

Clear Fork High, Loudonville in Wins

Clear Fork and Loudonville won games in Johnny Appleseed Conference football last night.

Loudonville's victory moved it into a tie for third place in the league which winds up 1969 operations with two games today. Co-leaders Ontario (6-0 and 6-1) and Lexington (6-0 and 8-0) were scheduled to meet on the latter's field at 2 p. m. At the same time, Fredericktown (3-3 and 4-4) was booked at Crestview (0-6 and 0-8).

Last night, Loudonville (4-3 and 4-3) upset Plymouth (4-3 and 6-3), 21-8 and Clear Fork (2-5 and 3-6) shaded Crestline (1-6 and 3-6), 13-8.

Clear Fork...

By GEORGE TAYLOR

CRESTLINE — After being humbled by a snappy Clear Fork offense which left the field at half time with a 13-0 lead, Crestline's Bulldog came back for the second half with a determined defense and a never-quit offense that finally went into the end zone with 11 seconds left in the game, before 1,468.

Clear Fork's first touch-

down came when Bob Bieri ended a 45-yard drive with a one-yard plunge into the end zone in the first quarter.

The second touchdown came when Randy Myers covered a Crestline fumble that rolled into the end zone when Quarterback Brad Bauer got caught on about the five-yard line while attempting a second-quarter pass.

In the first half the Colts had held the Crestliners to 54 yards rushing while they

STATISTICS			
	CF	CR	
First Downs	5	14	
Rushing Yardage	142	113	
Passing Yardage	17	113	
Passes	3-8	10-31	
Passes Intercepted By	1	0	
Punts	6-22.8	6-27.4	
Fumbles Lost	2	3	
Yards Penalized	54	27	

compiled 132 and two touchdowns. But when Crestline's defense came out on the field in the second half they held Clear Fork to zero first downs and ten yards rushing. And where the defense left off, the Bulldog offense marched back and forth across the field, trying, trying, until Brad Bauer skirted 17 yards and across the goal line on a keeper.

End Rich Henderson snatch-

ed five Bauer passes for 82 yards and Maples punched through the Clear Fork line 18 times for 58 yards. Bauer completed seven of 18 passes for 61 yards in the second half and ran for 58 yards on keepers when he couldn't find a receiver. Clear Fork's primary ground threat came from Senior Al Smith who picked up 96 yards in 11 carries.

During the half-time show for the Parents' Night crowd the Bulldog Band saluted the school's 100th football anniversary with the Notre Dame "Victory Song," the University of Chicago's "Wave the Flag," and Minnesota's "Rousers." Clear Fork had a swinging half-time musical treat that featured "Spinning Wheel," "Sonny," and "Hawaii Five-O" with Snoopy from Peanuts riding the surf.

CRESTLINE — Fisher, Briner, Cheney, Henderson, TACKLES — Novak, Peresie, Schiro, Black, GUARDS — Kegel, Asher, Salvati, Garrett, Beck, Thompson, CENTER — Baumgartner, BACKS — Mayer, Bauer, Dent, Maples, Smith.

CLEAR FORK — Cramer, Bell, Woodke, Crunkilton, R. Myers, TACKLES — Jackson, Wilson, Flynn, GUARDS — Garber, Stehl, B. Myers, CENTER — Robinson, BACKS — Bowers, Oyster, Garrett, Donough, Martin, Dall, Barr, Ernberger, Smith, Clever, Bieri.

SCORING — Clear Fork 6 7 0 0-13

Crestline 0 0 0 0-8

Touchdowns — Bieri (one-yard plunge), R. Myers (fumble recovery).

Extra point — Flynn (kick).

CRESTLINE — Bauer (17-yard run).

Extra points — Maples 2 (run).

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Loudonville

LOUDONVILLE — Ron Keiser provided the main spark for Loudonville on the offense while the fired-up Red Birds' defense held Plymouth to only four first downs — all in the second half.

Keiser counted for his first six points with just over three minutes remaining in the first quarter, threading his way to the end zone from five yards out. John Beans kicked the first of three extra points and Loudonville was never threatened.

Dan Hollinger turned up on the end of a Dave Koch — aerial late in the second period to boost the Red Birds up to a 14-0 halftime lead and Keiser rounded out the home scoring with a three-yard effort in the third quarter.

