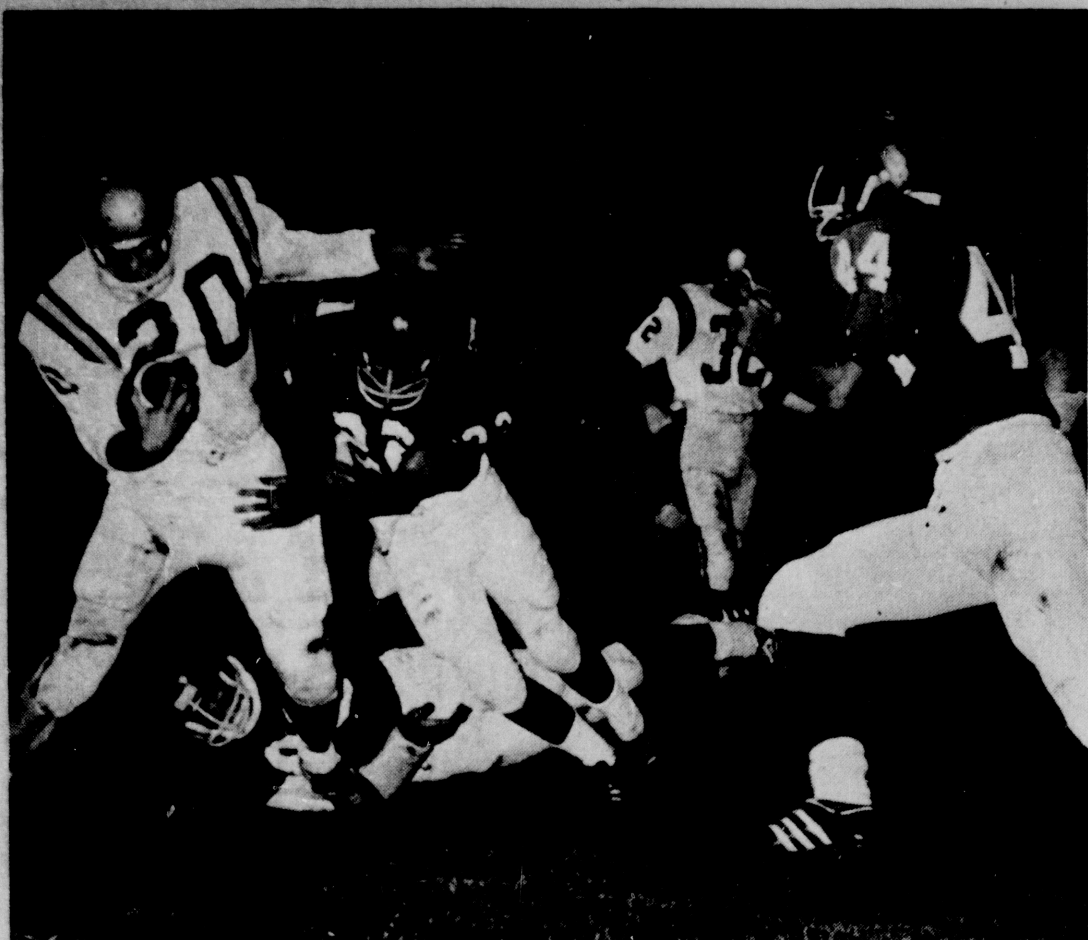
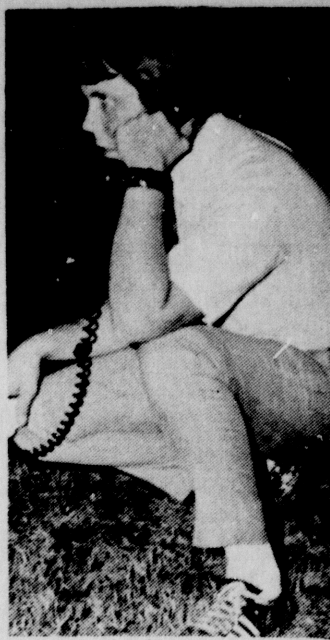




TRUCKER IS GOING THROUGH — Norwalk's Greg Levers (20) tries to build up a head of steam through a swarm of Huron tacklers during this action in Friday night's contest.

