



AL LAWRENCE (11) PREPARES TO HAND BALL TO DAVE LANG AS BLOCKING FORMS ...during Pirates loss to Clyde in season opener Friday night at Clyde.

Clyde Kicks Season Open In Style

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Perkins and Clyde had met on the gridiron eight times prior to last night, and the Pirates had the remarkable record of having earned eight straight wins, and not having given up a single point in the last three meetings. But the Fliers changed all that in one night.

Perkins came into the game riding the crest of one of the most successful summer sessions in the school's history, but as any coach will tell you, you don't win games in the pre-season scrimmages.

CLYDE TOOK THE MESSAGE to heart, as the Fliers came away with a thrilling 13-12 victory to spoil the season opener for the Pirates.

After a scoreless first period, Clyde took advantage of a short Pirate punt, which gave the winners the ball on the Pirates 43-yard line. The underdog Fliers marched the ball in for a score in eight plays, with Jim Patton taking the ball over on a one-yard run.

Co-captain Rick Turner added the extra point with a perfect place kick.

Statistics

	P	C
First Downs (Total)	11	7
By Rushing	8	7
By Passing	1	0
By Penalty	2	0
Rushes (Number)	40	33
Yards Gained	316	138
Yards Lost	40	12
Net Yards Gained	276	126
Average Gain	6.9	3.8
Forward Passing	—	—
Attempted	9	2
Completed	5	1
Had Intercepted	—	—
Net Yards Gained	25	14
Average Gain	5	7
Total Plays (Rushes and Passes)	49	35
Total Net Yards Gained	301	161
Punts (Number)	3	5
Average Yards	22	33.6
Had Blocked	—	—
Punt Returns (Number)	4	2
Average Yards	7.3	4.5
Kickoff Returns (Number)	2	3
Average Yards	13.5	9
Fumble (Numbers)	1	1
Ball Lost	0	0
Penalties (Number)	4	8
Yards Penalized	60	70

The score came with 4:19 left in the first half and that is the way the half ended.

Perkins got back in the game in a hurry as the second half opened.

ON THE FIRST PLAY from scrimmage after the Fliers kickoff, Ernie Thomas roared back for the Pirates with an 80-yard run up the left sideline to bring the Pirates within one point. The run for the extra points failed, and Perkins trailed 7-6.

After an exchange of punts, Clyde regained the ball for its final touchdown drive, this time beginning on its own 21.

The Fliers marched the 79 yards in 15 plays, with Phil Meyer taking the ball over from 22 yards away on a third-down-and-two play.

The Pirates came fighting back and almost won the game with 9:18 remaining, when Lawrence scampered home on a 22-yard delay draw.

Lawrence tried to add the bonus points on a run but the effort failed and the victory belonged to the Fliers.

The Pirates made a game effort to pull the contest out of the fire as they actually drove in for the go-ahead score, but the effort was called back due to a holding penalty, which put the ball on the 22-yard line.

THE PIRATES MOVED the ball to the five yard line but a six yard loss on the next play made it third and goal at the 11. Two straight incomplete passes gave Clyde the ball and the Fliers ran out the clock on the next play.

The game was a hard-fought contest from beginning to end, with both teams giving ground reluctantly, although Perkins did show a wide margin in total offense.

The statistics reveal that Perkins out-gained the Fliers 301-161 in total offense, with the bulk of the yardage coming on the ground, where the local squad held a commanding 150-yard advantage.

THE STORY OF the game was the fact Perkins could not come up with the key play, especially on the second series, when the Pirates had the ball on the Clyde 39 with a first down.

Three plays resulted in a net loss of six yards, and the Pirates gave up the ball on the Clyde 45 as the first quarter ended.

During the first scoring drive by Clyde in the second period, the Fliers were stopped for no gain setting up a third and nine situation at the 18-yardline, but a mental error by the Pirates resulted in a penalty which moved the ball to the nine. This kept the drive moving, with the end result of the first touchdown for the Fliers.

This is the type of thing that coaches

Yardstick

	TC	Ga	Lo	Net	Ave.
Thomas	17	149	6	143	8.4
Lawrence	13	106	34	72	5.6
Lang	10	61	0	61	6.1

	Clyde				
Patton	21	69	6	63	3.0
Meyer	13	79	4	75	5.7
Noftz	1	0	5	-5	-5
Hasselbach	1	0	7	-7	-7

	Att	Com	Yds	Int.	TDS
Lawrence	9	5	25	0	0
Noftz	2	1	14	0	0

	No	Yds	TD's
Lange	1	5	0
Szuc	3	27	0
Graham	1	4	0

	No	Yds	TD's
Bell	1	14	0

Edison Does It Again!

Edison High's gridders continued their amazing domination over Columbia Station last night at Columbia, as the Chargers blanked the Raiders 26-0, the same score as last year's contest.

Edison has met Columbia in the season's opener in all four years of the former's existence, and in that stretch, has not allowed the Raiders a single point. In 1968 the tally was 22-0, and in 1969 46-0.

