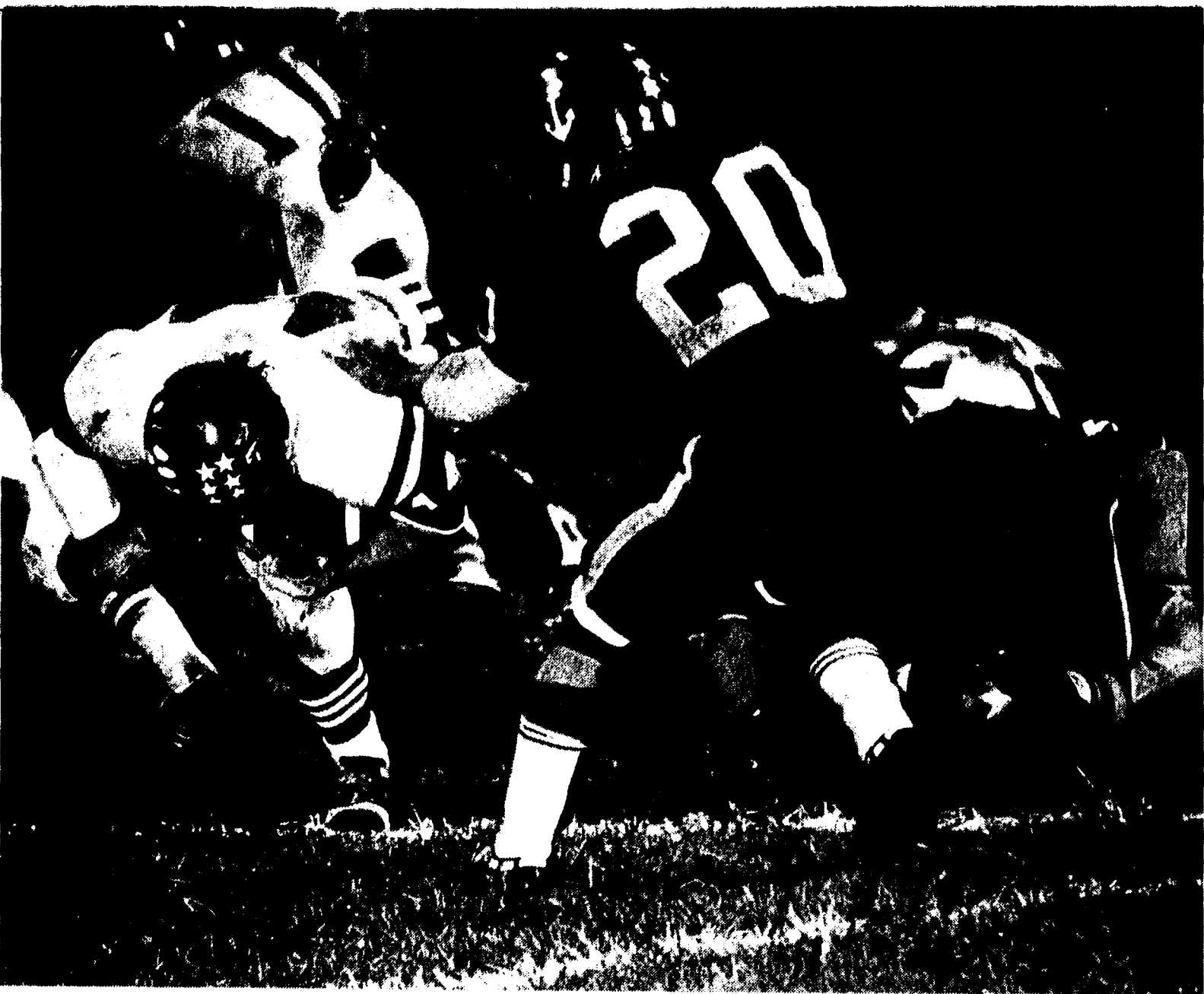




MIKE MILLS BULLS WAY INTO END ZONE FOR FIRELANDS TOUCHDOWN  
...Tim Smith too late to prevent score as Mills had gaping hole.



SAILORS' MARK FOWLER CHIPS IN ON STOPPING FIRELANDS BACK  
...four Vermilion defenders take part. (Photos — Chuck Frank).

# Sailors Pass Final Test For No. 10

## First Genuine Perfect Season In 11-Man Football History

Vermilion's Sailors last night put the cap on the first perfect 11-man football season in the school's history, as the team had smooth sailing in a 42-20 conquest of host Firelands (5-5). The other perfect season in the school's history came in 1945, when the Sailors were still playing six-man football.

"It feels great. I've been coaching for five years, and you kind of wonder if you'll ever have an undefeated team. You always kind of hope for one, but this year's team exceeded my fondest expectations. We just weren't to be denied. We went right at them, and took it to them."

