

Ashland Arrows Shoot Down Mansfield Tygers, 7-6

By DICK KINNEY

ASHLAND — Four pass interceptions and a generally ineffective ground attack proved to be the main factors in defeat for Mansfield Senior High last night as the Ashland Arrows pulled off a season-opening 7-6 football victory in front of nearly 5,000 spectators at Community Stadium.

The Tygers, displaying an exciting aerial game which made up half of their 42 offensive plays, piled up 162 yards passing on a 10-for-21 per-

formance by Quarterback Ron Castle. But they added only 38 net yards rushing.

Senior end Dan Blakely was the main receiver for Castle, snaring six passes for 80 yards and the only Mansfield score. A six-yard completion capped a 61-yard six-play drive with 11:47 left in the game. The big gainer on the series was a 43-yard completion to junior halfback Terone Butler which put the ball on the Ashland 17. Butler wound up the evening with three grabs for 75 yards.

Ashland's first interception came on Tygers' second series and nearly led to a 26-yard field goal which fell just below the bar from the toe of Dan Bowersox.

As it turned out, Bowersox was the Ashland hero; turning in the Arrows' second-leading yardage with 33 in nine carries; latching onto two of Ashland's three completed passes; and providing the deciding margin with a perfect extra point kick.

Ashland scored first, marching 49

yards in 11 plays with Quarterback Mark Starr covering the final two yards on a sneak. And then Bowersox stepped forward.

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Mansfield had what could have been a deciding "break" in the first period when Bowersox fumbled a punt and the Tygers recovered on the Arrows' 37. Three plays and a half-the-distance penalty later, the ball rested on Ashland's three on a first-and-goal situation.

Castle was stopped for a yard loss on the first try and his ensuing pass fell into the waiting hands of Arrow Frank Goshinski. The Tygers didn't get out of their own territory the rest of the half.

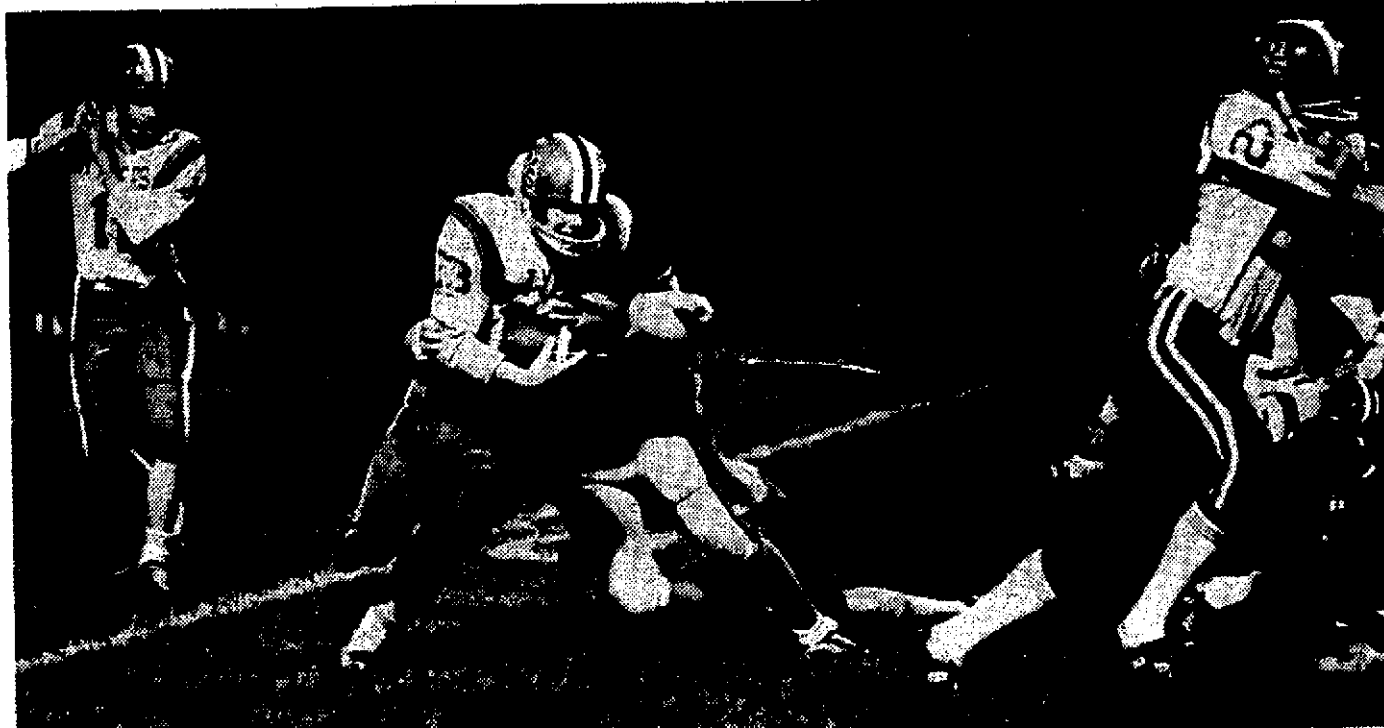
Defense was the mainstay for both squads with hard tackles accounting for eight fumbles, evenly split. Ashland finished just above the 100-mark in net yardage with 108.

