

Marion Uses SHS As Title Springboard

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There's certainly one thing you can say about Sandusky High's 1959 football team:

When the Blue Streaks got beat, they went down before champions!

Elyria, Lorain and Marion Harding—in that order—registered victories over the Streaks and today that trio is occupant of a crowded Buckeye Conference throne room.

Prexies Gain 3-Way Buckeye Deadlock With 14-6 Victory

Harding did it by a 14-6 count Friday night at Strobel Field, and coupled with Elyria's upset of previous-leader Lorain, created a three-way standoff in the final tabulations for top honors in the six-school loop.

The thundering-threesome all wound up with 4-1 BC logs, Sandusky came in fourth at 2-3, with Findlay (1-4) and Fremont Ross (0-5) bringing up the rear.

It was the first title tie in the six-season history of the powerhouse league which is fast gaining stature as Ohio's toughest circuit.

SHS won the first-year crown in 1954, Ross then took over for an

all-victorious three-year reign with Marion grabbing the upper hand last season and with it the mythical Ohio schoolboy grid championship.

MARION WAS simply too good in departments it had to be last night in topping the Streaks before a disappointing turnout.

Streak mentor Ben Wilson, handicapped by lack of size in his backfield when up-the-middle tactics were dictated by field conditions, was forced to send his attackers wide much of the time and effective lateral movement—especially when trying to cut—just wasn't possible.

Wilson was mighty proud of his club for its showing, with the gridders disappointed at the outcome but satisfied in knowing they had given their best.

The Prexies, headed by thunderbolt halfback Pete Porietis who carried both six-pointers over for the winners, found their hard-slugging, straight-ahead offense well suited to the exceedingly sloppy going.

The Streaks had the ball for only 11 plays including two punts over the entire first half route. They battled the state's sixth-ranked club on even terms in the final two periods—limiting the Prexies to just five first downs, two by penalty—but had time for only a desperate and wholly unsuccessful passing whirl after gaining possession with a chance for a tie still available following their lone score.

Marion's hefty defensive crew

limited the Streaks to just 87 net yards rushing, with hard-slugging Duane Galloway contributing the top SHS effort of 40 yards in 10 carries.

Ben Espy gained 25 in 13 tries. Dave Scott bagged 23 in eight attempts including a 1-yard blast for the SHS touchdown, while Gary Balconi netted nine in four tries and completed two of 10 passes for 31 yards.

Scott hauled in one of the passes for 17 yards and Tim Ziemke the other for a 14-yard advance.

Porietis, who ran his touchdown total for the season to 27 with his two end zone entries, slashed and churned for 94 yards in 22 attempts.

Fullback Don Kern provided able support in keeping Marion in possession with 51 yards on 14 attempts.

BALCONI'S PASS interception on the SHS 24 staved off Marion's bid with the opening kickoff, but the Prexies were not to be denied the next time although set far back by Ron Krueger's booming 34-yard punt after three plays left SHS a foot short of a first down.

The Presidents of Armin (Pete) Riesen went 76 yards in 16 plays. Porietis covering the final three at the 10:03 mark of the second quarter, a Tom Prichard to Kern screen pass netting 21 yards for the big-gainer in the advance on a third-and-11 situation from the Marion 48.

Sandusky had to punt again after three plays and Marion was off again but was halted on the SHS four late in the second period.

THE STREAKS were again held without a first down after receiving the second half boot and Marion promptly went 54 yards to score in nine plays.

Porietis went 31 on the second play after seemingly halted at the line, and also rocketed over from a yard out to climax the march.

Prichard passed to Kern on the PAT and it was 14-0 with 5:23 left in the third stanza.

One Sandusky drive ended on Marion's 23, but the locals went the distance after forcing Marion to punt for the first time.

The Streaks went 52 yards in 13 plays, with two clutch fourth down plays keeping the bid alive.

Scott rammed for a yard and new life on Marion's 24 and Balconi and Ziemke teamed up for a first-and-tener from a fourth-and-five situation from the 18.

Espy drove for three on the next play and Scott crashed through a hole at right tackle for the touchdown. Balconi was caught before he could get a pass away on the PAT attempt.

SANDUSKY FORCED Marion to punt but an off-sides call gave the Prexies new life.