Plymouth held back the Loudonville surge twice in the third period, once at the 11-yard-line and one time

STATISTICS			
	Loud	Ply	
First Downs	23	22	
Rushing Yardage	19	82	
Passing Yardage	19	29	
Passes	2-8	3-10	
Passes Intercepted By	3-32.3	5-37.6	
Punts	1	8-57	
Fumbles Lost	1	1	
Yards Penalized	4-20	8-57	

on the 27. Meanwhile, the Big Red offense captured Red Bird territory only once, in the fourth quarter on its 62-yard touchdown drive.

Terry Buzard capped the Plymouth score at 2:03 left in the game with an 11-yard run. The visitors also lost the war of overall yards, 276 to 111.

Keiser led all rushers with 131 yards gained and Fullback Bob Taylor added 91 to the winning cause.

LOUDONVILLE — Hollinger, P. Wigton, TACKLES — D. Wigton, BEANS — Drouhard, Browning, CENTER — Sutter, BACKS — Koch, Keiser, Taylor, Sellers.

PLYMOUTH — ENDS — Beverly, Howard, TACKLES — VanWagoner, KOK, GUARDS — Ernst, Emberry, CENTER — Taylor, BACKS — Beard, Lesko, Forquer, Conley, Buzard.

SCORING — Loudonville 7 7 7 0-21

Plymouth 0 0 0 0-8

Touchdowns — Keiser 2 (five-yard run, three-yard run); Hollinger (11-yard pass from Koch).

Extra Points — Beans 3 (kicks).

PLYMOUTH — Touchdown — Buzard (11-yard run).

Extra Points — Beard 2 (run).

Hillsdale Defeats South Central, 12-8

Norwalk St. Paul clinched the Firelands Conference Championship last night as it rolled over Western Reserve, 42-0.

Norwalk remained undefeated in seven league tests and has been undefeated in nine regular season battles. Western Reserve ended 1-5-1 in Firelands Play and has a 2-6-1 season record.

In other league action Mapleton (5-2-0 and 7-2-0) routed Monroeville (3-4-0 and 3-5-1) 22-16 and Hillsdale (4-3-0 and 6-3-0) earned 12 points while South Central (1-5-1 and 1-7-1) managed 8.

This afternoon, Edison (5-1 and 7-1) was scheduled to host Black River (0-6 and 0-8) in the final Firelands game for 1969.

Hillsdale ...

GREENWICH — South Central scored first with only 26 seconds remaining in the first half when Halfback Mike Goodman plunged for its lone touchdown from the one-yard line.

Coming back in the second half, Hillsdale was not to be denied and Halfback Brian Bodager provided the power behind the victory with a touchdown in each of the final two periods.

Bodager reached paydirt first on a 10-yard run with just over three minutes left in

STATISTICS			
	SC	Hills	
First Downs	17	10	
Rushing Yardage	218	90	
Passing Yardage	0	0	
Passes	0-1	1-3	
Passes Intercepted By	2	3	
Punts	2-36.0	3-41.1	
Fumbles Lost	3	3	
Yards Penalized	3-30	3-25	

the game, scored the go-ahead points on a 10-yard pass from Greg McFarland.

In nearly every area except the final score, South Central proved stronger as the team racked up 218 yards while limiting the visitors to only 100. John Dederger led the Central attack with 95 yards while McFarland moved for 53 from his quarterback slot for Hillsdale.

SCORING — South Central 0 8 0 0-8 Hillsdale 0 0 4 6-12

SOUTH CENTRAL — Touchdown — Goodman (one-yard run).

Extra Points — Goodman 2 (run).

HILLSDALE — Touchdowns — Bodager 2 (10-yard run, 10-yard pass from McFarland).

Mapleton ...

MONROEVILLE — Lou Krieg broke off a 65-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter which put Mapleton into the commanding lead it needed to take home the victory.

Later in the period, Monroeville's Dennis Smith latched on to a 58-yard pass from Chet Roberts to bring the hosts to within challenging distance, but Mapleton held on with a firm grasp.

Jim Reynolds and Ken Pittenger processed the first two

STATISTICS			
	Map	Mon	
First Downs	10	10	
Rushing Yardage	267	184	
Passing Yardage	9	56	
Passes	0-7	2-10	
Fumbles Lost	5-35	0-0	
Yards Penalized	5-35	0-0	

Mountie scores on respective runs of one and 49 yards. Smith counted the initial Monroeville tally with a 45-yard effort and wound up with 14 of the total team points.

The statistics bore out the closeness of the score, each team collecting 10 first downs and the Mounties out-gaining their opponents by only a 287 to 240 count.

MAPLETON — Touchdowns — Reynolds (one-yard run), Pittenger (49-yard run), Krieg (65-yard run).