SENIOR HALFBACK Bob Gliatta got the Chargers on the scoreboard first last night, as he scored on a one-yard run with 10:56 remaining in the opening period.

Gliatta again found his way to paydirt at 9:55 of the second quarter, this time from a distance of seven yards.

Junior end John Zadel, filling in for senior end Mark Mills, who is out of ac-

Statistics

	E	C
First Downs	13	9
Net yds. Gained Rushing	310	296
Yds. Gained Passing	64	14
Total Net Yards Gained	374	310
Passes attempted/Completed	17/5	11/3
Passes Intercepted By	2	1
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	1/1

tion with an ear infection, earned the Chargers six more points before the intermission, as he hauled in a 20-yard scoring pass from junior quarterback Gene Gernandez with 3:22 left. The half ended with Edison out front 18-0.

ZADEL ALSO accounted for the Chargers' final eight points. With 4:18 remaining in the third period, the junior hauled in another scoring pass from Fernandez, this one of eight yards. The same junior duo teamed up to earn two extra points.

In their win, the Chargers racked up a total of 374 yards, with 310 coming from a rugged ground attack. Columbia had a good night moving the ball with 310 total yards (296 on the ground), but could not move the ball in for scores.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Edison	6	12	6	0	26
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Scoring:					
E — Gliatta, 2 run. (run failed).					
E — Gliatta, 7 run. (run failed).					
E — Zadel, 20 pass from Fernandez. (run failed).					
E — Zadel, 8 pass from Fernandez. (Zadel, pass from Fernandez).					

Acierto Irked By Telephone Service Loss

Perkins High coach Dick Acierto was visibly shaken as he reviewed the Pirates opening game loss to Clyde, which marked the first time the Pirates had ever lost to Clyde on the gridiron.

"What can you say after a game like that?" he remarked when approached outside the locker room after the contest. "The kids gave us a real good effort, there just isn't much you can say when you lose a close one except it hurts."

ACIERTO WAS also disturbed by the fact he had no communications with his coaches in the press box throughout most of the game, as the phones failed during the first period.

There is an old line that "the worst place to see a football game is the sidelines," and this was the situation as far as the Pirates were concerned after the failure.

In the Clyde quarters, coach Don Graham was on top of the world as he surveyed the results of his debut as a Class AA coach.

"This is just the greatest feeling in the world. We really came around after being the underdog."

"OUR KIDS ARE really working hard and have been giving us a 110% effort and tonight the job these kids did was just tremendous."

"The best thing about the win is the fact it was a team victory. All these kids kept their composure and did not let anything discourage them. We were hit with some rough penalties and this did not stop the kids from bouncing back, they kept their heads up and fought for every inch."

Jim Patton and Phil Meyer were cited for "fine jobs on offense." Noftz received plaudits for "a fine job running the offense." "I am extremely proud of the backs for their effort tonight and even more so with the play of the line, which did a tremendous job keeping the big boys off."

GRAHAM SAID he thought the condition of the Fliers was a big factor in the fourth period, when the Fliers "wore them down."

Turning back to Perkins Graham said, "Perkins is a great team. We could stop Lawrence and Thomas but we felt that if we could beat their tackles we could beat them, and this what we did."

"The biggest factor, Graham emphasized again, was the fact we kept together as a team." With that, Graham sat back to enjoy his first victory as a "AA" coach.

worry about and they just take time to correct.

The Pirates may have lost more than the football game last night as Bruce Graham, 198-pound junior end, suffered a shoulder injury which required surgery after the game. He sustained the injury while catching a pass deep in Clyde territory, late in the game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Clyde	0	7	6	0	13
Perkins	0	0	6	6	12

Scoring:

- C — Patton, 1 run. (Turner kick).
- P — Thomas 80 run. (run failed).
- C — Meyer 22 run. (kick failed).
- P — Lawrence 22 run. (run failed).



COACH DON GRAHAM IS FRAMED BY PLAYERS AS HE GIVES INSTRUCTIONS ...during Fliers' victory over Perkins in season opener.

Plymouth In Breather

Plymouth started its 1971 grid campaign on a successful note last night, as the Big Red spoiled the coaching debut of South Central's Ron Minard with a 22-0 whitewash. The loss was the 12th in a row for the win-starved Trojans.

The Big Red jumped off to an 8-0 lead with a score at 4:55 of the second stanza.

Calvert Surprises Willard

Willard High opened its 1971 gridiron season on a disappointing note Friday night as the Flashes fell to Tiffin Calvert 21-16 in an independent clash.

Calvert opened the scoring with a touchdown in the opening period as Mark Schleter scampered in from four yards out. Denny Kirain added the extra point.

WILLARD CAME storming back with 14 points in the second period as the Flashes scored on a pair of short runs.

Harvey Danhoff notched the first score on a three-yard run and Steve Schwan chalked up the Flashes other touchdown with a one-yard plunge.

The final points for Willard came when Schleter was tackled in the end zone for a safety, to put the NOL squad on top 16-7.