They had to boot again, but only 59 seconds remained when the Streaks took over on their 28.

Three passes fell incomplete and Balconi's arm was hit while attempting again with Marion recovering on the SHS 28.

Prichard took the snapback and simply sat down as time ran out.

Lineups

MARION HARDING—14

ENDS—Hoffman, Creviston, Warner.

TACKLES—Maginn, Schoonmaker, Ishida, Scott.

GUARDS—Porter, Miller, Keller, Spring, Wilson.

CENTERS—Thomas, McGraw.

BACKS—Prichard, Porietis, Buckley, Kern, Bosh, Walmsmith, Sims.

SANDUSKY—4

ENDS—Wightman, Ziemke, Bryant, Schee.

TACKLES—K. Knauer, Krueger, Clayton, Buck, Sterchoff, Elmer.

GUARDS—Acerto, Curris, D. Knauer, Gum, Adams.

CENTER—Volight.

BACKS—Balconi, Espy, Galloway, Scott, Ebner, Nagel, Scruggs.

Score by quarters:

Marion 0 6 8 0—14

Sandusky 0 0 0 6—6

Marion scoring: Touchdowns—Porietis 2 (3, 1, runs), Extra points—Kern (pass from Prichard).

Sandusky scoring: Touchdown—Scott (1, run).