THE SAILORS moved out to a 24-0 halftime lead, scoring 12 points in each of the first two quarters. Senior fullback Ernie Caldwell tallied on a two-yard run.

| STATISTICS                 | V    | F    |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| First Downs                | 26   | 12   |
| Net Yards Gained Rushing   | 335  | 52   |
| Yards Gained Passing       | 90   | 110  |
| Total Net Yards Gained     | 415  | 162  |
| Passes attempted/completed | 8/5  | 15/8 |
| Passes intercepted by      | 0    | 0    |
| Fumbles lost               | 0    | 3/2  |
| Penalties                  | 7/73 | 6/60 |

and sophomore end Jack Krill nabbed a 21-yard scoring pass from senior quarterback Rick Spencer for the first-quarter scoring.

In the second stanza, Caldwell again scored on a two-yard plunge, and Spencer added another score on a four-yard run.

Firelands got on the scoreboard in the third period, as senior fullback Mike Mills powered his way over from the three. Vermilion responded later in the period on a seven-yard run by junior Mark Seker.

The hosts scored twice more in the fourth quarter, to bring the score to 30-20. Mills scored first on a one-yard lunge, and sophomore Scott Littleton recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for the second score.

THE LAKELAND Conference champions, who romped to their 14th straight win, scored the final two touchdowns on a 51-yard run by junior Tim Smith, and a three-yard effort by Caldwell.

The Sailors rolled up over 400 total yards, in a game in which, according to Eberhard, the Sailors "moved the ball as well as we did all year."

Smith paced the balanced rushing attack with 127 yards on 13 carries. Caldwell added 104 on 29 attempts, and Seker 83 on 10 attempts.

Caldwell's 18 points gave him a total of 92 for the year. Mills ended the season with 76 for the Falcons.

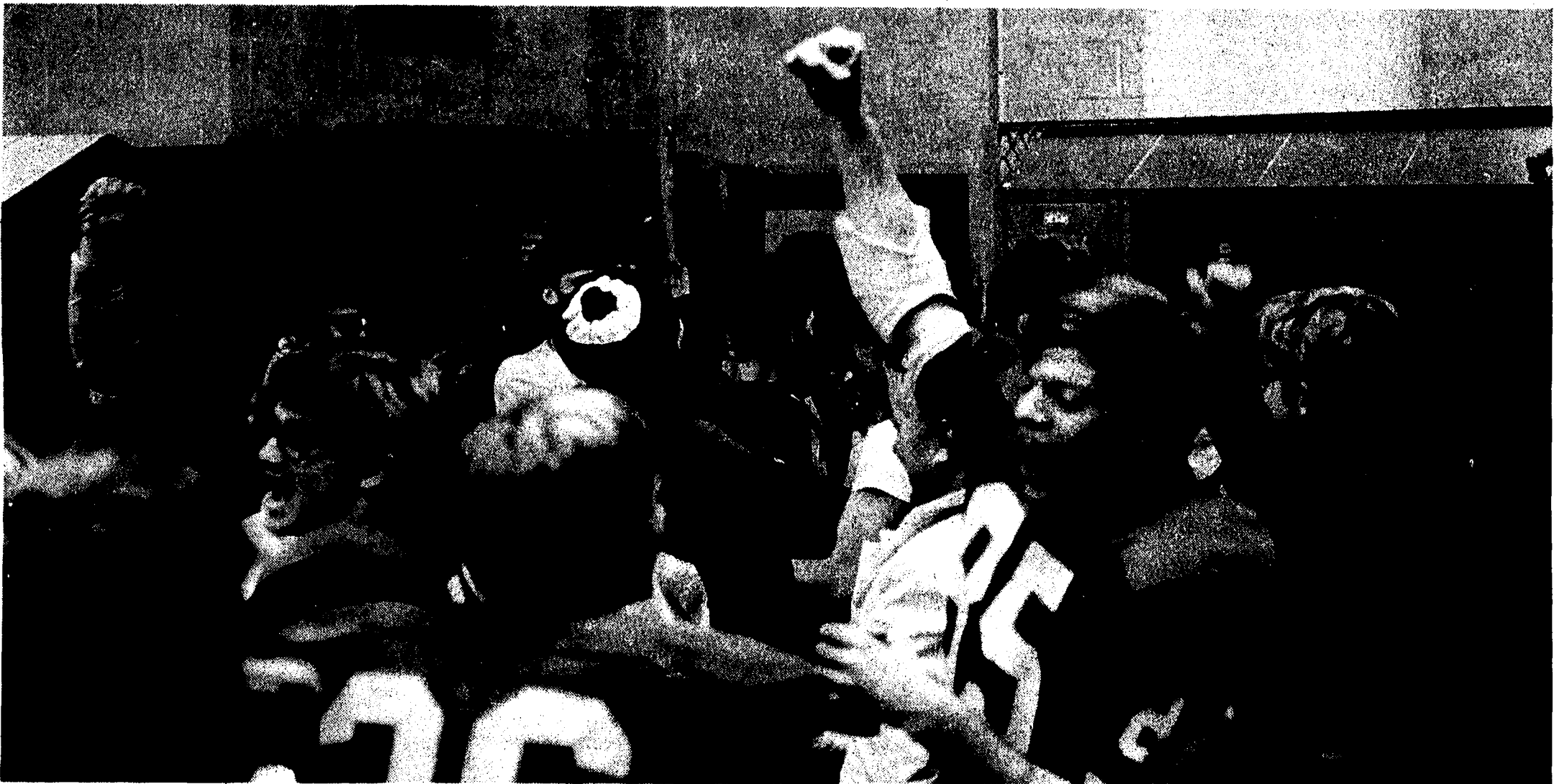
ALSO STARRING for the Falcons was All-Inland Conference senior end Art Daniels with eight receptions. Junior Jim Hill also sparkled with a 52-yard kickoff return, and a 27-yard punt return.

