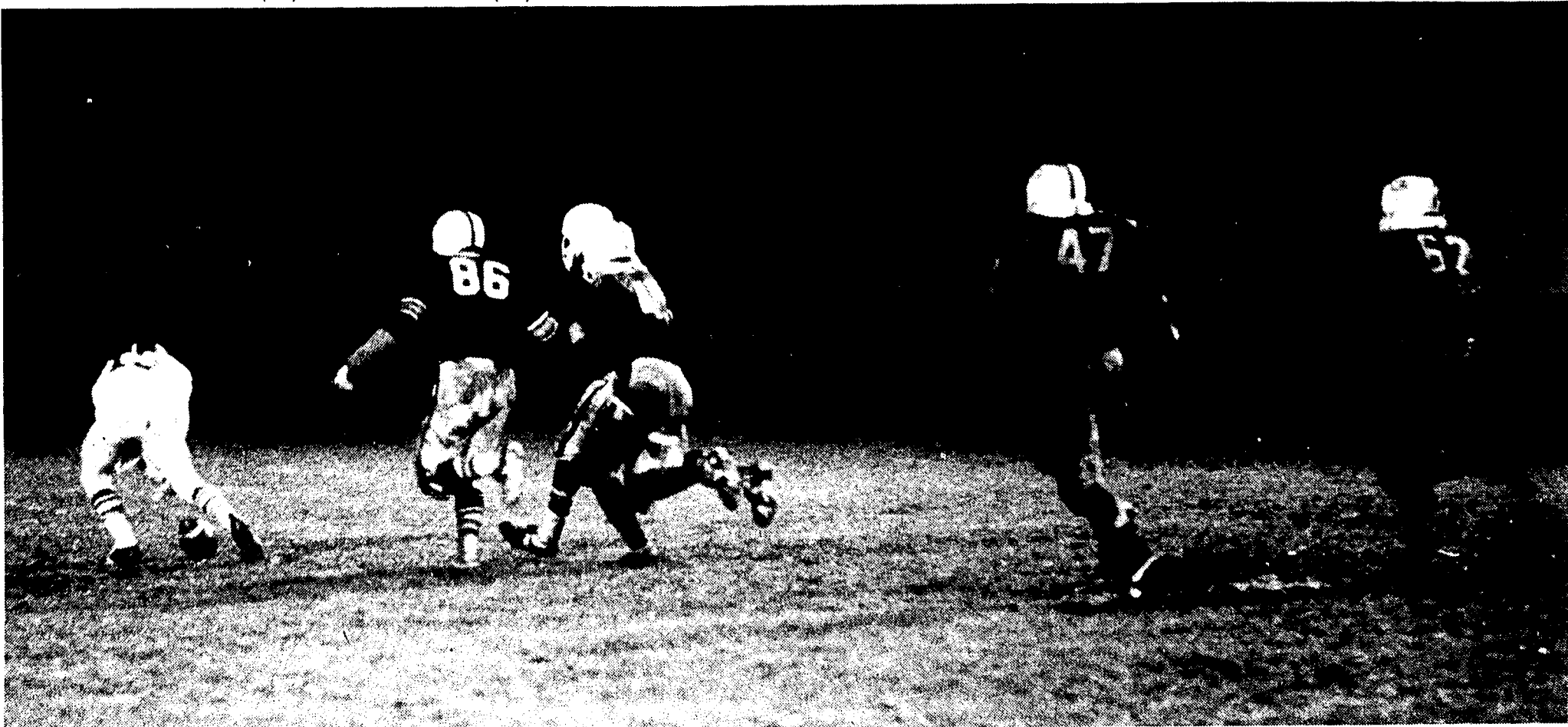




ST. MARY'S QUARTERBACK, RICH WOBSE, FOLLOWS HIS BLOCKERS ON THIS PLAY.
...Lee Morton, (45) and Bob Schmidt, (33) form a wall for the signal-caller, but he was unable to penetrate the Gibsonburg defensive wall.



KYLE ROTH, IN WHITE UNIFORM, CHASES AFTER BALL WHEN HE RECEIVED A BAD SNAP FROM CENTER WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO PUNT THE PANTHERS OUT OF TROUBLE
...however, the senior booter was spilled in the end zone for a safety by his band of Golden Bears. (Register Photo by Krebs)



PANTHER COACH RON BAKER, ASSISTANTS IN RAIN GEAR.
...the two clubs battled in a steady downpour during the game.

St. Mary's Stopped By Gibsonburg, Mud

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In spite of adverse playing conditions, it is doubtful the outcome would have been different at Strobel Field Saturday night when St. Mary's dropped a 24-0 Sandusky Bay Conference tilt to Gibsonburg.

Coach Ron Baker's Panthers and Coach Karl Baker's Golden Bears tangled in "a sea of mud" and a steady downpour between the 30 yard lines, but the invaders had too much physical power regardless of the poor weather conditions.