Arrows' fullback Warren Warner was the game's leading rusher, get-

ting the ball 16 times for 49 yards. Among his was a 10-yard romp to set up the Ashland touchdown at the Mansfield three.

Marching bands from Mansfield and Ashland performed at halftime, combining at the end for a special tribute to Ashland's former "Mr. Music," the late Dr. Louis E. Pete.

During its portion, the Tyger band featured an arrangement of "Rainy Days and Mondays" done by Senior band member David Hall.



SWIFT PURSUIT — Mansfield Senior High fullback Marty Lamie picks up short yardage on this fourth-quarter play as Ashland tackle Dale Woodgerd wraps him up shortly after the handoff

from Quarterback Ron Castle (left). Leading the blocking (right) is junior halfback Terone Butler (22). The Ashlanders came away with a slim 7-6 victory over the Tygers.

Chris Evert Falls From Tennis Open

By KAROL STRONGER

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. (AP) — Chris Evert's elfin magic has lost its spell but there still are matches to be played at the U. S. Open Tennis Championship.

The 16-year-old phenomenon who gave the game a new perspective by winning matches with a

soft touch and winning spectators with a sylph-like beauty, lost to top-seeded Billie Jean King in Friday's semi-final.

Mrs. King of Long Beach, Calif., No. 1 in the nation and No. 2 in the world, overpowered the Fort Lauderdale schoolgirl 6-3, 6-2 to move into Sunday's \$6,600 final against No. 2 seed

Rosemary Casals of San Francisco.

The diminutive Miss Casals, ranked just behind Billie Jean in the United States and the world, cut down fourth-seeded Kerry Melville of Australia 6-4, 6-3 in an earlier match Friday.

TOUGH TEST

"Kerry was by far the toughest competition I've faced so far in this tournament," said Rosemary, who was beaten by the 24-year-old Aussie in the second round of Wimbledon in June.

Chris said the same about Billie Jean: "She was just too tough. She was steady in the backcourt and good at the net. She has a better all-round game."

Also to be played Sunday is the men's singles title match worth \$20,000. And without the charisma of Chris, the men just might move into the limelight they've been denied since the \$160,000 classic began 11 days ago.

Who will meet in that title match will be determined today when No. 4 seed Tom Okker of the Netherlands takes on second-seeded P. Stan Smith of Ft. McNair, Va., and No. 3 Arthur Ashe meets darkhorse Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia.

TALL BLOND

Smith, the tall blond player who hails from Pasadena, Calif., earned his semi-final berth Friday with a 7-6, 6-2, 7-6 victory over No. 5 Marty Riessen of Evanston, Ill.

Indians Get Back into Game Action

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians, idle since they completed a two-week road trip Tuesday, host the New York Yankees today with Rich Hand taking the mound against the Yankees' Mike Kekich.

