ball to the 35, but the Eagles were penalized 15 yards for holding to place the ball at the 20.

Baumgartner fumbled on first down and after Baumgartner picked up a first down inside the 10, Niederhauser carried twice to score with 0:43 left in the first period. Senior tackle Dave Myers conversion attempt was blocked by Panther's Dave Yeager.

Neither team was able to move in the second stanza, but Clay tallied again as they returned the kickoff 68 yards in nine thrusts.

The first four plays netted 35 yards to the Panther 33. After an offside penalty, the Eagles picked up nine and four yards by Huss with a Baumgartner to Niederhauser pass clicking for 14 more. Baumgartner scored from five yards out to put Clay ahead, 12-0 with 8:44 to go in the third quarter.

SUSTERSIC OPENED with the same team that played in SBC preview and Kaman played most of the way while turning in a good job at defensive linebacker in the second half.

Capucini and Kaman were shaken up on several occasions, but Nofz filled the vacancy quite handsly after working out at the halfback slot only two days.

The line play of the outweighted Panthers was tremendous with Tom McCafferty and Ted Pook leading the way on offense. Jack Tomlin did a great job at defensive end.

At Avery, 191-pound center, was Clay's outstanding player as the senior letterman covered plenty of ground at his linebacker spot.

Only Panther injury was a sprained ankle by junior halfback Dave Lill who was inserted at safety.

Lineups

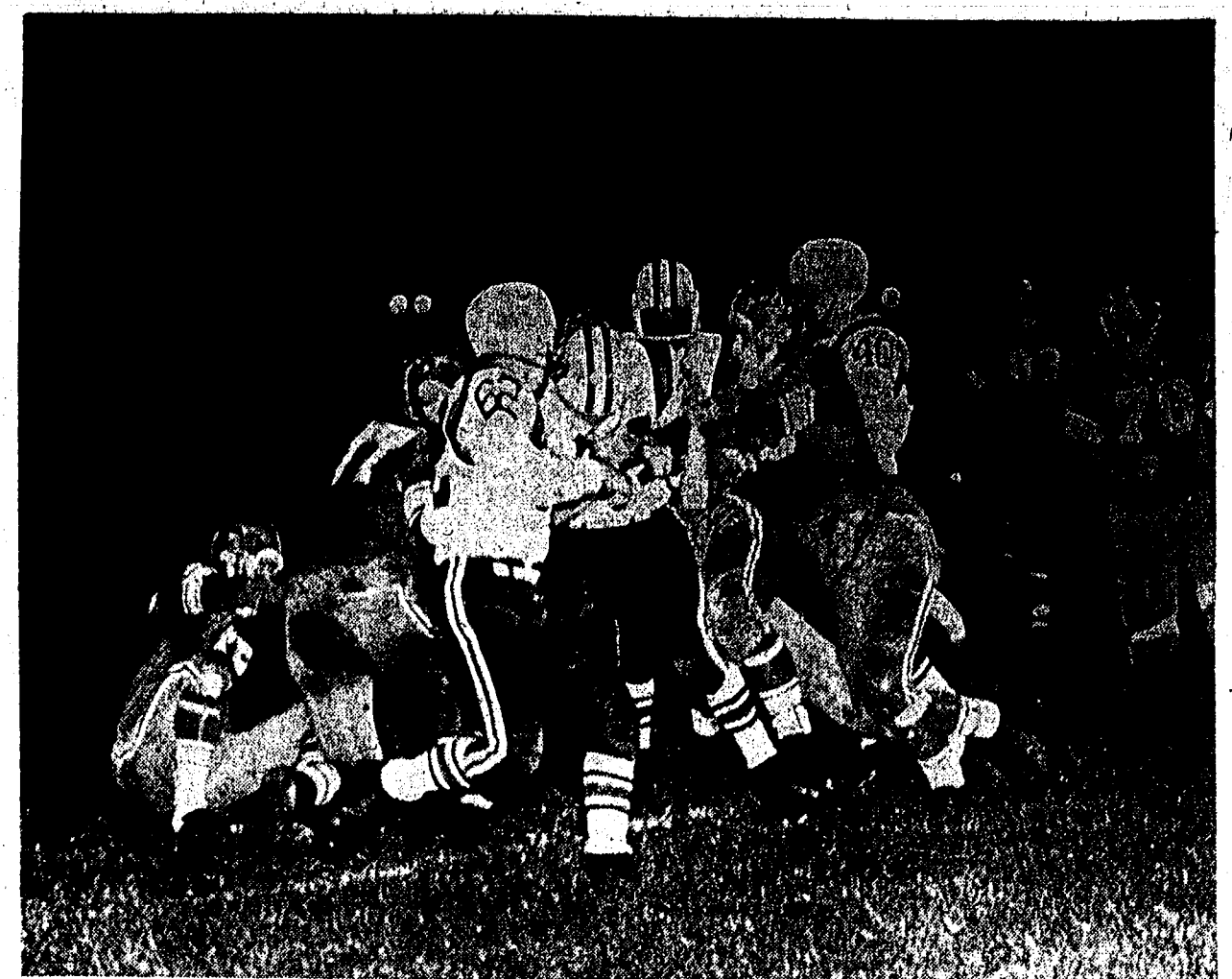
ST. MARY—14
ENDS—Myers, Reed, Tomlin
TACKLES—McCafferty, Pook, Weiler
GUARDS—Harkelroad, Macek, Blakely, Maloney
CENTERS—Voltz
BACKS—Capucini, Kaman, Kromer, Yeager, Nofz, Tight, Lill, Stahl

