

Flyers Overcome Mistakes, Whitewash Lakeside, 19-0



ROSPERT STARS — St. Paul senior two-way standout Bill Rospert (42) sparkled in the Flyer 19-0 victory Friday. He not

only scored a touchdown, but snared three interceptions, including two in a single period.

By DON HOHLER
LAKESIDE — It was anything but an impressive show, but however you look at the four-act play Friday night at Lakeside, the St. Paul Flyers won by a 19-0 score.

But seldom have the Saints made so many mistakes — to say nothing of getting away with all of them. Five fumbles, three of them lost, a pass interception, and 10 penalties for 105 yards add up to a lot of headaches, but Flyer Coach Bill Hubans took them in stride.

"We are a young ball club and will make mistakes. But these kids learn from them. They are not afraid to gamble, maybe a little bit too much at times, but I still feel they will end up a sound club," he said.

"We played this one without fullback Jim Soisson, who has a muscle pull. This hurt our offense. We did a lot of experimenting out there. Some of it worked and others did not. But regardless, we stuck to our game plan on offense and let

the defense take it to them. Boy, that defense did some job, didn't they?" Hubans exclaimed.

And the defense did — holding the Lakers to an almost unbelievable minus-30 yards on the ground.

The Saints put seven points on the board the first time the offense touched the ball. Primarily on the running of sophomore Chuck Borgeson, the Flyers used 10 plays to go 61 yards.

Borgeson slanted off tackle for 19 on the second play and on the second-last play of the drive halfback Clint Tinker was interfered with running his pass route which gave the Saints a first down on the five. Borgeson ripped off the five yards on the next play for 39 of the 61 yards on the drive and the six points. Matt Gross converted, even though a five-yard penalty was tacked on, making it a 7-0 game.

Each club had turnovers before the first period was over as defensive back Bill Rospert picked off a Laker pass and returned it to the Lakeside seven only to have

Borgeson cough it up on the five on the very first play.

But the Saints got going again early in the second period when a 48-yard march had a successful ending.

Following a Lakeside punt, end Scott Tinker caught a 31-yard aerial from quarterback Chuck Hohler to put the ball on the 15. Borgeson rushed for five and caught a pass for six more to place the ball on the four. Rospert then needed just six inches on his second try for the six points. The kick was blocked holding the score to 13-0.

The defense stole the show for the rest of the half as Hohler was thrown for a sizeable loss on a fourth-down play with five minutes left in the second period. The ball squirted from his hands and into those of Laker defensive end Tom Fontana. Only a desperation dive by senior tackle Dale Rinner kept Fontana from a 43-yard touchdown run.

But it was no go for the Laker offense again. Rinner got in front of Hal Wahlers' punt and the Saints got the

ball on the Laker 43. Wahlers returned the favor on the very next play when he picked off Hohler's pass. With this comedy of errors, the first half, of almost record duration, finally ended.

The second half was played much closer to the vest but again the defenses had much to do with the scoring.

Rospert, who got the ball back on an interception after the Saints fumbled on the opening drive of the third quarter, was to pick off his second pass of the period just three minutes later. This one set up the Saints' final score.

Moving from their own 15, where Rospert committed the larceny, the Saints started to grind it out. Borgeson carried the first seven times gaining 38 yards. Scott Tinker grabbed a pass for 28 on the ninth play.

After Hohler went back to the ground for five more calls, he caught Clint Tinker crossing over the middle for a 14-yard strike and the six points. The boot by Gross

was wide to the left, making it 19-0.

Lakeside was to make one last run at the Saints' defense in the last minute of the game. A 50-yard completion to end Paul Edwards gave the Lakers a first-and-goal on the eight-yard line. A four-yard penalty on the Saints moved the ball to the four with 33 seconds left.

But it was all in vain as defensive end Greg Kromer came up with his second fumble recovery of the period to halt the drive.