The Indians still have hopes of catching the fifth place Washington Senators in the battle to stay out of the basement in the American League's East Division.

The Senators have to meet the Indians five more times and hold only a 2½ game edge over the Tribe. The Indians have 11 of their final 20 games, including the completion of a suspended contest with Detroit, at home.

Southpaw Sam McDowell will face the Yankees' Fritz Peterson on Sunday.

St. Louis Cardinals Knock Off Browns

By PAUL DE BAR

ST. LOUIS (AP) — "You've got to make your take-always equal your give-always," commented Nick Skorich whose Cleveland Browns wound up the pre-season portion of their National Football League schedule Friday night.

But Cleveland failed to meet Skorich's philosophy before 46,171 fans at Busch Stadium and wound up losing 27-13 to the St. Louis Cardinals on two fumbles and three pass interceptions.

"They were our mistakes, but I'll say this — their defense didn't help us any either," Skorich reflected. "We moved the ball as well as we have any time in exhibition, but our own mistakes and their defense killed us. St. Louis is going to have a good club."

The mistakes to which Skorich referred included a fumble in the second quarter which St. Louis converted into a touchdown, a third-period fumble and a pass interception on which Bill Nelsen guessed wrong against a Cardinals zone.

BIG ERRORS

But the game-deciding errors on the part of the Browns didn't occur until the fourth quarter.

Nelsen, driving Cleveland from a 13-6 deficit, pitched toward Gary Collins' open hands in the right corner and Miller Farr broke into the breach.

Farr swiped the pass at the Cardinals' six, sped down the left sidelines and was sprung on a 94-yard touchdown gallop by a Jim Margrove block.

Nelsen then redeemed himself with a five-yard touchdown pass to Fairhook only to be snatched on a third time by Roger Wehrli's heist of an aerial just across midfield.

Wehrli swivel-hipped his way to Cleveland's 18 on a 40-yard return, and powerful Mac Lane smacked across the goal line from the two with six seconds left.

SOME CONSOLATION

The defeat notwithstanding, Skorich took consolation from Cleveland's 22-11 preponderance in first downs and 332 yards total offense to St. Louis' 201.

Before the fourth quarter, offense had been confined to two field goals each by Cleveland's Don Cockroft and St. Louis' Jim Bakken plus a one-yard touchdown smash by the Cards' Cid Edwards.

SCORING — 3:30 P.M. — Cleveland 10, St. Louis 7. 10:00 P.M. — Cleveland 10, St. Louis 27. Cle — FG Cockroft 30. StL — FG Bakken 4. Cle — Edwards 1 run (Bakken kick). StL — FG Cockroft 22. StL — FG Bakken 24. StL — Farr 94 pass interception (Bakken kick). Cle — Hooker 5 pass from Nelsen (Cockroft kick). StL — Lane 3 run (Bakken kick). A — 46:17.

Mt. Gilad Indians Tumble in Opener

DUBLIN — John Chapman accounted for Mt. Gilad's only scoring as the Indians suffered a 41-8 loss in high school football to Dublin here yesterday.

Chapman ran the Indians' only touchdown and extra points.

Plymouth High Rips S. Central

GREENWICH — Plymouth scored two quick touchdowns in the second quarter here last night in shutting out South Central, 22-0, in the football opener for both high schools.

After a scoreless opening quarter, Plymouth got on the scoreboard with 4:55 remaining in the first half when Larry Taylor scored on a one-yard run. Less

than two and one-half minutes later, the Big Red added another touchdown, Kim Carter getting this one on a 15-yard run.

Ray Hughes scored the final six-pointer with 2:22 left in the game on a five-yard run. South Central was able to penetrate only to the Plymouth 40-yard line.

South Central's Charlie Goodman was the leading ball carrier with 78 yards. Plymouth's Bill VanWagner rushed for 66 yards.

PLYMOUTH — Ends — C. Wright, Smith, Clark, Strohm. Tackles — Seaton, Woodman. Guards — Glorioso, Amador, Bittel, Fidler. Centers — Decker, Hughes, Carter, Fazio, Hammen, Beverly, Finnegan.

