South Central Stuns Plymouth, 20-6

Monroeville Thwarts Danbury; New London Blitzes Huskies

South Central and New London, which shared the bottom two rungs on the Firelands Conference ladder last season, both opened their 1972 football campaigns in impressive fashion last night.

The Trojans, under second-year coach Ron Minard, handled Plymouth 20-6, to post the school's first opening win since 1968. In that year, the Trojans also handled Plymouth, 19-8. New London, under first-year coach Paul Nestor, dominated host Northwestern 39-6.

STATISTICS

	SC	P
First Downs	13	7
Net Yards Gained Rushing	272	89
Yards Gained Passing	65	15
Total Net Yards Gained	337	104
Passes attempted/completed	5/2	7/1
Passes intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles/lost	1	1
Penalties	2/20	4/30

IN OTHER independent contests involving Firelands squads, Monroeville just nipped Danbury 12-6, Western Reserve was shaded by South Amherst 8-7, and Black River gave indication that it is a contender with a 16-14 win over Keystone, thus ending the Wildcats' undefeated streak.

South Central displayed a potent ground attack in its victory, rushing for 272 yards. Senior backs Chuck Rinehart and Roy Howard led the way for the Trojans with 126 yards on eight carries and 118 yards on 22 attempts respectively. Rinehart scored twice, on runs of 54 and 23 yards, while Howard scored the first touchdown of the game, on an 11-yard jaunt.

Howard's score climaxed a 74-yard drive, which he sparked with a 41-yard run to the Plymouth 13. His kick for the extra point made the tally 7-0 South Central, and the score remained unchanged until the third period.

THE TROJAN'S next score came in the third period on Rinehart's 54-yard jaunt, on the first play following a punt. The kick for the conversion point failed.

Plymouth's sole score came at 8:36 of the fourth period, as Don Cunningham picked off a Guy Ebinger pass and ran 55 yards with the interception for a score.

However, the winners responded with another drive late in the final stanza, as Rinehart culminated a 63-yard drive, with Howard booting the point-after.

The sophomore South Central mentor was exuberant following his first opening win ever.

"THE PLAYERS are happy and the fans are happy!" he exclaimed. "They even set off fireworks after the game. For this year's seniors, this is the first time they have ever won an opening game, and just the second time they've ever won!

"I have to compliment the offensive line for opening the holes for Howard and Rinehart. We broke off several long runs, and that's what won it for us. And our defense was unscored upon, although they moved the ball on us pretty well."

New London enjoyed equal superiority in its rousing win. The Wildcats amassed 330 total yards, all of them coming on the ground. The winners' ground game was so efficient that they had to punt just once in the entire contest.

THE CONTEST was tight for the first period, with New London protecting a 7-0 lead. However, the winners scored 12 points in the second stanza and 13 in the third for a 32-0 edge.

Senior Mark Mullins and junior Bob Williams paced the New London scoring with a pair of touchdowns apiece. Mullins, who has recovered from a pulled muscle in his back, scored on bursts of 21 and 54 yards. Williams scored on journeys of 18 and 35 yards.

Junior Tom Dunlap raced 40 yards with a fumble recovery for a touchdown, in addition to booting three extra points.

Monroeville took advantage of a Danbury mistake for its first score. Laker Mark Mizla was back deep to punt for the losers, and mishandled the snap. Monroeville's Jed Myers tackled the would-be punter on the D-L 12. Two plays later senior fullback Marc Jones plunged over from the four, with 4:44 remaining in the second quarter, for a 6-0 Eagle lead. The run for the conversion failed.

JUNIOR BACK Bob Grose, substituting for senior Tim Christman, who was slightly injured earlier in the game, electrified the Monroeville fans with a 62-yard scoring burst on the second play of the second half. Again the run for the points-after failed.

Danbury went to the air in an attempt to snare a win, and with 11:10 remaining in the game, senior quarterback Bob Meterko hit junior end Hal Wahlers with an eight-yard scoring jump pass. The Lakers covered 68 yards in nine plays in all, sparked by a 37-yard run by senior John Leggett.

Danbury also threatened in the final period, when it returned a punt to the Monroeville 28. In four running plays, the Lakers moved the ball to within two inches of a first down, but Monroeville took over the ball on downs.

MONROEVILLE sophomore coach Ralph Fuhrman thought his players had played respectable in a well-played and hard-fought contest.

"Danbury is a heck of a football team. We didn't play bad. Our defense sputtered at times, but we gained close to 200 yards rushing. We can't complain . . . we moved the ball. And I thought the defense looked pretty good.

"It was a rough game. A lot of our kids are bruised. They were hard-hitters. We won a real tough football game."

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Western Reserve	7	0	0	0	7
South Amherst	0	0	8	0	8

Scoring:
WR — Lyons, 2 run. (Yaussy, kick).
SA — K. Beran, 34 run. ((Kraig, run).