CLAY—12
ENDS—McGeorge, Ladd, Belcik, Stahl
TACKLES—Myers, Anspach, Keiser
GUARDS—Shaneck, Sprague, Clark
CENTERS—Avery
BACKS—D. Baumgartner, Niederhauser, Huss, Hofbauer, Toth, Nielsen, J. Baumgartner

Score by quarters: St. Mary 0 0 0 14—14
Clay 0 0 0 12—12

Scoring: TOUCHDOWNS—St. Mary: Capucini (16-yard run, 20-yard pass from Kromer), Clay: Niederhauser (7-yard run), D. Baumgartner (5-yard run)

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN—St. Mary: Kaman, 2 (plunges),



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Milan Club Has Rough Initiation

PLYMOUTH — A "well Tailored" scalping job was the lot of the Milan Indians Friday night as Ed Taylor and Co., dba Huron Valley High school, administered a 32-0 shellacking on the host team's gridiron.

The 160-pound senior left halfback began this season where he left off last season as he totaled 144 yards on five carries and racked up four touchdowns on runs of two, 40, 55 and 40 yards.

The other Huron Valley tally was a 56-yard jaunt off right tackle by Duane Utiss, 185-pound junior halfback, who ran the extra point following his first period score.

Taylor, who averaged 21.5 yards per carry last season, cracked over from the Indians' two-yard line for Huron Valley's first score on the eighth play from the line of scrimmage. Following the score by teammate Utiss, Taylor took permanent charge of the Milan end zone.

Taylor's second quarter score came on an off tackle play from the Milan 40 and an end sweep from the Huron Valley 45, while his final payoff trip was an end sweep from 40 yards out, midway through the third period. Huron Valley end Ted Fox dropped a conversion in the second quarter.

The charges of Coach Lew Pettit will remain home next Friday to host a visiting eleven from moved the ball to Ridgeville's 32, Spencer.

Huron's 2nd Period Blitz Pays Off, 27-0

Huron High school's Tigers sharpened up their fangs for next week's Lakeland Conference meeting with Wellington by dusting off Ridgeville Friday afternoon, 27-0.

Two thefts of enemy aerials and some timely completions of their own helped pave the way for Paul Greene's defending LC champs, the Tigers' speed also paying off against the much larger host eleven.

A 21-point scoring blitz in the second quarter broke the game wide open, with Huron pushing across another six-point play with just seconds gone in the second half to seal up the verdict.

Halfback Gary Harris raced 26 yards with a stolen pass to the Ridgeville 32 to get the first scoring drive underway, fullback Bill Armstrong knifing into the end zone from two yards out.

Seven plays later as the first score was yielded grudgingly.

DICK RITTER'S 24-yard punt return jaunt moved the ball into Ridgeville territory on the second scoring surge. Paul Doyle

hauling in a 27-yard heave from quarterback Ronnie Larizza for the tally.

Another interception, this time by Huron's Wayne Wright—a 42-yard romp to Ridgeville's 18—gained possession again, with Ritter slashing through tackle for five yards and six points.

Doyle converted after all three touchdowns in the second-period uprising.

Six plays after Ritter juggled the second half kickoff out to the 38, the Tigers were in the end zone again. Interference was ruled on a Larizza aerial intended for Doyle that chewed up 24 yards to the 38, with Larizza finding Doyle all alone again for the score after running plays had moved the ball to Ridgeville's 32, Spencer.

Bill Gordon Party Sept. 21

Officers, directors and members of Plum Brook Country Club have announced plans to honor Bill Gordon upon his retirement at a grand banquet on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Mr. Gordon, 70, has been pro at Plum Brook for more than 34 years. Sixty-five of his years have been spent in golf as he started out as a caddy at the age of five.

Gordon is recognized as one of the leading teachers of golf in this country and many of the pros playing the tournament circuit made frequent visits to Plum Brook to have him correct flaws in their game.

Wildcats Dump Loudonville As Randleman Scores Three

NEW LONDON—The Wildcats of New London acted the part of well Friday night as they lashed their way to a lopsided 46-7 opening season victory over visiting Loudonville.

Right halfback Bob Randleman and sophomore quarterback Gary Bonney paced the New London offense with five tallies between them, while the entire Wildcat line did a yeoman job of blocking to permit the backfielders to roll. Fullback Gordon Staschke and left half Gary Lash also added scoring plays. Staschke added two extra points on runs, while Bonney and Lash each accounted for one point after touchdown.

The lone score for Loudonville came in the third quarter when halfback Jim Weaver scored on an off tackle play from nine yards out.

The Wildcats opened fast with four first stanza scores as Randleman swept the end for 45-yards. Staschke plunged off tackle for 27, Randleman came back for a 43-yard score off tackle and Bonney sneaked over from two-yards out. Staschke and Lash set up the sneak score with runs of 12, nine, 17, and seven yards.

Randleman started the Wildcats off to a quick pace in the second quarter as he intercepted

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