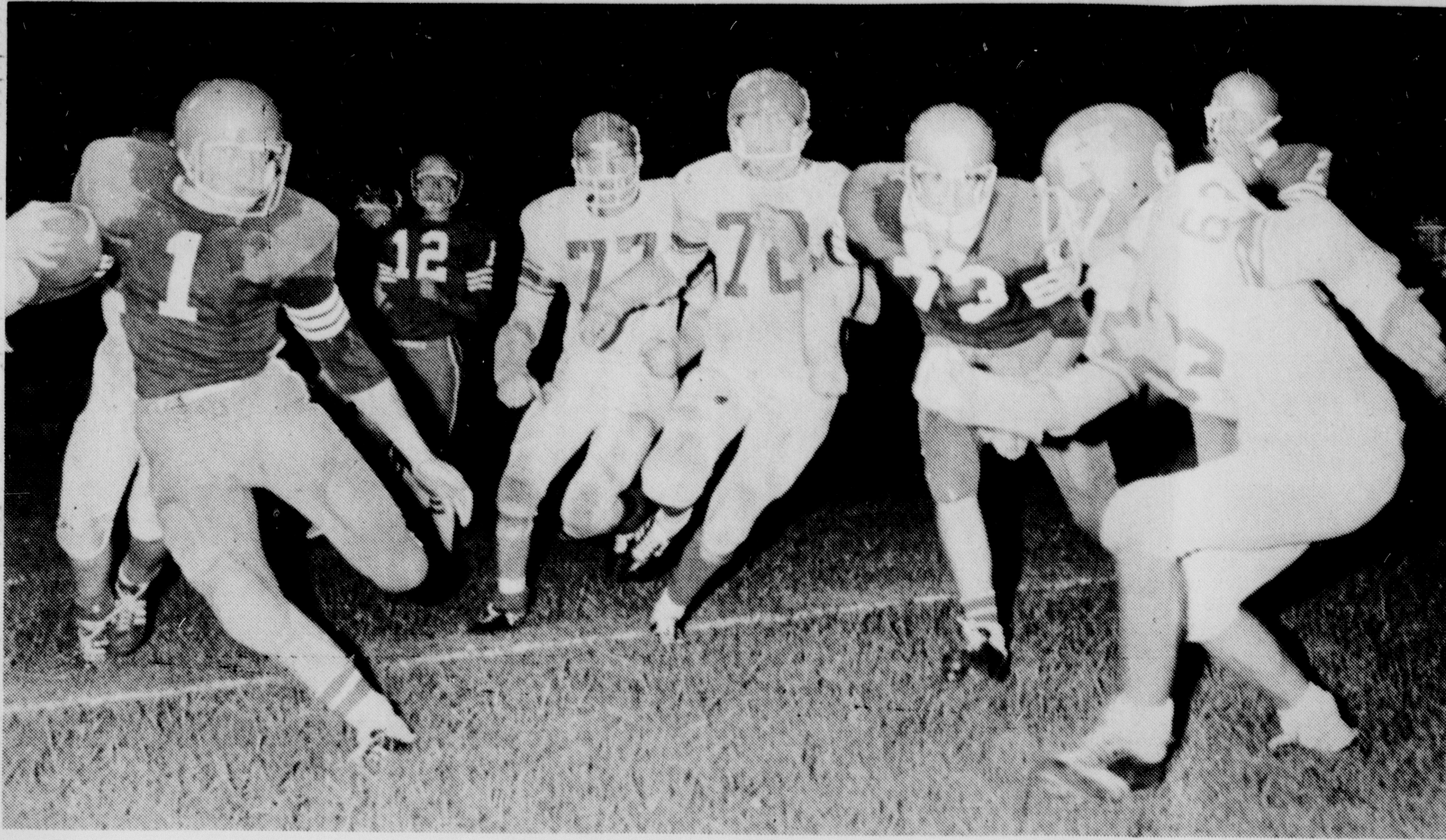




### It's All In The Game

Trucker halfback Scott Twitchell (1) picks up some ground late in the game to help him earn the team rushing honors. Huron's Scott Delamatre (63) comes up for the tackle while Phil White (73) plans his block. Paul Dees (72) and

Craig Nelson (77) follow the play as Ned Loughridge (72) watches. Above, head coach Len Hardman walks dejectedly off the field after congratulating Tiger coach Tony Munafo, left.