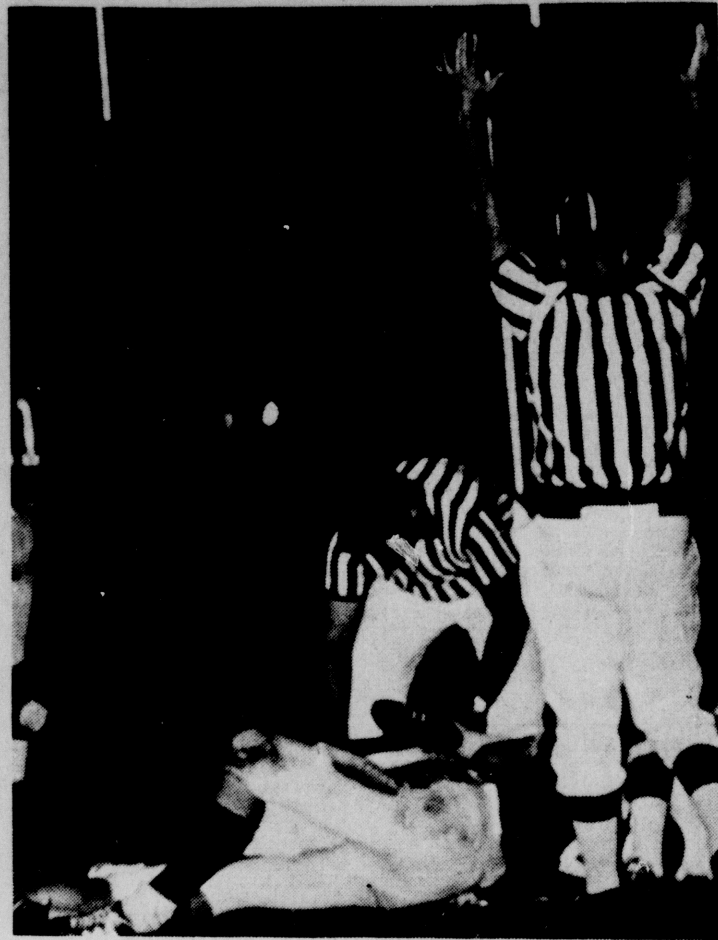
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HELLO, THERE — Trucker defensive coach Bob Taylor manned the telephone on the bench. His conversation is with spotters as they try to stop a Huron drive late in the game.



THIS TIGER DIDN'T PURR — Huron ball carrier Tim Soweske (44) is trying to slip the grasp of a Norwalk tackler. He scored the second Tiger touchdown, but not on this play.



IT'S A TRUCKER TD — This was the scene after Norwalk's second touchdown. Levers rambled 14 yards to score, fumbling just as he crossed the line. There was a pileup for the ball, but officials ruled Levers had scored.

Truckers Lose Opener To Huron Tigers

By DON HOHLER

Two fatal pass coverage errors in the second half proved to be the downfall of the Norwalk High Truckers Friday night as they dropped their opening game of the season to visiting Huron 21-13.

Under the direction of new head coach Leonard Hardman, the Truckers rallied from a 6-0 deficit at one point into a 7-6 halftime lead. Then came the errors and by the time the Truckers had re-grouped it was too late.

Neither team showed much offense in the first half, which is typical of an opening game. Mistakes were made by the car-load, so many that it took over 2½ hours from whistle-to-whistle. Eight fumbles and 21 penalties slowed the game.