The Saints actually moved the ball with relative ease, gaining 171 yards on the ground and 91 in the air with Hohler hitting seven of 14.

	SP	L
First Downs Rushing	11	1
First Downs Passing	5	3
First Downs Penalties	1	2
Total First Downs	17	6
Passes Attempted	14	17
Passes Completed	7	6
Passes Intercepted	1	4
Net Yards Rushing	171	30
Net Yards Passing	91	75
Punts-Average	5-30	7-32
Fumbles	5	3
Fumbles Lost	3	3
Penalties	10	5
Yards Penalized	105	27
SCORE BY QUARTERS		
St. Paul	7	6
Lakeside	0	0

Wildcats Outduel Stubborn Smithville

New London chalked up its second win of the season, and avenged last season's 21-6 loss to Smithville, by posting a tight 13-6 decision Friday at the losers' home field.

The two teams battled through a scoreless first half, and the New London defense was put through one vital test. In the middle of the second period, Smithville moved the football and picked up a first down on the NL 3. The losers ran three plays up the middle, and gained only a couple of yards. Then on fourth down, Smithville ran around the end, but was halted inches short of the goal line.

New London scored first with 3:20 left in the third period, as senior halfback Doug Brown roared off tackle for 22 yards and a score. Steve Dunlap's placement made the score 7-0.

The Wildcats added an insurance score at 9:11 of the final period, as senior tailback Bobby Williams scampered 53 yards to paydirt. Williams also crossed the goal line on an electrifying 82-yard jaunt in the final period, but the score was nullified by a holding penalty.

Smithville scored its TD with 4:27 to go in the game, as Doug Shamp bulldozed over on a one-yard lunge.

Wildcat coach Paul Nestor cited three players for exceptional defensive games — end Tom Dunlap and linebackers Brown and Jim Freeman. "At key times, they got the job done," he commented.

"For us to make as many mistakes as we did, and for the kids to reach back and still win... for that part I'm happy. But we know we can't play the kind of ball we played tonight and win in the future," Nestor commented.

"We made our share of mistakes," he added, "We didn't do the kind of blocking that we have to do."

Both teams had trouble holding onto the ball, as the Wildcats lost three of three fumbles and the losers four of six. Neither team fared well through the air, as New London's only pass attempt was intercepted, and the losers hit on none of six attempts.

New London rushed for 183 yards, with Williams zooming for 107 and Brown for 70.

Monroeville Offense Perks Up In Triumph

Fine play by the entire Monroeville offense boosted the Eagles to a 22-0 win over Plymouth in an independent contest here Friday.

Two solid drives in the middle quarters put the Eagles ahead to stay. Jim Christman set up the first score with repeated carries that put the ball on the Plymouth three yard line early in the second quarter. Jed Myers ran the ball in for a 6-0 lead as the kick failed. The drive covered 40 yards and ended with 9:58 showing.

The next long drive covered 67 yards, capped by a 10-yard scoring pass from quarterback Joe Moore to Bob Gross. Moore connected on the conversion pass to Dean Myers to make it 14-0.

Moore went 8-of-20 in

passing for the night, with the longest being a 50-yard scoring strike to junior end Doug Long. Most of the 50 yards were earned the hard way, with Long breaking several tackles en route to his first varsity TD. John Smith completed the scoring for the night with his conversion run.

Monroeville dominated the statistics with a 389-yard total offense compared with just 84 for the Big Red, losers last week to South Central. Rushing was balanced as Christman ran for 90 yards, Myers for 52, and Gross for 43.

First-year coach Sam Fornsglio praised his entire offensive line. He cited Dennis Van Fleet at center along with John Thurston, Gene Ackerman,

Joe Chaff, and Mike Smith beside him.

Defensively, Fornsglio praised Gross, who had 12 tackles as well as the Eagles' lone interception from his linebacker position.

The Eagles take on Black River next Friday and Fornsglio says his undefeated Eagles will "find out if they are for real" in that contest.