## 'We're Not That Bad' — Hardman

# Tigers Outplay Norwalk 50-14

By GEOFF HAMMILL

HURON — Trucker defensive coach Jerry Emmons said it best. "They just outsmarted and outplayed us. They're a helluva team."

Other Norwalk reactions were about the same. What else could be said about a 50-14 pasting that ran Huron's win streak to 23 games?

"We're not as bad as we looked tonight," was all head coach Len Hardman could say after watching his team drop its eighth straight opener to the Tigers.

Huron's running game was too much for the Trucker's inexperienced defensive line. The Tigers compiled 321 yards and picked up 12 first downs on the ground.

Dick Garton, a 160-pound junior halfback, collected 144 yards in eight carries, including a 76-yard end run in the first quarter that put Huron on the board and tied the score at 7-all.

The game wasn't a minute old when the Trucker scored their first touchdown. Tiger quarterback Tom Hetrick swept right followed by Garton who was meant to be the recipient of a pitch-out.

But Mike Wilde, playing at cornerback for Norwalk, forced a bad lateral and then scooped up the loose ball and raced 48

yards for the score. Dan Kerkhoff added the extra point and it looked like the Trucker were off and rolling.

After an exchange of punts, Huron had the ball on its own 24. Garton then did his 76-yard thing with 6:28 gone. Mike Kirby kicked the point and it was the beginning of the end for Norwalk.

Senior quarterback Dave Hershey set up the second Tiger score with 1:59 left in the quarter. With the ball on Norwalk's twenty yard line, Hershey's screen pass went astray and was picked off by end Gary Pisano who scampered unhindered into the end zone for the second TD.

The interception was the second one thrown by Hershey in less than two minutes and was one of four he threw in the game. Mike Fisher of Huron picked off one in the third period and sped 20 yards for the score. In all, the Trucker threw the ball into Huron hands five times.

The Tigers ran the score to 21-7 late in the second quarter when Hetrick's pass to Fisher went for 11 yards and the score.

Senior fullback Dan Pugh who saw limited action, made his biggest gain of the evening on the next to the last play of the half when he ran 18 yards on a third and 20 play. Hershey took the ball to the Huron 35 himself but the half ended there.

After the halftime intermission, Huron forced a Trucker punt and went to work scoring 22 points. Bill Scott, who totaled 73 yards rushing in 15 carries, capped a 53-yard drive at 8:13 as he bulled across from the three.

The Trucker were stymied on their next series, losing on three straight plays. After the punt, it took new quarterback Dave Klein just six plays to score again. Klein did it himself by eluding Trucker tacklers in his own backfield and covering three yards to score. The Tigers added a two-point conversion and it was 36-7 with 3:37 left.

Hershey then tossed his second touchdown interception.

Even with an entirely new team in the fourth period, Huron wasn't through. Ron Bonaci slammed over from the one with less than two minutes gone in the final period.

Junior quarterback Ned Loughridge, who came in with 2:31 left in the third period, engineered the final Trucker scoring drive. Scott Twitchell, a junior halfback who led Norwalk rushers with 73 yards in 15 carries, sparked the drive with a 36-yard run to the Huron 30.

A personal foul call on Huron put the ball first and ten on the 14. Loughridge then hit Twitchell who got to the one-foot

line. The quarterback dove through the pile of bodies for the second and last Norwalk score.

Loughridge led Norwalk in passing with three completions in six tries for 39 yards. But he wasn't free from the aerial miscue as Mike Sudsina picked off one of his passes late in the game. Hershey was two for nine for 20 yards. Huron's Hetrick was three for four, gaining 36 yards in the air.

Twitchell had a busy night as he also was the leading Norwalk receiver, grabbing two passes for 21 yards. Pugh, Dave Sweet and Wilde each caught one. Fisher led the Tiger catchers with 2 for 17 yards.

Statistics tell the whole story of Norwalk's 1971 football opener.