The Tigers, figured to have an even stronger club than the one that topped the Truckers a year ago, hit the scoreboard first with a touchdown late in the first period. Safetyman Roger Purdy set up the touchdown with a

brilliant 37-yard punt return which put the ball in play on the Truckers seven. Three plays later quarterback Tony Legando raced around the right side for five yards and the six points. The attempted run for two points failed.

The Truckers took advantage of just one of six Huron fumbles late in the second quarter. Recovering the loose pigskin on the Huron 19 yard line, the Truckers went to the air. The first completion of the night netted just one yard but the second one was a nifty shot from quarterback Jed Bohn to his favorite receiver, end Dan Smith. The latter caught the ball in heavy traffic and raced in for the score. Halfback Dale Perkins turned kicker for one play and was successful, giving the Truckers a 7-6 halftime edge.

Midway through the third quarter the Tigers used their passing game to good advantage. Twice Legando caught Trucker defenders napping and on both occasions it meant big gains, one for 42 yards and the second for 13 both to big senior end Scott Hetrick.

The final 14 yards was chewed up in four plays with tailback Tim Soweske going the final three for the touchdown. Hetrick was an easy target on the extra points run and the Tigers were back in command, 14-7.

Norwalk moved the ball well after the kickoff and thanks to a fine catch by Perkins which covered 26 yards had the ball at midfield. Then came a poor lateral which Huron recovered and the drive was halted.

This set the stage for the Tigers third TD and the one that counted. Taking over at midfield, Legando raced 23 yards on the second play to the 25. Five plays later including a 12 yard aerial gainer, the senior signal caller raced in from the eight. Hw added the extra point on a kick to make it 21-7.

Then came a series of fumbles and interceptions which was almost unbelievable. The ball changed hands three times in four plays. One of the bobbles was recovered by Gary Keefer on Huron 21 and this set the

stage for the Truckers' final score.

After two incomplete passes, fullback Greg Levers gained 11 yards on a crucial third down play. After a five yard penalty he then bulled his way toward the end zone from 14 yards away. He fumbled just as he crossed the stripe but the six points still went up for the Truckers. His run for the extra points was short.

The battle in the statistic column was close. Huron picked up 186 yards on the ground as compared to 126 for the locals. The passing total favored the Norwalk club, 92 75.

Legando ended the night hitting on five of 10 passes while Bohn, Willie Robinson and halfback Sonny Coles threw 16 times completing four.

A Norwalk fan who probably went home happier than anyone else was Norma Jean Seitz. She won the game football which the Truckers Boosters Club raffled.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Detroit	90	52	.634	St. Louis	89	54	.622
Baltimore	81	61	.570	San Francisco	77	65	.542
Boston	78	66	.535	Cincinnati	72	67	.518
Cleveland	76	69	.524	Chicago	74	70	.514
Oakland	72	71	.503	Atlanta	72	70	.507
New York	70	70	.500	Pittsburgh	69	72	.489
Minnesota	67	75	.472	Philadelphia	66	75	.468
California	62	81	.434	Houston	64	78	.451
Chicago	61	82	.427	New York	64	80	.444
Washington	56	84	.400	Los Angeles	63	79	.444