SCORE BY QUARTERS

New London	7	12	13	7	39
Northwestern	0	0	6	6	6

Scoring:
NL — Williams, 18, run. (Dunlap, kick).
NL — Mullins, 21 run. (run failed).
NL — Mullins, 54 run. (kick failed).
NL — Marschall, 1 run. (kick failed).
NL — Williams, 35. run. (Dunlap, kick).
NL — Dunlap, 40 run with fumble recovery. (Dunlap kick).
N — Smith, 6 pass from Yoder. (run failed).

AT WESTERN Reserve, one point made all the difference in the world.

Western grabbed a 7-0 lead in the first period, as junior back Frank Lyons scored on a two-yard run. Senior Barney Yaussy booted the conversion.

The Roughriders still maintained their advantage at the intermission, but South Amherst nabbed the lead in the third period as Ken Beran scored on a three-yard run, and as Dwayne Kraig ran for the all-important conversion. Beran paced all rushers in the game with 58 yards on 16 tries.

Senior quarterback Ken Carey hit on five of 13 passes for Western for 116 yards, with his favorite target being senior Greg Davis, who hauled in three for 37 yards. Davis was also W-R's top rusher with 33 yards out of a team total of 37.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Monroeville	0	6	6	0	12
Danbury	0	0	0	6	6

Scoring:
M — Jones, 4 run. (Run failed).
M — Grose, 62 run. (Run failed).
D — Wahlers, 8 pass from Meterko. (Run failed).

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Plymouth	0	0	0	6	6
South Central	7	0	6	7	20

Scoring:
SC — Howard, 11 run. (Howard, kick).
SC — Rinehart, 54 run. (kick failed).
P — Cunningham, 55 pass interception. (pass failed).
SC — Rinehart, 23 run. (Howard, kick).

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BELLEVUE HALFBACK ROSS IRONS (24) DRIVES AHEAD ON RUNNING PLAY
...fullback Chuck Baptista (33) puts block on Redskins' Ray Hayth (66).

Bellevue Hits Port Clinton Early

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BELLEVUE — Capitalizing on two fumbles, Bellevue's Redmen scored a touchdown with each gift and went on to hand Port Clinton's Redskins a 21-6 non-conference football loss in the season opener for both schools.

Bellevue's first two scores came in the second quarter, both resulting from Port Clinton fumbles on running plays.

THE FIRST CAME WITH 9:34 left in the quarter when Port Clinton coughed up the ball on its own 34-yard line, quarterback John Cooper failing to make connections with fullback Larry Smith.

Six running plays later halfback Chuck Baptista rammed over his left side from six yards out and Tom Joseph added the extra point kick. The drive covered 34 yards.

The second touchdown came when Port Clinton gave up the ball on another bobbled handoff on its 17-yard line, with less than a minute left before halftime.

With a third-and-seven from his 14, Redmen quarterback Kip Loudenslagel, a 145-pound junior, lofted a perfect spiral over the outstretched arms of defensive back Duane Kakinda into the hands of end John Schaffer. Schaffer caught the ball all alone in the end zone at the 11-second mark and with Joseph's second of three straight extra points Bellevue had a 14-0 halftime lead.

Bellevue's third TD came on a 66-yard drive following the second-half kickoff. Aided by two illegal procedure penalties against Port Clinton, the Redmen used 14 plays for the score, a 34-yard pass from Loudenslagel to Chuck Baptista, this one coming with 5:38 remaining in the third quarter.

BAPTISTA WAS ALL ALONE over the center when he caught the ball at the 12. Joseph added his third kick for Bellevue's final total.

Port Clinton scored its only TD with 9:50 left in the game on a 52-yard pass screen from Cooper to halfback John Williamsen. Williamsen had a wall of blockers around the Bellevue 40 and eluded his nearest pursuer, managing to stay in bounds by dancing down the left sideline untouched.

Bellevue coach Lowell Shaffer, in his 21st year as Redmen boss, saw his veteran team gain revenge for a 15-7 loss at Port Clinton last year, at the hands of a former player of his, second-year Port Clinton coach Marc McClain.

"I thought we played pretty good the first half," Shaffer noted, "both offensively and defensively. But my honest opinion was that we had a mental letdown the second half. When we got three touchdowns ahead I think we let down.

"WHEN WE GOT THEM ON the ropes we should have let them have it," he remarked.

Statistically, Bellevue limited Port Clinton to only eight yards rushing. The Redskins gained 48 yards but lost 40, mainly on ill-timed handoffs and scrambling for passes. Another recovered fumble for Bellevue gave them three of the five Port Clinton bobbled.

It was this problem all night, coupled with Port Clinton's inexperience, that caused Redskin coach McClain to lament, "We as coaches said that the only way we'd lose this game was to beat ourselves. We respected their offensive and defensive lines and their backs surprised me . . .

"There's no question about it," McClain continued. "We beat ourselves. Too many fumbles and mistakes. I'm not the least bit down on them as far as the team goes. The attitude with the team I was real happy with."

Bellevue ground out 160 yards on the ground on 44 rushing attempts, and added 56 yards in the air on three of five attempts. Port Clinton, despite its rushing debacle, managed 73 aerial yards on four of eight attempts.