#### GAME STATISTICS

|                     | N  | H   |
|---------------------|----|-----|
| 1st Downs Rush      | 5  | 12  |
| 1st Downs Pass      | 5  | 2   |
| 1st Downs Penalties | 1  | 2   |
| Total First Downs   | 11 | 16  |
| Passes Attempted    | 17 | 4   |
| Passes Completed    | 5  | 3   |
| Passes Intercepted  | 5  | 0   |
| Net Yds. Rush       | 97 | 321 |
| Net Yds. Pass       | 59 | 36  |
| Fumbles             | 1  | 2   |
| Fumbles Lost        | 0  | 2   |
| Penalties           | 5  | 4   |
| Yards Penalized     | 49 | 40  |

#### SCORE BY QUARTERS

|         |   |    |   |    |
|---------|---|----|---|----|
| Huron   | 7 | 22 | 7 | 50 |
| Norwalk | 7 | 0  | 0 | 14 |

## NOL Round-Up

# Calvert TD Whips Willard In Last Minutes

It was an interesting debut for Northern Ohio League teams Friday night as two of the pre-season favorites lost while two darkhorses were victorious.

Norwalk and Willard were the two surprises as the Trucker lost to Huron 50-14 and Willard was dumped by Tiffin Calvert 21-16. Shelby and Galion, picked as contenders by some, came up with wins.

The Whippets slipped by Toledo Bowsher 8-6 and

Galion ran up its highest point total since 1966 beating Defiance 26-6. In other games, Ontario and Bucyrus tied 14-14. Port Clinton dropped Bellevue 15-7 and Upper Sandusky lost to Kenton 48-2.

A 30-yard run by Mark Schleter of Calvert with 2:16 left in the game ruined the Flash's chances for a perfect season as the score overcame a 16-14 Willard lead.

Willard got out in front 14-7 in the second quarter on a

one-yard plunge by quarterback Steve Schwan plus the kick by Harvey Danhoff. Earlier Danhoff had scampered three yards for the first Flash tally.

The final Willard points came on a safety in the third period when Mark Heisler fell on the Calvert quarterback in the end zone.

Galion picked up its first win since 1969 with a powerful running attack that gained 284 yards. Nick Kottyan covered 154 yards in 22 tries to lead the Tigers.

Kottyan also accounted for 14 points on two five-yard touchdown runs in the second and third quarters.

Don Collins scored the second Galion TD when he recovered a fumble and returned it 24 yards. After Defiance got on the board with a TD in the third, John Carmer rounded out the Tiger win with a one-yard plunge in the fourth.

Garry Ply scored on a four-yard run with 6:28 to play to give Shelby a tie. Don Brown then tossed an

extra-point pass to Brown for two points for the Whippets win. Ply was the leading rusher in the game with 87 yards in 13 tries.

Ontario and Bucyrus battled to a draw with the Redmen coming from behind. The tying points were scored on an 86-yard pass play from quarterback Dan Hudson to Doug Lambert. The same duo teamed up on the extra point pass to knot the score. Hudson hit on five of seven passes for 128 yards in the

game. Bellevue jumped to an early lead when guard Ron Ray scooped up a loose ball in the first quarter and rambled 50 yards for the score.

Port Clinton came back with two touchdowns in the second period. Quarterback Alex Tucker hit John Rusinkovich for 47 and 20-yard scoring plays.

Upper Sandusky came up with its only score in the fourth quarter after the Wildcats had salted it away.

# Cavaliers Blast Riders In Opener 30-0

By JIM BUSEK

SOUTH AMHERST — If a team can be upset before it even has enough of a record to be called a favorite, that is what happened to Western Reserve here Friday night.

The Roughriders, impressive on paper and in pre-season scrimmages, were drubbed by South Amherst, 30-0. There were a few bright spots for new head coach John Speer.

It was when the chips were down that the Riders could not come through.

Speer spent a good deal of time on the sidelines muttering to himself about having his team stalled by "just one play" several times.

Western's outstanding workhorse tailback, Pat Conry, ripped off big chunks of yardage several times on first down. It was on the third down and short yardage plays that the WR line could not spring him or anyone else for the critical first downs.

Once things started going poorly, the momentum swung to South Amherst.

The Cavaliers led 6-0 at the half on a TD by senior halfback Bill Allsop in the first quarter. The Cavs had gained the ball on a fourth down play when usually-reliable punter Keith Foster bobbled the snap from center.

South Amherst covered the 35 yards to paydirt in three plays capped by Allsop's six-yard scamper.

With 4:52 left in the quarter, Dick Beran pilfered a Dave Messenburg pass and shot 30 unmolested yards for the TD. Four minutes later, he turned on the speed for the longest play of the night, a 60-yard burst down the right sideline.