Friday's Results
Wash at New York, ppd., rain
Detroit 8 Minnesota 3, night
Chicago 3 Balt 2, 11 ins., night
California 4 Boston 0, night
Oakland 7 Cleveland 0, night
Today's Probable Pitchers
All Times EDT
Cleveland Paul (2-7), at Oakland
Nash (11-11), 9 p.m.
Chicago Carlos (4-13), at Baltimore
Phoebeus (13-4), 2:15 p.m.
Boston Culp (11-6), at California
Brunet (13-14), 11 p.m.
Minnesota Merritt (10-15), at Detroit
Lolich (13-9), 9 p.m.
Washington Haman (9-3), and Moore (2-5), at New York
St. Louis Lemaster (10-13), at Atlanta
Niekro (11-11), 2:15 p.m.
San Francisco Perry (13-13), at St. Louis
Washburn (12-6), 2:15 p.m.
New York Koonsman (16-10), at Pittsburgh
Bunning (4-13), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles Osteen (9-17), at Cincinnati
Nolan (7-2), 7 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta
New York at Pittsburgh
San Francisco at St. Louis
Philadelphia at Chicago
Los Angeles at Cincinnati
Phila 000 002 003-5 11 1
Chicago 000 011 000-2 7 0
Wise (9-12) and Ryan; Hands, Regan 9 and Hundley, LP-Hands (15-8), HRs-Taylor 2nd, Banks 29th, Briggs 9th.
Houston 000 100 000-1 6 3
Atlanta 030 300 10x-7 9 1
Wilson, Ray 5, Blasingame 7, Coombs 8 and Bateman, Adlesh 5; Jarvis (15-9) and Torre, LP-Wilson (12-14), HR-Wynn 20th.
New York 001 000 000-1 4 0
Pitts 100 100 00x-2 6 1
McAndrew (1-7) and Grote; Blass (14-5) and May, HRs-Grote 3rd, Clemente 15th.
San Fran 000 201 000-3 11 1
St. Louis 001 000 010-2 5 1
Bolin, Lirny 8 and Hiatt, Gibson, Willis 9 and McCarver, WP-Bolin (6-4), LP-Gibson (20-7).
2nd game
San Fran 300 011 210-8 12 3
St. Louis 040 000 000-7 11 2
Marichal, Willis 8 and Hiatt, Barton 8; Carlton, Willis 6, Hoerner 7, Granger 9 and Edwards, WP-Marichal (25-7), LP-Carlton (12-10), HRs-Mays 18th.

NL Gains Tie With Gibsonburg

GIBSONBURG — New London Wildcats had to be satisfied with a 6-6 tie in its opening game with the Gibsonburg Golden Bears. And they almost didn't get that.

The Golden Bears got their touchdown in the second quarter on a 50-yard drive in 11 plays when Bob Ferris ran seven yards through the middle to score. Down to the last 20 seconds of the game, they held the Wildcats scoreless.

In that final quarter, Wildcat tackle Bob Luna found himself the recipient of a Gibsonburg fumble, 20 yard from the Gibsonburg goal. Six plays later Jake Hinton, a 155-pound senior fullback in his first football year, scored on a 5-yard run around the end to tie the score.

New London was hampered by two injuries — both halfback Dean Harmony and center Bob Pfeifer were out with sprained ankles. The Wildcats completed four of 10 attempted passes, and fumbled the ball twice in the cliff-hanger. They gained a total of 159 yards, 31 of them on passes.

James Killgrove, 17, a member of the New London team, received a knee injury when he was tackled from both sides at the same time.

He was treated in the emergency room at Fisher-Titus Memorial Hospital, Norwalk, and then released.

Garden Of Fame

NEW YORK (UPI) — Mayor John V. Lindsay will officially open the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame Monday.

Top Twosome Give Trojans Big Edge Over Big Red

PLYMOUTH — The Shipman Smith duo was back in full swing again Friday night as the South Central Trojans knocked out the Big Red of Plymouth, 19-8, in the season opener.

The Trojans' dynamic twosome combined for the team's three touchdowns and are well on their way to topping the 300 yards of completed passes they made last season.

Edison Wins Its First

COLUMBIA STATION — Newly formed Edison High showed a little bit of hybrid vigor Friday night, and won its first game by a rousing 22-0 against the Columbia Station Raiders.

Junior fullback Bruce Wright made all three of the Charger's touchdowns, plus a 2-point conversion. The 185 - pound Wright played for Berlin Heights last season.

The Chargers scored in every quarter but the third. All touchdowns came after long drives, culminated by Wright making a short spurt over the line.

Wright plunged one yard in the first quarter for the first six points for the Chargers. Mark Vanderpool ran for the extra points. Wright scored one in the second and another in the fourth quarter, each time on two-yard bucks.