"Firelands threw really well into the hook areas," explained Eberhard, "but we completely controlled their running game. They didn't complete anything long, but a lot of 10-12 yard type passes."

"After the game there was a lot of yelling, and the kids went wild. The kids really deserve this season. They haven't had a chance to unwind all year. They're a great bunch of kids."

"We had a police escort all the way back to Vermilion, and were in a caravan. And the Vermilion mayor has proclaimed Sunday as "Sailor Football Day." There will be a parade at 1 p.m. The community support has just been great all year."

| SCORE BY QUARTERS                                                         | 12 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 42 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Vermilion                                                                 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 42 |
| Firelands                                                                 | 0  | 0  | 6 | 14 | 20 |
| Scoring:                                                                  |    |    |   |    |    |
| Vermilion — Caldwell, 2 run, (kick failed).                               |    |    |   |    |    |
| Vermilion — Krill, 21 pass from Spencer, (run failed).                    |    |    |   |    |    |
| Vermilion — Caldwell, 2 run, (pass failed).                               |    |    |   |    |    |
| Vermilion — Spencer, 4 run, (pass failed).                                |    |    |   |    |    |
| Firelands — Mills, 3 run, (pass failed).                                  |    |    |   |    |    |
| Vermilion — Seker, 7 run, (kick failed).                                  |    |    |   |    |    |
| Firelands — Mills, 1 run, (Searles, pass from Love).                      |    |    |   |    |    |
| Firelands — Littleton, recovered blocked punt in end zone, (pass failed). |    |    |   |    |    |
| Vermilion — Smith, 51 run, (run failed).                                  |    |    |   |    |    |
| Vermilion — Caldwell, 3 run, (pass failed).                               |    |    |   |    |    |



JUBILANT VERMILION PLAYERS AND FANS JAM INTO LOCKERROOM TO CELEBRATE A PERFECT 10-0 SEASON  
...Erie County club completed the rare feat with a 42-20 victory over Firelands

# Bellamy, Brutsche Guide St. Paul To Hard-Fought 21-20 Win Over Plymouth

## More About SHS

Barry Glass on the next two plays. Fremont received a big opportunity moments later, and made it count.

A face mask penalty gave Fremont a first down at its own 38 and the Little Giants wound up going 78 yards in 12 plays to strike a third time with 48 seconds left.

Liggins pounded off-tackle for the score, and Lytle skirted right end for the PAT.

SANDUSKY STILL HAD a chance to get on the board as Jackson and Glass teamed up for 21 yards, and Jackson to May netted 14 more. A pass interference call on Clarence Wooten on the Fremont 3 gave SHS one more play after time elapsed...from the 25.

Ward uncorked a perfect pass to Jackson who attempted to skirt around the opposite side, but the ball sailed harmlessly to the ground in the end zone as Jackson was held up.

Sandusky had one more big chance when Glass batted a wild pitchout around and SHS finally recovered at the Ross 17. The play actually started at the 45.

However, Jackson's pass was intercepted on the four by Mike Feasal, and from that point on it was just a matter of running the clock.

Fremont mounted a time-consuming drive in the final stanza and went 81 yards in 12 plays with Liggins' bolting 17 yards on a quick-hitter with 5:36 remaining. Lytle again added the bonus points.

Plymouth, which managed only a lowly 3-7 record, gave the Flyers a battle to the wire, however.