SCORING — 0:14 — 0-0. 0:00 — 0-22. Plymouth 22, South Central 0.

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Senior High Statistics...

MANSFIELD SENIOR

ENDS — Dan Blakely, Andy Montgomery, Joe Beard, Kim Pittman, Charles Black, Bob Halcher.

TACKLES — Bill Coley, John Hafford, Garth Sevdalis, Tom Flinnerly.

GUARDS — Barry Bailey, Paul Johnson.

CENTERS — Bruce Weirich, John Brooks.

BACKS — Ron Castle, Tyrone Butler, Marty Lamie, Larry Turner, Tony Basilone, Henry Gibbs, Richard Allen, Warren Clancy.

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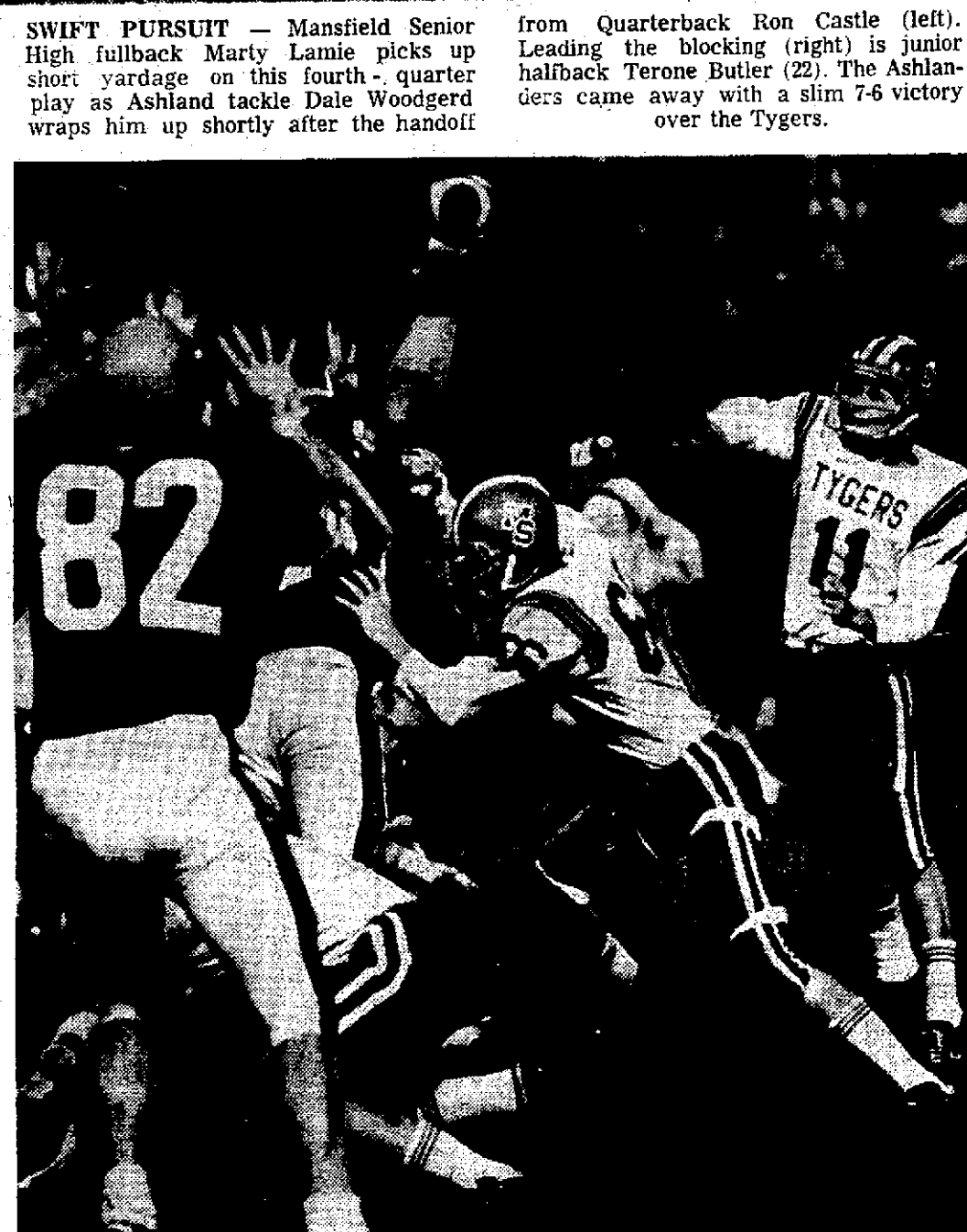
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AERIAL ERROR — Ron Castle (11) Mansfield quarterback, sends a pass toward one of his fellow Tygers, but the ball was waylaid by Ashland defender Chip Roston (not pictured) shortly after it passed the outstretched hands of sever-