Extra Points — Krieg 2 (run), Binsinger 2 (run).

MONROEVILLE — Touchdowns — Smith 2 (45-yard run, 58-yard pass from Roberts).

Extra Points — Smith 2 (run), Lord 2 (run).

Pair of Unpardonable Oversights Losses by Browns and Vikings Spoil Power Ploy

BY BILL GLEASON

CHICAGO — Except for unpardonable oversights by the Minnesota Vikings and Cleveland Browns, there would be an undefeated team atop five of pro football's six divisions. The Vikings, who will be striving Sunday afternoon to build on the "lead in the Central Division" of the National Football League, managed somehow to jumble their way to a 24-23 defeat in their opening game at New York. And the Browns displeased their emotional owner, Arthur Modell, by losing at home to Detroit.

Had Minnesota and Cleveland won as expected, they would now be in the position of strength enjoyed by the Los Angeles Rams, Dallas Cowboys and Oakland Raiders. Those three powerful clubs have won 17 games, tied one, lost none.

Unless you're from Dallas you probably haven't given a thought to the possibility that

the Cowboys could be the first undefeated team in the NFL since the mighty Chicago Bears of 1942 won 11 and lost none. Don't tell me it can't happen. Check the Dallas schedule and then consider that the Baltimore Colts were 13-1 in league play last season.

★ If Dallas can roar past Cleveland Sunday and knock off the Rams on Nov. 23, the Super Bowl might feature a perfect record. This vulgar display of naked power suggests to me that Czar Peter of all the footballs, Commissioner Rozelle, might take another look at the realignment of his many divisions.

There is time for Rozelle to reflect upon the truth that, although the "Domino theory" has become as ineffective in football scheduling as in geopolitics, there still is a lot to be said for letting powerful teams pick on somebody their own size.

Football's domino approach was the brainchild of Rozelle's predecessor, the late Bert Bell, who worked out the NFL schedule by moving around dominoes on his living room carpet.

Bell's primary objective was to match "strong against strong and weak against weak" in the early weeks of a season. Bert was motivated by experience. Before his friends made him a commissioner, Bell had been, at various times, owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, the Pittsburgh Steelers and conglomerates known as Phil-Pitt and Card-Pitt. Bert's squads were as weak as, say, the Eagles and the Steelers of today.

Probably because there are 26 teams in 1969, the dominoes have lost their magic. With the season just past the one-third mark, seven teams are hopelessly out of the race. If Bell's principle still were operative some of those

seven clubs would have won a couple but three of the seven have not a single victory and three others have one triumph.

If you happen to be residing in Los Angeles, Cleveland, Dallas, Oakland or the Twin Cities, you're probably saying, "Somebody has to lose. Well, yeh, but losing soon kills interest in any sport. If you are a citizen of Chicago (as I am), San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Miami, New Orleans and Boston, you probably share my conviction that early November is too early to start thinking about hockey and basketball."

★ "Strong against strong and weak against weak no longer is a practical way to schedule, but it would be a dandy way to align teams. Presently Dallas is seeded (or ceded) into the NFL play-offs. Coach Tom Landry could give 10 stars a month

off and still win the capital division.

But what about a pair of "super divisions" that would include Dallas, Los Angeles, Oakland, the Jets, Kansas City, Cleveland, Baltimore and Green Bay?

Then there could be two "humane divisions" for the eight teams that finish this season with the poorest records. That would provide opportunities for clubs like Bears, Steelers, Saints and Falcons to rise above themselves.

There would be nothing restrictive about such realignment because teams still would play games against powerhouses of the other division or other conference, just as they do now.