The Panther head mentor felt Gibsonburg came into the game better prepared for the contest than his squad — "at least it appeared that way," he said. "They (Gibsonburg) came out hitting while our kids couldn't beat the

charge. They just outplayed us — it was just that simple."

GIBSONBURG'S JUNIOR fullback, Ted Smith, perhaps one of the most powerful runners in the loop, carried the bulk of the load for the Bears. He toted the ball 32 times for 156 yards. This amounted to a 4.8 average.

Often, Panther tacklers would appear

to stop Smith, but his second effort led to vital yardage at crucial times in the contest. When Coach Baker gave his top ball carrier a breather, he would send the other half of the backfield at the Panthers.

This was Ron Mauch, another junior who ran out of a halfback slot. He carried for 76 yards in 12 attempts for a 6.2 average.

THE LIGHT PANTHER backs proved "poor mudders" in the contest as they gained only 25 yards in 26 carries. Fullback Bob Schmidt and junior halfback Lee Morton were responsible for this yardage. Schmidt had 14 yards in six carries while Morton toted seven times.

Coach Baker's Panthers only threatened once in the contest. This

came after a fumble recovery by tackle Joe Steinhauer at the Gibsonburg 21. The Blue and Gold moved down to the 19 before they were forced to give the ball up on downs.

The invaders took the opening kickoff and drove from their own 30 to paydirt in 12 plays with Mauch going the final two with 6:17 remaining in the period. Smith tested right tackle for the two-point

conversion, but was held short and Gibsonburg held a 6-0 advantage.

AFTER ST. MARY'S stalled at the 19, the invaders took over and drove 81 yards in 11 plays. Smith went the last yard at 6:47 and Mauch went in from right tackle for the two-point conversion. This made it 14-0.

A 47-yard jaunt by Mauch on a third and five situation with 8:34 to play in the half, pulled the Bears through this drive.

In the third stanza, Gibsonburg went on the board after St. Mary's punter, Kyle Roth received a high snap from center in punt formation from the 34. He was tackled in the Panther end zone for a safety. This came at 8:25 and made the score read 16-0 in favor of the invaders.

GIBSONBURG'S FINAL tally of the game came with 30 seconds left in the game. Roth punted from his own five out to the 18 with 1:23 to play in the tilt. Mauch picked up nine on the first carry and Smith four to the five-yard line and a first and 10. On the next play, Mauch dented left tackle for another yard before Smith broke over right guard to score. Senior quarterback Frank LaSalvia tossed to Carl Balsizer for the two-point conversion.

The invaders, ended the season with a 4-6 and 2-6 record while St. Mary's finished the campaign 5-4-1 and 3-4-1. Gibsonburg also snapped a two-game losing streak to the Blue and Gold as it marked the third time this season the Panthers were shutout in the point department. St. Mary's lost to Margaretta 20-0 and tied Oak Harbor 0-0.

The shutout also was the 16th in the series between the two schools. St. Mary's holds the edge 9-7. The Blue and Gold also leads in the overall series with a 16-9-1 record.

Gibsonburg 6 8 2 8 24
St. Mary's 0 0 0 0 0

Scoring:
Gibsonburg — Mauch, 2 run. (run failed).

Gibsonburg — Smith, 1 run. (Mauch, run).

Gibsonburg — Safety.
Gibsonburg — Smith, 4 run. (Balsizer, pass from LaSalvia).

The Streaks tallied again with 1:22 left in the first half, when Mike Chudzinski plunged two yards for the touchdown. The pass for the conversion failed, resulting in a 14-0 halftime lead.

St. Wendelin received the second-half kickoff, and turned it to its own 39. From there, the Mohawks marched to the St. Joe one-foot line, where they faced a fourth down situation. St. Joe stopped the attempted scoring run, and took over the ball.

Huron Grid Fete Scheduled Friday

The annual Huron High School football banquet will be held Friday in the high school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the limited space, no tickets will be available for the general public. The banquet will be for the football players, cheerleaders, managers, parents and special guests.

Coach Tony Munafu will present special awards to the senior members of the undefeated Tiger team at his time.

Huron rolled to its second perfect season in a row and extended its streak of consecutive victories to 22.

Statistics

	G	St. M.
First Downs (Total)	14	4
By Rushing	13	3
By Passing	1	1
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes (Number)	56	26
Yards Gained	298	70
Yards Lost	0	45
Net Yards Gained	298	25
Average Gain	5.3	0.9
Forward Passing		
Attempted	6	10
Completed	2	4
Had Intercepted	0	0
Net Yards Gained	67	19
Average Gain	33.5	4.7
Total Plays (Rushes and Passes)	62	36
Total Net Yards Gained	365	44
Punts (Number)	1	4
Average Yards	27.0	29.2
Had Blocked	0	0
Punt Returns (Number)	1	0
Average Yards	2.0	0
Kickoff Returns (Number)	3	3
Average Yards	23.3	6.0
Fumble (Number)	5	6
Ball Lost	2	3
Penalties (Number)	5	3
Yards Penalized	45	15