The Big Red narrowed the count to the final margin with 8:15 left in the final period on Larry Taylor's fourth-down pitch to Kelly Clark covering 10 yards. However, the same combination was foiled on the try for the two-point conversion when the pass trickled off the fingers of the Plymouth receiver.

Bellamy now has gained more than 2,000 yards with one full season remaining.

## Ward Gives Juniors Advice

Senior halfback Jeff Ward had some advice for the members of the Sandusky High School football team who will return next year.

The co-captain told the juniors to play it one game at a time next year in his farewell discussion with his teammates.

"Don't start looking at your potential until you develop it," Ward said moments after he made his final appearances on the football field.

Ward, 170-pound tailback, did everything he could to lead this club this year, Coach Gene Kidwell said.

"WE HAD SOME TEARS SHED tonight and I believe we all learned a lesson from this season. I only wish it could have been a successful one, but it turned out to be a nightmare for us," Kidwell related.

"I thought the defense did a fine job except for a few big plays which have haunted us all year long. However, when you can't put points on the board you don't have a chance to win and our defense seemed to be on the field all the time," Kidwell continued.

"We have nothing left. We start from scratch next year and that's all there is to it."

Asked about comparing Elyria and Fremont, Kidwell said Fremont had more versatility and did everything right. "I can't take anything away from them. They did a fine job and had the players in the right position all the time."

"The kids knew it was 1980 when we were shutout last and I know it hurts them to have to live with this," concluded the soft-spoken coach.

ing. The quick-hitting back rambled for 765 yards in 133 carries in 1970, and now

| STATISTICS                 | P    | SP   |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| First Downs                | 13   | 19   |
| Net Yards Gained Rushing   | 166  | 177  |
| Yards Gained Passing       | 97   | 115  |
| Total Net Yards Gained     | 263  | 292  |
| Passes attempted/completed | 11/6 | 13/5 |
| Passes intercepted by      | 1    | 1    |
| Fumbles lost               | 1    | 0    |
| Penalties                  | 3/15 | 4/30 |

has raised his career total of 2,101 yards. His two touchdowns hiked the season point total to 102.

TOM REKART recovered a Plymouth fumble late in the first period and Bellamy scampered 14 yards to paydirt to cap the five-play 29-yard drive. He surpassed the previous record of 1,256 yards set in 1962 by Terry Ackerman on the scoring jaunt. Brutsche's kick made it 7-0.

Plymouth marched 68 yards in 12 plays after the ensuing kickoff and John Conley barreled into the end zone at the 8:58 mark from three yards out. He was stopped inches short of the goal on the try for the two points after.

ST. PAUL STRUCK back 56 seconds later on a sparkling 50-yard pass from quarterback Jeff Fields to glue-fingered receiver Jim Borgian. The latter was all alone and Fields' toss was perfect. Brutsche again converted for a 14-6 lead.

The Flyers increased their lead to 21-6 before intermission. In fact, Bellamy plunged one yard with no time remaining on the clock. The score was set up by a

fumble recovery by linebacker Cookie Gilchrist at the Plymouth 26. Brutsche again was perfect on the PAT and it marked his fifth successful placement of the season.

Taylor went to the air in the third stanza and engineered a 65-yard touchdown drive, culminated by a perfect throw to Clark for the last eight yards. In all, Taylor connected on six of eight aeri-als for 55 yards. His pass to Conley provided the bonus points for a 21-14 deficit.

CONLEY INTERCEPTED a Fields pass on his own 45 and raced 35 yards to the St. Paul 20 early in the final canto. Four plays later it was Taylor to Clark for the touchdown.

After St. Paul drove to the Plymouth 10 only to run out of downs, the hosts had one last-ditch chance to nail their first win over the Firelands Conference representative in four meetings.

However, Plymouth was stopped at its own 37 and the Flyer ran out the clock.

Taylor wound up hitting on nine of 17 tosses for 115 yards with Clark and junior Rick Strohm the main targets. Fields was five of 15, but also accounted for 115 yards in the air.

| SCORE BY QUARTERS                                                 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----|---|---|----|
| Norwalk St. Paul                                                  | 7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Plymouth                                                          | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Scoring:                                                          |   |    |   |   |    |
| St. Paul — Bellamy, 14 run. (Brutsche, kick).                     |   |    |   |   |    |
| Plymouth — Conley, 3 run. (run failed).                           |   |    |   |   |    |
| St. Paul — Borgie, 50 pass from Fields. (Brutsche, kick).         |   |    |   |   |    |
| St. Paul — Bellamy, 1 run. (Brutsche, kick).                      |   |    |   |   |    |
| Plymouth — Clark, 8 pass from Taylor. (Conley, pass from Taylor). |   |    |   |   |    |
| Plymouth — Clark, 10 pass from Taylor. (pass failed).             |   |    |   |   |    |