Beran made it an 18-point evening as he added yet another score with 5:09 left in the contest.

There will be no rest for the humbled Roughriders as they take on mighty Sandusky St. Mary's next week at home.

|                 | WR  | SA  | Net Yds. Pass.    | 47 | 14        |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-------------------|----|-----------|
| 1st Downs Rush  | 3   | 7   | Punts-Avg.        | 22 | 44        |
| 1st Downs Pass  | 4   | 0   | Fumbles           | 4  | 1         |
| 1st Downs Pen.  | 3   | 0   | Fumbles Lost      | 1  | 1         |
| Total 1st Downs | 10  | 7   | Penalties         | 5  | 7         |
| Passes Att.     | 15  | 5   | Yds. Penalized    | 65 | 40        |
| Passes Comp.    | 7   | 1   | SCORE BY QUARTERS |    |           |
| Passes Int.     | 1   | 0   | W Reserve         | 0  | 0-0       |
| Net Yds. Rush   | 136 | 189 | S Amherst         | 6  | 0 16 8-30 |

MONROEVILLE — Lighting failure in the fourth quarter caused Friday night's Monroe-Danbury football opener to be terminated with 6:59 remaining on the clock.

Things looked dim for the Lakers long before that, however, and they were probably looking for an excuse to go home as Monroeville promptly to a 26-0 victory.

Leading the barrage of Eagle touchdowns was tailback Charley Poths who had 18 points to his credit before the season was 13 minutes old.

Poths took the second offensive play of the game for Monroeville and blasted for a 50 yard touchdown run with 9:37 remaining in the first quarter.

The outstanding senior rusher took a break for the rest of the quarter and then exploded for a pair of TD's within 27 seconds in the second period.

With just 13 seconds gone in the second session, Poths churned 35 yards for his second score of the night.

The Eagles kicked off after Bob Wilhelm's conversion run and promptly recovered a Laker fumble. At 11:20 of the period, Poths again made it look easy with another 35 yard TD.

Tim Christman capped scoring before one bank of lights at the Monroeville field went out and refused to come back on. Christman zipped 40 yards with 7:30 remaining in the half to put the final 26-0 score on the board.

Monroeville is home again next week, lights willing, against Plymouth.

|                     |   |    |                   |     |           |
|---------------------|---|----|-------------------|-----|-----------|
| against Plymouth.   |   |    | Net Yds. Rush.    | 269 | 50        |
|                     | M | D  | Net Yds. Pass.    | 4   | 23        |
| 1st Downs Rush.     | 8 | 2  | Fumbles           | 2   | 3         |
| 1st Downs Pass.     | 0 | 1  | Fumbles Lost      | 1   | 3         |
| 1st Downs Penalties | 0 | 0  | Penalties         | 7   | 6         |
| Total 1st Downs     | 8 | 3  | Yds. Penalized    | 30  | 25        |
| Passes Att.         | 8 | 13 | SCORE BY QUARTERS |     |           |
| Passes Completed    | 1 | 3  | Monroeville       | 6   | 20 0 0-26 |
| Passes Intercepted  | 0 | 1  | Danbury           | 0   | 0 0 0-0   |

BELLVILLE — New London's Wildcats needed an electrifying 76 yard pass from Tom Funk to Greg Mullins to break open last night's contest with Clear Fork and lead the Cats to a 20-12 win.

Funk and Mullins brought the crowd to its feet with

5:29 left in the game and the Wildcats trailing 12-7. End Mullins hustled the pigskin from his own 17 yard line all the way to the Clear Fork seven.

Fullback Milt Harris bulled those last seven yards to put New London on top 13-12. He also accounted for all the other Wildcat scoring.

In the first quarter the senior runner went 41 yards for a TD with the season just two minutes old. Harris added the PAT kick for the 7-0 NL lead.

With just 1:40 left in the contest, Harris iced the win with a 25 yard scamper. Bobby Williams notched the kick for point number 20.

A look at the statistics shows passing to be the big difference in the game as first downs gave just a slight 6-5 edge to New London. Rushing yardage again showed the visitors with a narrow 183-164 yardage margin.

In passing, though, Mullins was three of seven for a whopping 101 yards compared with Clear Fork's 28 yards.