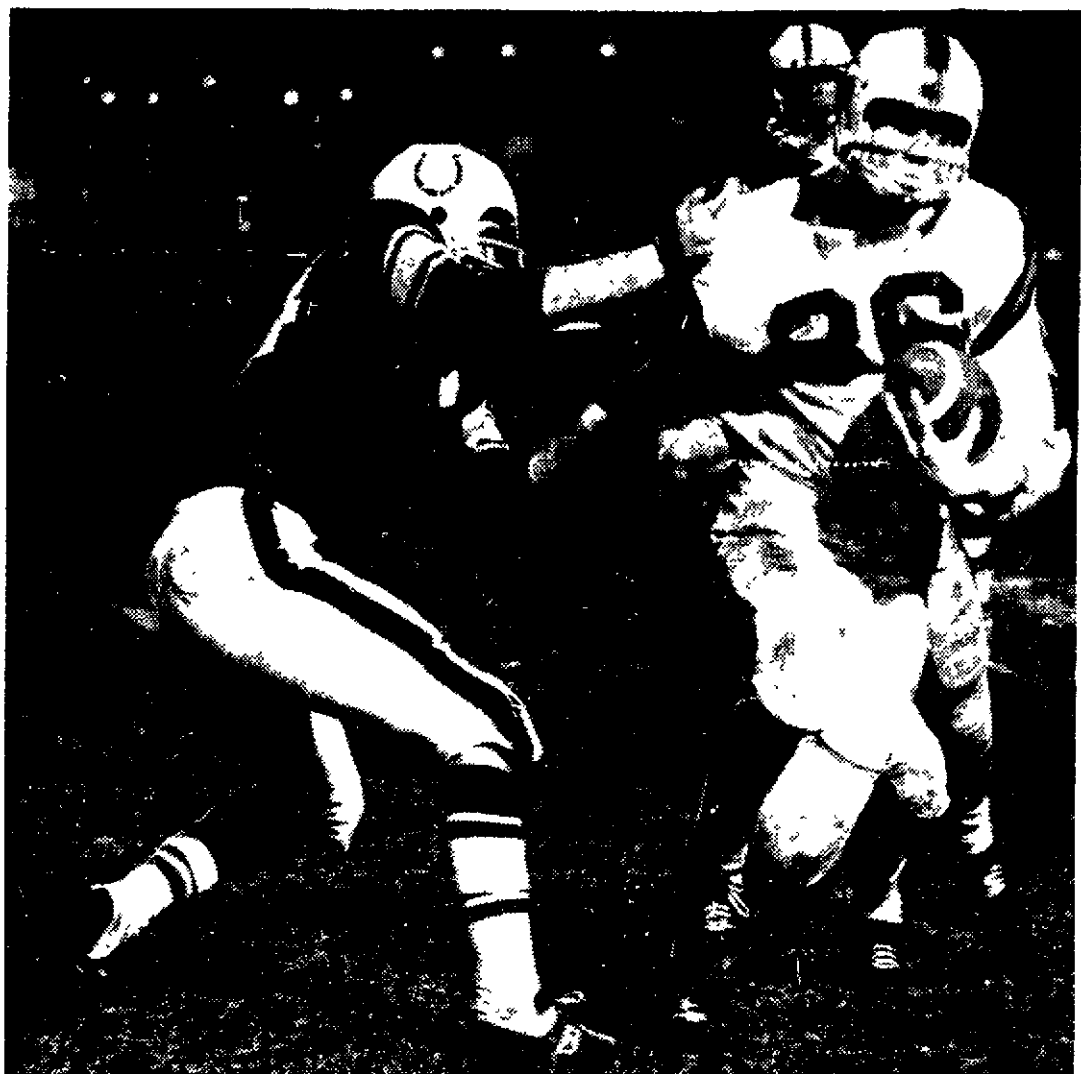
A similar system works for world soccer. And the charm of it all, is that within two seasons we'd be able to identify the incompetent owners.

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STOLEN PASS — Clear Fork Colt Jim Martin is shown as he stole a Crestline pass in the fourth quarter of play in Crestline last night. As Martin spoiled the

catch for intended receiver Rick Henderson (86) the Colts spoiled the game 13-8 over the Bulldogs. (News Journal Photo by Charles Zirkle)



FIRST DOWN CATCH — Clear Fork Colt Steve Dall and another unidentified defender were tugging on the jersey to put down Rick Henderson of Crestline after he caught a pass from Brad Bauer in the

final period of last night's Johnny Appleseed Conference game. But Henderson made it count for a first down before he was brought to the ground.

Fourth Consecutive Tumble Ashland Falls to Wadsworth

By HOWARD HONAKER

ASHLAND — Ashland High scored first here last night, but Wadsworth scored two touchdowns in each of the second and fourth periods to hand the Arrows their fourth consecutive football defeat.

Ashland, finishing its 1969 campaign with a 4-4-1 record (twice held leads in the first half, 6-0 and 13-9, against a hard-running Wadsworth (7-2) team that ground out 258 yards via infantry tactics,

tackled in the end zone for a safety. The visiting Grizzlies then put together a 15-play, 60-yard drive to take the lead, 9-6. Dave Kerschner scored the go-ahead touch-

down on a four-yard run.