Statistics

SHS MH

First Downs (total) 8 17

by rushing 6 14

by passing 2 1

by penalty 0 2

Rushing (number of rushes) 35 56

yards gained 108 235

yards lost 11 8

net yards gained 97 230

average gain 2.8 4.1

Forward Passes 10 4

attempted 10 4

completed 2 1

yards gained 31 21

average gain 15.5 21

had intercepted 0 1

Total Plays (rushes and passes) 45 60

Total Net Yards Gained 128 251

Punts (number) 3 2

average yards 38.7 28.5

had blocked 0 0

Punt Returns (number) 1 0

average return 8.3 21

Fumbles (number) 1 0

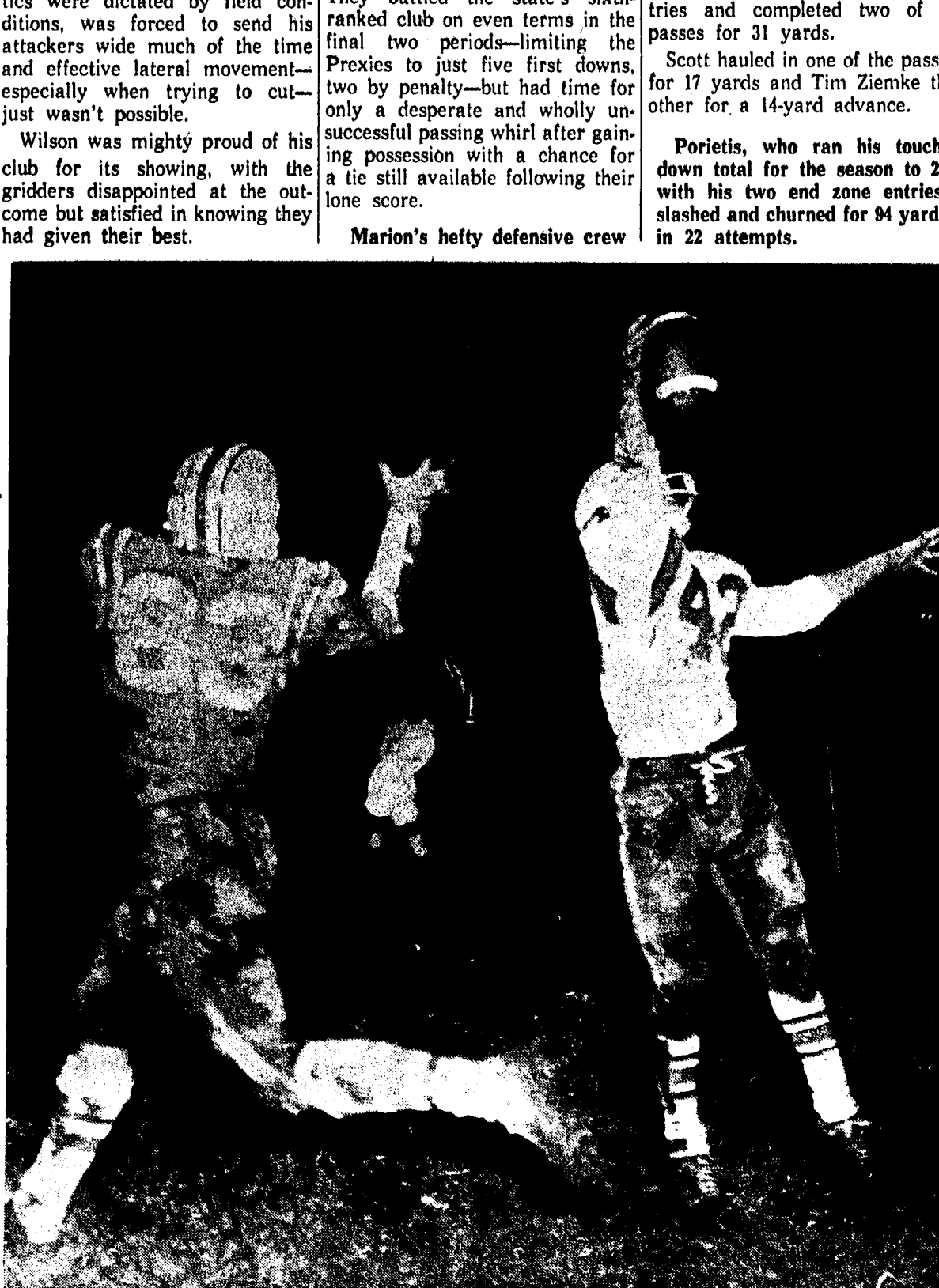
lost 1 1

Penalties (number) 6 7

yards penalized 34 35



HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE—Sandusky High junior fullback Dave Scott is shown face down in the Strobel Field turf, but his effort was worth six points and the lone Blue Streak score Friday night as the locals dropped a hard-fought 14-6 Buckeye Conference game to Marion Harding. Defenders are Don Kern (51, left) and Gary Warner (65). The Prexies' win combined with Elyria's upset of Lorain gave them a share of the loop title. (Photo by Harley Hoffman)



'HELPING' HAND—Defensive halfback Ed (Bus) Ebner aided mightily in stalling a Marion drive, deep in Sandusky territory late in the first half by batting away this Tom Prichard third down pass intended for end Vance Creviston in the end zone.

Margaretta No Match Lakeland Kings, 70-0

New London Bests Wellington, 14-6 For Fifth Victory

Clearview's high-powered offense clicked again in pounding Margaretta, 70-0, completing another banner season in carting off the Lakeland Conference crown for the second year in a row.

The Clippers cleared six straight hurdles to gain the coveted title and extended their winning streak to 17 straight, nine of which were recorded during the current campaign.

In the other Lakeland outing Friday, New London scored all of its points in the second period to down Wellington by a 14-6 count.

HALFBACKS Dennis Provenza and John McCaslin scored seven touchdowns between them in Clearview's spree which included a 32-point opening period.

Provenza, 165-pound senior who played his final game for the Clippers, tallied six-pointers on runs of 53, 31 and 20, while McCaslin dashed 68 yards for the first touchdown and added another on a two-yard run. The

Plymouth Is Beaten 16-0

BUTLER — It was simply too much Don Bowman for visiting Plymouth here Friday night as Butler made the Big Red its sixth victim, 16-0.

Bowman accounted for all but two of the points scored by the Blue Devils, scooting 15 yards in the first quarter and plunging over from the 2 in the second period. The loss was the fifth for Plymouth in nine games.

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Mansfield Is Loser Again

LAKEWOOD — Mansfield Senior's tattered and torn football Tygers have just one chance left now to salvage a 1959 victory following Friday's 38-0 setback at the hands of Lakewood.

The Tygers, saddled with 10 straight losses including their final effort last season, close out against Cleveland St. Joseph at home next week. The shutout win was the first of any kind this year for the Rangers.

Upper Nipped

CAREY — Halting Upper Sandusky's four-game winning streak in the process, Carey chalked up its sixth win of the season at the expense of the Rams here Friday night, 6-0.