Shaffer was gratified by his passing attack. "I suppose we probably should have thrown a little bit more. When we passed it paid off for us. Three of five is a pretty decent percentage.

"BUT WHEN YOU GET three touchdowns ahead I don't see the sense in putting the ball in the air," he continued.

Bellevue also had its problems, losing its only two fumbles and being penalized 80 yards on 10 infractions. Port Clinton was penalized seven times for 55 yards.

Amazingly, Port Clinton was limited to only four first downs, one by rushing, one by passing and two by penalty. Bellevue had seven first downs.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Port Clinton	0	0	0	6	6
Bellevue	0	14	7	0	21

Bellevue — C. Baptista, 6 run. (Joseph kick).
Bellevue — Schaffer, 14 pass from Loudenslagel. (Joseph kick).
Bellevue — C. Baptista, 34 pass (Joseph kick).
Port Clinton — Williamsen, 52 pass from Cooper. (run failed).

Statistics

	B	PC
First Downs (Total)	9	4
By Rushing	6	1
By Passing	3	1
By Penalty	0	2
Rushes (Number)	44	23
Yards Gained	174	48
Yards Lost	14	40
Net Yards Gained	160	8
Average Gain	3.6	0.3
Forward Passing	-	-
Attempted	5	8
Completed	3	4
Had Intercepted	0	1
Net Yards Gained	56	73
Average Gain	18.7	18.2
Total Plays (Rushes And Passes)	49	31
Total Net Yards Gained	216	81
Punts (Number)	3	4
Average Yards	30.0	29.0
Had Blocked	0	0
Punt Returns (Number)	4	3
Average Yards	0.7	1.0
Kickoff Returns (Number)	7	4
Average Yards	10.0	12.0
Fumble (Number)	2	5
Ball Lost	2	3
Penalties (Number)	10	7
Yards Penalized	80	55

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BELLEVUE'S LOWELL SHAFFER, PORT CLINTON'S MARC McCLAIN
...meet after Bellevue edged rivals, 21-6.

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FLIER OFF TO THE RACES . . . AND ALL ALONE
... Tom Hasselbach scores on 32-yard pass play

Patton Hurls 3 Touchdown Tosses

The ability to blend excellent running with successful passing is a trademark of a true champion.

Clyde displayed both running (250) and passing (189) in drubbing host Lakota, 27-0, in the annual father-son clash.

A year ago it was the father showing who was boss as Paul Graham guided Lakota to a 24-21 conquest. However, son Don Graham evened the score this time around.

Clyde went to the air for three of its touchdowns with Jim Patton hitting three different receivers for long-range strikes. The talented veteran quarterback accounted for 127 yards passing on touchdowns alone.

The Fliers struck for scores in each period.

THE FIRST WAS a 57-yard bomb from Patton to end Larry Meyer, and the second covered 32 yards with Tom Hasselbach on the receiving end. Dale Caudill's two-point conversion hiked the count to 14-0 at halftime.

In the third period Patton collaborated with Caudill for 36 yards, and the final tally came when hard-running fullback Ron Beier bulled over from the two. Meyer kicked the extra point to conclude the scoring.

Caudill, 180-pound halfback, carried the pigskin 19 times for 113 yards, and Jim Schrickel added 67 in just four rushes.

Clyde was in complete domination defensively, allowed the former Sandusky Bay Conference rival just one first down before intermission.

Chip Youster gained 64 yards on the ground for Lakota which was held to only 94 yards in total offense.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Clyde	6	8	6	7	27
Lakota	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring:
Clyde — Meyer, 57 pass from Patton. (run failed).
Clyde — Hasselbach, 32 pass from Patton. (Caudill, run).
Clyde — Caudill, 36 pass from Patton. (run failed).
Clyde — Beier, 2 run. (Meyer kick).

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er was something the now veteran mentor wanted.

Sandusky hasn't lost an opening game since 1957, and only in 1962 when they tied Parma 20-20 have the Big Blue failed to win the lid-lifter.

KIDWELL IS NOW centering his attentions on game No. 2, and Cleveland East.

"We'll have three scouts at Niles McKinley Saturday (tonight) to see them play, I hear they have the usual speedy backs, something we lack.

"We just have to grind it out because we really don't have the breakaway threat," concluded Kidwell.

Sandusky posted a 12-8 bulge in first downs and rushed for 155 yards with eight ball-carriers.

Mike Spayd followed Aaron with 46 yards in nine rushes, while Dewey

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Scheid added 28 and Stan Wooten 21.

In the passing department, Miller was four of five for 55 yards and one score, while Bob Gentry and Steve Bauerle also had chances to throw.

The officials never stepped off a penalty against Toledo, but SHS had no fumbles and the Tigers lost four of their five bobbles.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Toledo DeVilbiss	0	0	0	0	0
Sandusky	0	19	6	6	31

Scoring:
Sandusky — Spayd (2 run). (Johnson, kick).
Sandusky — Jordan, 22 pass from Miller. (kick failed).
Sandusky — Miller, 1 run. (kick failed).
Sandusky — Wooten, 3 run. (kick failed).
Sandusky — Aaron, 1 run. (run failed).