Exactly 20 seconds later, the scoreboard showed Wadsworth ahead, 16-13. It took the Grizzlies only two plays to cover 69 yards after the ensuing kickoff, the touchdown coming when Rick Helms unloaded a 60-yard pass to Dave Weber.

Wadsworth tallied two touchdowns in the final period to finish off the Arrows. Jim Tighe scored on a 35-yard pass from Helms and Steve Perrigo crossed the goal line on a 17-yard run after a 13-play, 96-yard drive.

It was the close of a frustrating season for Ashland, a team expected to be a power in the Cardinal Conference. After five games, the Arrows were unbeaten and showed a tie with mighty Shelby. And then, the roof fell in.

SCORING — Ashland 6 7 0 0-13 Wadsworth 0 16 0 14-20

Touchdowns — Glaser (64-yard run), Anders (two-yard run).

Extra Point — Fierbaugh (kick).

WADSWORTH — Touchdowns — Kerschner (four-yard run), Weber (60-yard pass from Helms), Perrigo (17-yard run).

Extra Points — Goltz 4 (kicks).

Safety — Fierbaugh tackled in end zone.

SCORING — Highland 0 6 12 6-24

Whitehall 0 0 0 0-0

HIGHLAND — Touchdowns — Myser (one-yard plunge), Wickline 2 (66-yard run, one-yard plunge), Baker (10-yard run).

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Highlanders Win, 24 to 0

SPARTA—Highland, for all purposes, had the football game won in the second period when Halfback Richard Myser burst over the goal line from one yard. However, the Scotties were not content with the slim halftime lead, and went on to a 24-0 victory over the Whitehall Reserve team.

In the third period, Fullback Allen Wickline sped on a 66-yard touchdown jaunt and later added a one-yard scoring effort. Kerry Baker rounded out the scoring with a 10-yarder in the final period.

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Mt. Gilead High Gains Title Share

Mt. Gilead (6-1-0 and 7-1-0) won a share of the Mid-Ohio Conference title last night with a 38-6 football win over Cardington High School (3-4-0 and 5-4-0).

The co-champion in the league will be decided by a game tonight between Marion Catholic (5-1-0 and 6-1-1) and host North Union (5-1-0 and 7-1-0).

Mt. Gilead can clinch the outright Mid-Ohio crown if North Union and Marion Catholic play to a tie tonight.

Mt. Gilead...

CARDINGTON — Terry Turner ran for two touchdowns here last night to lead Mt. Gilead to its decisive victory before a record Cardington crowd.

Turner, who carried for 98 yards in 21 attempts, scored touchdowns on runs of one and six yards. Teammate Ron McCracken ran for 67

STATISTICS			
	Card	Mt. G.	
First Downs	3	20	
Rushing Yardage	31	279	
Passing Yardage	27	13	
Passes	2-9	2-3	
Passes Intercepted By	0	1	
Punts	5-28	1-31	
Fumbles Lost	2	2	
Yards Penalized	2-20	8-46	

yards in 16 carries and scored the final touchdown with 34 seconds showing when he plunged over from three yards out. Mt. Gilead gained 279 yards rushing.

Cardington's lone touchdown came with eight seconds remaining in the second quarter when Carl Haruff made a spectacular end zone grab of a 26-yard pass from Ron Davis. Haruff leaped among three defenders to snare the long toss.

SCORING — Mt. Gilead 6 16 8 14-38

Cardington 0 6 0 0-6

MT. GILEAD — Touchdowns — Turner 2 (six-yard run, one-yard run), Harmon (eight-yard run), McCracken (three-yard run).

Extra Points — Turner 4 (runs), Klingel 2 (runs), Harmon 2 (pass).

CARDINGTON — Touchdown — Haruff (26-yard pass from Davis).

OVERALL WINS PACE AT KEYSTONE TRACK

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Overall, driven by Del Insko, won the \$30,000 Kingmaker Pace before 12,633 fans Friday night at Liberty Bell Park.

The winner, clocked in 1:58.45, rallied from fourth place in a field of five at the half mile to win by a half length over Rum Customer. Laverne Hanover, the second choice in the betting, finished third

in the first quarter. He added one in the second, a pair in the third and two more in the fourth.

Worner's passing found Terry Warner clear from 10 yards out in the second period while his rushing mark averaged 6.9 yards per carry.

The three scores in the third period came within three minutes of each other. Worner beginning the onslaught on a 33-yard pass interception at 5:12 and ending at 2:09 with a four-yard effort.

SCORING — North 6 14 20 21-57

Ridgmont 0 0 0 0-0