If statistics tell the story, Edison played six times better than its opponent. The Chargers totaled 13 first downs to Columbia's two, gained a total of 232 yards on rushing to its opponent's 41. Edison attempted 19 passes, completing six, for 104 yards, as compared to five attempts and one completed for 11 yards of the Raiders.

Edison totaled 336 yards on offense to Columbia's 52.

Barrison Scores In Flash Win

WILLARD — Halfback Chuck Barrison scored both Willard touchdowns in the Crimson Flashes home debut Friday night as Coach Larry Cook's club scored a 12-9 verdict over Mt. Vernon.

Barrison, one of the speed merchants on the Willard club, capped a 12-play, 43 yard drive in the opening stanza with a seven yard run. The PAT try failed.

Mt. Vernon hit the scoreboard when Tom Burk kicked a 36 yard field goal with three minutes left in the third quarter.

The winners then salted the game away in the early stages of the final period when Barrison ripped the final four yards. The two points after the score came when quarterback Bob Stower hit end Kevin Adams.

The victory for Cook's club reversed an opening season defeat at Mt. Vernon last year.

Peckham Is Top Senior Golfer

Charles Peckham, Sr., is the senior division champion of the Elks' County Club after defeating Ray Gerkin in a golf playoff Wednesday afternoon. They shot identical scores of 40 in the Labor Day tournament at the Country Club, which necessitated a playoff.

The senior division is for golfers 55 and older.

Monroeville Drops Opener To Danbury

DANBURY — The Monroeville Eagles dropped its opener Friday to the Danbury Lakers by a decisive 27-0.

Danbury scored on its opening drive in the first quarter when, with one to go on a fourth down, Laker Hank Butchko passed to Jim Dress and the latter went 29 yards for the touchdown.

The Lakers intercepted a pass in the second period and drove to its second six points. They picked up another touchdown in the second, scored two points in the third quarter on a safety and with four minutes left in the final quarter chalked up another seven points.

The Eagles had one first down in the game and completed two passes on four attempts. Both successful passes were from junior quarterback Jeff Eby to Aaron Fries, senior fullback.

The second pass caught by Fries, for 22 yards, gave the Eagles their only first down.

Monroeville was credited with one interception, made by sophomore Thor Johnson in the second quarter, and three fumbles.

Top Twosome Give Trojans Big Edge Over Big Red

Rick Mullins kicked for the extra point.

Still trailing by one point as the fourth quarter got underway, Shipman passed the ball to Smith, who then tore 37 yards for a touchdown. The combination worked again before the game ended. Smith adding 40 more yards to his mileage.

Top yard-gainers for the Wildcats' Trojans were

Smith, with 192, and junior fullback Rick Mullins with 147. South Central was credited with 13 first downs — 9 rushing and 4 passing; eight completed passes on as many attempts; 126 yards gained in passing and 200 in rushing.

The Trojans also made three interceptions, one by Bob Smith and the two other by Forbes Shipman.

STATISTICS		Huron	Norwalk
FIRST DOWNS RUSHING		9	4
FIRST DOWNS PASSING		3	2
FIRST DOWNS PENALTIES		0	1
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		12	7
PASSES ATTEMPTED		10	16
PASSES COMPLETED		5	4
PASSES INTERCEPTED		1	3
NET YARDS RUSHING		186	126
NET YARDS PASSING		75	92
PUNTS-AVERAGE		5-37	6-32
FUMBLES		6	2
FUMBLES LOST		5	0
PENALTIES		10	11
YARDS PENALIZED		45	35

Grove Banquets Slated

Pot luck dinners for Lefty Grove league players will be held next week. They will be held at the VFW post.

The awards dinner for the junior circuit players will be Monday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Haldon Robarge will speak, and awards for the winning team, batting champ and best sportsman will be given.

Senior circuit players will eat Tuesday, also at 6:30. The Rev. William Bodart will talk, and awards will be presented.

Players should turn in their equipment on the night of their banquet.

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