	M	P
First Downs Rushing	9	4
First Downs Passing	2	0
First Downs Penalties	1	0
Total First Downs	12	4
Passes Attempted	20	13
Passes Completed	8	2
Passes Intercepted	1	0
Net Yards Rushing	228	76
Net Yards Passing	161	8
Punts-Average	2-29	8-29
Fumbles	4	3
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Penalties-Yards	4-50	2-20
SCORE BY QUARTERS		
Monroeville	0	8
Plymouth	0	0

St. Mary's Big Plays Topple W-R

By JIM BUSEK

COLLINS — Strong second-half play was not enough to offset a 20-0 first-half lead by Sandusky St. Mary, as Western Reserve fell to the Panthers 20-8 here Friday night.

The Riders contained the visitors most of the night, but three big individual plays cost first-year coach Dave Lyon's charges their first loss of the year.

After exchanging three plays and a punt to open the contest, St. Mary's got down to business by intercepting quarterback Frank Lyons' first pass of the night. The Panthers ground out seven plays from their own 41 that put them on the WR 30.

The Western defense had been yielding stubbornly, but a quick counter play sprung junior halfback Dennis Guerra untouched the entire 30 yards as he made it 6-0. The kick failed with 4:20 left in the first quarter.

A bad kickoff by the Panthers nearly stung the Riders immediately again. The kick bounced off the foot of an unwary Rider and St. Mary recovered. WR stopped the drive when Bill Burras reached up to pick off Kevin Roth's pass on the WR 41.

Action slowed until 4:11 of the second quarter when Tim Roth stepped in front of a Lyons' pass on the 50. He scampered down the sideline for a 12-0 Rider deficit. The conversion pass failed.

The Roughriders were forced to punt on the next series, and St. Mary pulled off the third — and crushing — big play of the night. Guerra took the handoff, shook three would be tacklers, and outran the WR defensive backfield for a 51-yard TD. Kevin Roth passed to Tim Roth for the conversion and a 20-0 halftime lead.

Coach Lyon apparently inspired the Riders at intermission, as the host club came out fighting for the final 24 minutes. WR controlled the third quarter, allowing the Panthers just one series of plays.

However, four penalties in the quarter stopped Rider drives. Lyons, after hitting just

one of four passes in the first half, continued to have trouble until mid-fourth quarter. Then he filled the air with passes and helped the WR fans go home optimistic.

The highlight of the evening for the home club came on a drive that started from the WR 16 with just over two minutes left. Lyons mixed the passing and running game until the Roughriders crossed mid-field with the time running out. Then he relied solely on his arm as well, as receivers John Pickett and Dwight Robbins for key catches.

Inside the 20, Lyons hit Lynn Olcott with a first-down pass. Weisenberger then bulldozed over from the

three-yard line with just :25 showing for the Riders' only TD. Bill Burras ran the conversion to make it 20-8.

To illustrate how badly St. Mary's three big plays hurt Western, the home club came out ahead in all the major statistical categories, including a 12-7 lead in first downs.

The Panthers certainly knew they were in a game as the WR defenders played a hard-hitting defensive game. The Riders will get plenty of chance to hit some more when they visit New London next Friday.

	SM	WR
First Downs Rushing	7	6
First Downs Passing	0	6
First Downs Penalties	0	1
Total First Downs	7	12
Passes Attempted	5	21
Passes Completed	0	9
Passes Intercepted	2	1
Net Yards Rushing	165	88
Net Yards Passing	0	98
Punts-Average	5-28	4-26
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Penalties-Yards	5-65	6-50
SCORE BY QUARTERS		
St. Mary's	6	14
W. Reserve	0	0



SWEEPING RIGHT END — Western Reserve junior halfback Lynn Olcott (25) tries to circle end during the Roughriders' loss to St. Mary's Friday. A W-R

offensive lineman attempts to clear a path for the runner.

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