The Wildcats are in action next week against the Mansfield Madison Reserves.

| Mansfield Madison Reserves. |     |     |                   |        |           |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|--------|-----------|
|                             | NL  | C   | Net Yds. Pass.    | 101    | 28        |
| 1st Downs Rush              | 6   | 5   | Punts-Avg.        | 6-20.6 | 4-38.2    |
| 1st Downs Pass              | 1   | 1   | Fumbles           | 2      | 5         |
| 1st Downs Penalties         | 1   | 2   | Fumbles Lost      | 1      | 2         |
| Total First Downs           | 8   | 8   | Penalties         | 5      | 8         |
| Passes Att.                 | 7   | 10  | Yds. Penalized    | 65     | 80        |
| Passes Comp.                | 3   | 3   | SCORE BY QUARTERS |        |           |
| Passes Intercepted          | 0   | 1   | N London          | 7      | 0 0 13-20 |
| Net Yds. Rush               | 183 | 164 | Clearfork         | 0      | 6 0 6-12  |

GREENWICH — South Central, plagued by a perennial inability to score, was shut out by the Plymouth Big Red, 22-0.

The Trojans who have now lost 17 out of their last 19 games were outclassed in all departments.

Charlie Goodman's 78 yards rushing and Dave Fidler's three pass receptions were the lone bright spots in the long evening.

Rushing showed a 230-89 yard advantage to the visitors from the Johnny Appleseed Conference who also doubled the SC passing stats, 66-33.

New head coach Ron Minard, who saw his team down 14-0 at the half and then nailed for a third touchdown in the final quarter, was disappointed but not ready to give up.

"We made a lot of mistakes and they cost us the game," he said, "We have a lot of things to work on this next week, but we'll be ready for Northmore next Friday."

|                     |    |     |                   |    |           |
|---------------------|----|-----|-------------------|----|-----------|
| 1st Downs Rush.     | SC | P   | Net Yds. Pass.    | 33 | 66        |
| 1st Downs Pass.     | 3  | 9   | Fumbles           | 2  | 4         |
| 1st Downs Penalties | 1  | 3   | Fumbles Lost      | 1  | 3         |
| Total 1st Downs     | 3  | 0   | Penalties         | 5  | 7         |
| Passes Att.         | 7  | 12  | Yds. Penalized    | 55 | 65        |
| Passes Comp.        | 17 | 8   | SCORE BY QUARTERS |    |           |
| Passes Intercepted  | 5  | 4   | S. Central        | 0  | 0 0 0-0   |
| Net Yds. Rush       | 89 | 230 | Plymouth          | 0  | 14 0 8-22 |

COLUMBIA STATION — Edison, as they have for the past three years, again made short work of Columbia Station as they smacked their hosts 26-0 last night.

Head Coach Jim Boyden looked at most of his squad in action as he rested his injury-hobbled starters.

Heading the substitute list was Gene Fernandez who did not start at quarterback, but still threw a pair of touchdown passes.

Bob Gliatta, who sustained a minor knee injury in the contest, also racked up a couple of TD's from his halfback slot.

Edison marched down the field with the opening kickoff and Gliatta plunged one yard to get six on the back with the game and season just over one minute old.

He made the score 12-0 with 9:55 remaining in the half on a seven yard run.

Fernandez and receiver John Zadel then went to work with scoring passes in the latter parts of the second and third quarters.

Edison, which unleashed a 310 yard rushing attack, earned 11 first downs.

The Chargers' next encounter is Sept. 18 at home against Wellington.

In the southern half of the league, Black River was defeated by Keystone 24-6. Mapleton plays today at Crestview.

| Crestview.          | E  | CS | Net Yds. Pass.    | 64   | 14        |
|---------------------|----|----|-------------------|------|-----------|
| 1st Downs Rush.     | 11 | 8  | Punts-Avg.        | 3-45 | 3-33      |
| 1st Downs Pass.     | 2  | 1  | Fumbles           | 3    | 1         |
| 1st Downs Penalties | 0  | 0  | Fumbles Lost      | 2    | 1         |
| Total 1st Downs     | 13 | 9  | Penalties         | 7    | 5         |
| Passes Att.         | 17 | 11 | Yds. Penalized    | 85   | 45        |
| Passes Comp.        | 5  | 3  | SCORE BY QUARTERS |      |           |
| Passes Intercepted  | 2  | 1  | Edison            | 6    | 12 8 0-26 |