Yardstick

	St. Mary's	Gibsonburg
Schmidt, fb	6 18 4 14 2.3	
Wobser, qb	5 17 18 -1 -0.2	
Morton, hb	7 25 14 11 1.5	
Kaman, hb	4 10 5 5 1.2	

	St. Mary's	Gibsonburg
Smith, fb	32 156 0 156 4.8	
Mauch, hb	12 77 1 96 6.2	
Jureski, hb	6 17 0 17 2.8	
LaSalvia, qb	2 2 0 2 1.0	
Stevenson, hb	2 8 0 8 4.0	
Spanfeller, hb	2 6 0 6 3.0	

	St. Mary's	Gibsonburg
Wobser, qb	10 4 19 0 0	
LaSalvia, qb	6 2 66 0 0	

	St. Mary's	Gibsonburg
Morton, hb	3 20 0 0	
Walland, e	1 -1 0 0	

	St. Mary's	Gibsonburg
Beck, e	1 65 0 0	
Smith, fb	1 1 0 0	

Harold "Cookie" Gilchrist already knows his future for the Norwalk St. Paul High School football team of 1971.

The 185-pound junior played guard for the first nine games this season, but Coach Mike Gottfried changed Gilchrist to fullback for the season finale. The results were highly successful. . . and Gilchrist is ticketed for the fullback slot next fall.

"HE HAS SEEN his last day as a guard," Gottfried explained after Gilchrist scored one touchdown, set up another and rambled in a heavy downpour for 103 yards in 12 carries.

The Flyers handled Plymouth by a 26-12 margin to wind up the campaign with a fine 9-1 record and due to the inclement weather conditions Gottfried decided to stick with the ground attack.

Gilchrist shared honors with senior halfback Denny Meyer who ended his prep career with a sensational

	NSP	P
First Downs	17	15
Net Yds. Gained Rushing	275	222
Yds. Gained Passing	0	6
Total Net Yds. Gained	275	228
Passes attempted/completed	3/0	1/1
Passes Intercepted By	0	0
Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	0/0	1/1
Penalties	4/37	1/5

performance. Meyer dashed for 178 yards in 23 carries and personally registered 20 points.

The 165-pound veteran exploded off-tackle on the first play from scrimmage for a sparkling 60-yard scoring jaunt to get the hosts on the scoreboard with just 31 seconds gone. He also provided the bonus points for an 8-0 lead.

PLYMOUTH, WHICH HAS now lost the season finale to the Flyers three years in succession, came right back to march 56 yards in 12 plays with John Conley scampering the final 18 with 4:43 left in the opening stanza. However, the try for the PAT failed.

St. Paul didn't waste any time striking again. The Flyers drove 68 yards in just six plays after the kickoff with Gilchrist contributing a 33-yard burst. Meyer knifed in from the three to hike the count to 14-6 with 2:05 remaining.

Gilchrist plunged one yard midway through the second stanza to cap a 39-yard march for the hosts.

Plymouth threatened in the waning moments of the half, but the Big Red lost the battle against the clock. They drove from their own 28 to the St. Paul 10 only to have time expire.

The Big Red marched again late in the third canto and had second and goal at the three. However, the Flyer defense met the task and pushed the invaders back to the six.

ST. PAUL THEN proceeded to methodically drive 94 yards in 22 plays for an insurance marker. Meyer, who wound up the season the leading scorer in the Firelands Conference with 16 touchdowns and 114 total points, slashed off-tackle for the final four yards.

St. Joe Blanks Mohawks

Fremont St. Joe tallied touchdowns in each of the first two periods Sunday afternoon, and then halted two Fostoria St. Wendelin drives in the second half to register a 14-0 victory.

The win was the sixth in a row for the Crimson Streaks, and elevated them into a second-place tie with Margaretta in the

STATISTICS

	St. J.	St. W.
First Downs	12	7
Net Yds. Gained Rushing	204	45
Yds. Gained Passing	0	35
Total Net Yds. Gained	204	80
Passes attempted/completed	3/0	15/4
Passes Intercepted By	2	1
Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties	3/25	1/15

Sandusky Bay Conference, with a 6-2 league mark. Overall, the Streaks finished up 7-2-1.

FREMONT TALLIED early in the opening quarter on a 75-yard punt return by Chuck Beier, with 8:10 remaining. Senior halfback Gerald Stang ran for the conversion and a 8-0 lead.

THE MOHAWKS threatened once more in the contest. Late in the final period, they recovered a St. Joe fumble on the Streaks' 40, and returned it to the six. In three plays, the Mohawks ended up losing a yard, and also failed on the fourth down play.

Senior fullback Mike Chudzinski paced

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Fremont St. Joe 8 6 0 0 14

Fostoria St. Wendelin 0 0 0 0 0

Scoring:

St. Joe — Beyer, 75 punt return. (Stang, run).

St. Joe — Chudzinski 2 run. (Pass failed).