al Arrows' linemen. Mansfield guard Barry Bailey (66) helps protect Castle during the operation and Ashland end Steve DeLong (82) watches the ball. (News Journal photos by Otto Schmidt).

Shelby High Whippets Edge Toledo Bowsher by 8 to 6

By JOHN GRAY

SHELBY — The Shelby Whippets rallied in the fourth period to defeat Toledo Bowsher 8-6, last night to open the football season before 3,975 paid fans here.

Bowsher's guard Mark Albright recovered a Whippet fumble on Shelby's 30-yard line to start a scoring drive. Fullback Jerry Pilewski went through the middle of the line for the final yard to score Bowsher's touchdown with 2:38 left in the first half.

Halfback Jeff Kniesley of Bowsher drove the ball on the try for the placement for the extra point.

Early in the third period, Bowsher drove from their own 39-yard line to Shelby's 23, but lost the ball on a fumble. Whippet end Dan Dowds recovered the ball.

Bowsher Halfback Bob Krist recovered a Shelby fumble on Shelby's 16-yard line. The Whippets held the Rebels for downs on the 14.

Shelby roared back with Quarterback Don Brown and Halfbacks Steve Wheeler and Garry Bly carrying the ball for a sustained 86-yard drive. Bly hit pay dirt

By HAZEL GRAY

STATISTICS — SHELBY: First Downs 10, Rushing Yards 112, Passing Yards 60, Passes Completed 10, Passes Intercepted 1, Punt Average 27.6, No. of punts 3, Punt return yards 28, No. of kickoff returns 2, Kickoff return yards 12, No. of fumbles 2, Own fumbles recovered 3, No. of penalties 2, Penalty yards 10.

TOLEDO BOWSHER: First Downs 11, Rushing Yards 88, Passing Yards 77, Passes Completed 10, Passes Intercepted 1, Punt Average 23.0, No. of punts 5, Fumbles Lost 5, Yards Penalized 45.

from Bowsher's four-yard line with 6:21 left in the fourth quarter. Brown passed to Bly for the extra two points.

Last season Bowsher ended Shelby's 34-game undefeated streak with a 14-0 defeat in the opener.

The 128-piece Whippet Marching Band put on the pre-game ceremonies and half-time program under the direction of Director Dwight Somerville.

SHELBY — Ends — Flath, Copeland, Lord, Finn, Esler, Scott, Daniels, Jim McCoy, Dave McCoy. Tackles — Hamman, Corneille, Loochard, GUARDS — Russell, Carr, Palacios, CENTER — Jones. BACKS — Heland, Cirata, Brown, Biv, Thompson, Steve Wheeler, Anderson.

SCORING — Shelby 8, Toledo Bowsher 6. TOUCHDOWNS — Bly (four-yard run). EXTRA POINTS — Bly 2 (goals).

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Knucklehead Takes Race at Thistlewood

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Knucklehead led all the way in the featured ninth race Friday to beat Orphan Sam by four lengths at Thistlewood. Lisagold was third. Knucklehead was timed in 1:38.25ths for the one-mile distance on the turf.

The 7-8 daily double pairing of Ama Joy and Bruther Don returned \$21.40. The 3,034 fans wagered \$305,055 on the 10 races.

Losing Streak at an End

Astros Nip Redlegs, 1 to 0