No. 2 For Ross

FREMONT — Suffering through a second straight harried campaign, Fremont Ross rose up to dust off Cleveland Bedford, 36-8. It was only the second win for the Little Giants.

The Ducks hit paydirt in the fourth stanza with fullback Larry Simonson going the final nine. A recovery of a Wildcat fumble on the hosts 21 set up the tally.

New London's final reading was 3-2-1 in the Lakeland and 5-3-1 overall after winning only three of eight during the 1958 season.

both New London six-pointers on runs of 12 and 16 yards as the Wildcats wound up with their best season record in several years.

The first New London touchdown came following a Wellington punt with Mourton punching over to cap a 53-yard march in nine plays. Later in the period, the veteran fullback cracked off-tackle for 16 on the third play following another Wellington punt which was down on the Duke 33. Jim Crabbs' twin-pointer made in 14-0 at halftime.

Wellington moved to the New London six, but was halted as the first half came to a close.

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Elyria 11 Staggers Steelers

ELYRIA — Holding Lorain's vaunted ground attack to a virtual standstill, Elyria vaulted into a share of the Buckeye Conference championship by upsetting the favored Steelers at Ely Stadium, 14-6, in the 66th meeting between the two schools.

Lorain, limited to just seven first downs, gained only 65 yards on the ground.

A pass interception by line-backer Tom Zaffer set Elyria's first scoring drive in motion in the opening quarter, quarterback Bill Madden passing 10 yards to halfback Ritchie Poole for the touchdown.

THE PIONEERS jumped out front 14-0 by halftime when Madden nudged over from a yard out with 1:38 left. A Madden to Poole

pass for 58 yards moved the ball to Lorain's one. Halfback Cullen Bowen took a pitchout and passed to end Steve Lengel on the PAT.

Lorain scored in the third period when fullback Frank Filisko rammed one yard, but never was able to mount a serious scoring threat the rest of the way.

Statistics

First Downs	12	7
Rushing yardage	129	67
Passing yardage	93	97
Passes	5-12	4-18
Passes intercepted by	2	2
Punts	5-30	3-37
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Yards penalized	20	65

Buckeye Standings

CONFERENCE						ALL GAMES					
	W	L	T	Pts.	O.P.		W	L	T	Pts.	O.P.
Elyria	4	1	0	102	68		7	1	1	176	106
Lorain	4	1	0	142	60		7	2	0	226	86
Marion	4	1	0	168	60		8	1	0	356	106
Sandusky	2	3	0	96	88		6	3	0	242	110
Findlay	1	4	0	47	125		5	4	0	183	141
Fremont	0	5	0	64	218		2	7	0	154	276

ELYRIA—Beat Sandusky 28-14, lost to Marion 16-32, beat Fremont 28-16, Findlay 16-0, Lorain 14-6.

LORAIN—Beat Marion 20-14, Findlay, 41-6, Sandusky 22-14, Fremont 53-12, lost to Elyria 6-14.

MARION—Lost to Lorain 14-20, beat Elyria 32-16, Findlay 32-12, Fremont 76-6, Sandusky 14-6.

SANDUSKY—Lost to Elyria 14-28, beat Fremont 32-24, lost to Lorain 14-22, beat Findlay 30-0, lost to Marion 6-14.

FINDLAY—Beat Fremont 29-6, lost to Lorain 6-41, Marion 12-32, Elyria 6-16, Sandusky 2-30.

FREMONT—Lost to Findlay 6-29, Sandusky 24-32, Elyria 16-28, Lorain 12-53, Marion 6-76.

York Defeats Monroeville

BELLEVUE — Rolling to a 37-21 halftime bulge, York High's Panthers captured their first cage win of the season here Friday night in defeating Monroeville, 63-51.

Gary Lindsley pace the hosts with 22 points, while Otis Frasure followed with 17. Phil Colahan's 16 was tops for the Eagles, while Mike Holm added 15 and Gary Bliss 10 with all of the latter points coming from the charity stripe.

York, 69-49 victims of Hopewell-Loudon in its opener Tuesday night, jumped off to a 19-0 bulge at the quarter and were never seriously threatened.

Winning Season

FOSTORIA — Visiting Findlay used Fostoria as its victim to wind up with a winning 5-4 season here Friday, 26-2.

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