TWO FOURTH-PERIOD scores by Calvert put the game out of reach. Smith scored first on a five-yard run, and Schleter added his second score of the night with a 30-yard burst to cap a 65-yard drive with 2:16 remaining. Calvert then ended any chances the Flashes had by intercepting a pass at the Willard 41.

The winners drove 47 yards in 10 plays, after receiving a punt. Senior quarterback Larry Taylor drove in from the one-yardline to culminate the drive. He also

Statistics

	P	Sc
Net yds. Gained Rushing	181	89
Yds. Gained Passing	89	33
Total Net Yards Gained	270	122
Passes attempted/Completed	9/5	7/5
Passes Intercepted By	1	0
Fumbles/Lost	3	1
Penalties	8/65	3/35

tallied two extra points with a quarterback sneak.

TAYLOR AGAIN sparked the second Plymouth scoring drive, when he recovered a fumble on the South Central 29-yardline. The Big Red needed but four plays to score, with junior Kim Carter scampering the final 15 yards. The half ended with Plymouth out front 14-0.

The visitors recorded their final score with just 2:22 remaining in the game, as Ray Hughes drove over from the five-

yardline. His score climaxed a 66-yard drive in just seven plays, which was set up by a pass interception.

Plymouth, which was playing without ace senior running back John Conley, who was out with a pulled muscle, was paced by the running of Hughes, who totalled 71 yards on 17 carries. Senior full-back Bill Van Wagner added 62 yards on 11 attempts.

The Big Red totalled 270 total yards, 181 rushing and 89 passing. South Central could manage but 122, including 89 on the ground.

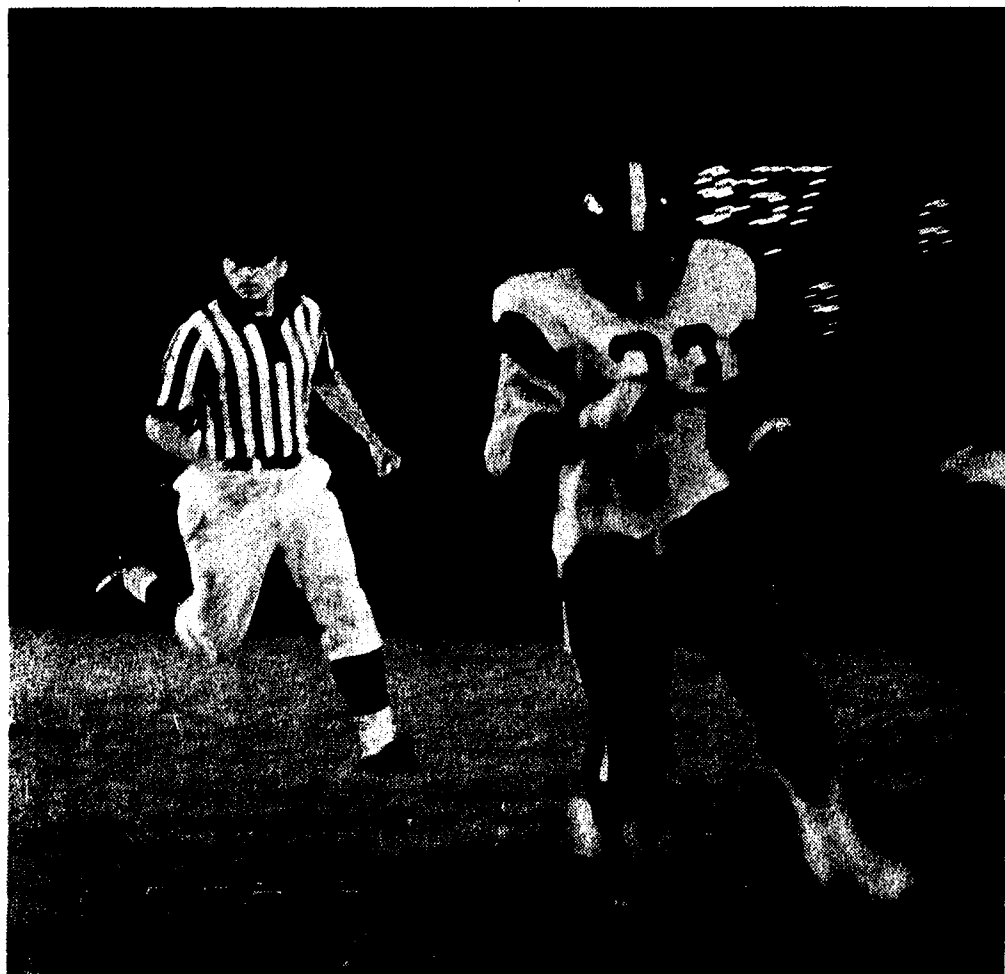
Freshman Charlie Goodman paced the Trojan running attack with 78 yards, earned on 14 carries.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Plymouth	0	14	0	8	22
South Central	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring:

- P — Taylor, 1 run. (Taylor, run).
- P — Carter, 15 run. (run failed).
- P — Hughes, 5 run. (Van Wagner, run).



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