

Vermilion Scores Twice On Blocked Punts

Sets Up Another Score Same Way In Thumping Margaretta

The Vermilion Sailors blocked two Margaretta punts and ran them back for touchdowns, then capitalized on a Margaretta fumble on a third punt attempt to set up another score enroute to a 31-6 rout in the season's opener for both teams Friday.

Offenses for both teams were slowed by a rain-soaked field that hampered running and made passing difficult.

Vermilion opened the scoring in the first quarter when cornerback Bart Hobart sliced through the Polar Bears' line to block an attempted punt.

Senior End Rich Harold picked up the loose ball and scampered 31 yards to give the Sailors a 6-0 lead. Greg Seker's extra point kick failed and the score stood through the first quarter.

Harold scored again in the second quarter when he gathered in a seven-yard pass from quarterback Rob Vincent in the end zone after a brief juggling act. Vincent's extra point pass failed and the Sailors held a 12-0 lead.

Less than two minutes later, Hobart again broke through the Polar Bears' line and blocked another punt attempt.

Jerry Sexton picked up the ball this time and sprinted 23 yards to give Vermilion an 18-0 lead. Another extra point pass failed.

Margaretta put its only score on the board as the first-half gun sounded when end Toby Harkness pulled down a 17-yard pass from quarterback Dean Keegan in the end zone.

Keegan's extra point pass failed.

Speedster tailback Dale Friar iced the Sailors' victory with two touchdowns in the third quarter on two and one-yard runs.

Seker kicked the extra point after Friar's first score but a pass attempt after the second failed and the final score stood at 31-6.

Vermilion's defense, spearheaded by cornerbacks Hobart and Jamie Py, effectively closed off the Polar Bears' outside and bottled them up in the middle. Margaretta had some success with its passing game, completing seven of 17 attempts for 84 yards, but a slick ball made it impossible to rely on an aerial attack.

Line superiority on both offense and defense also spelled victory for the Sailors.

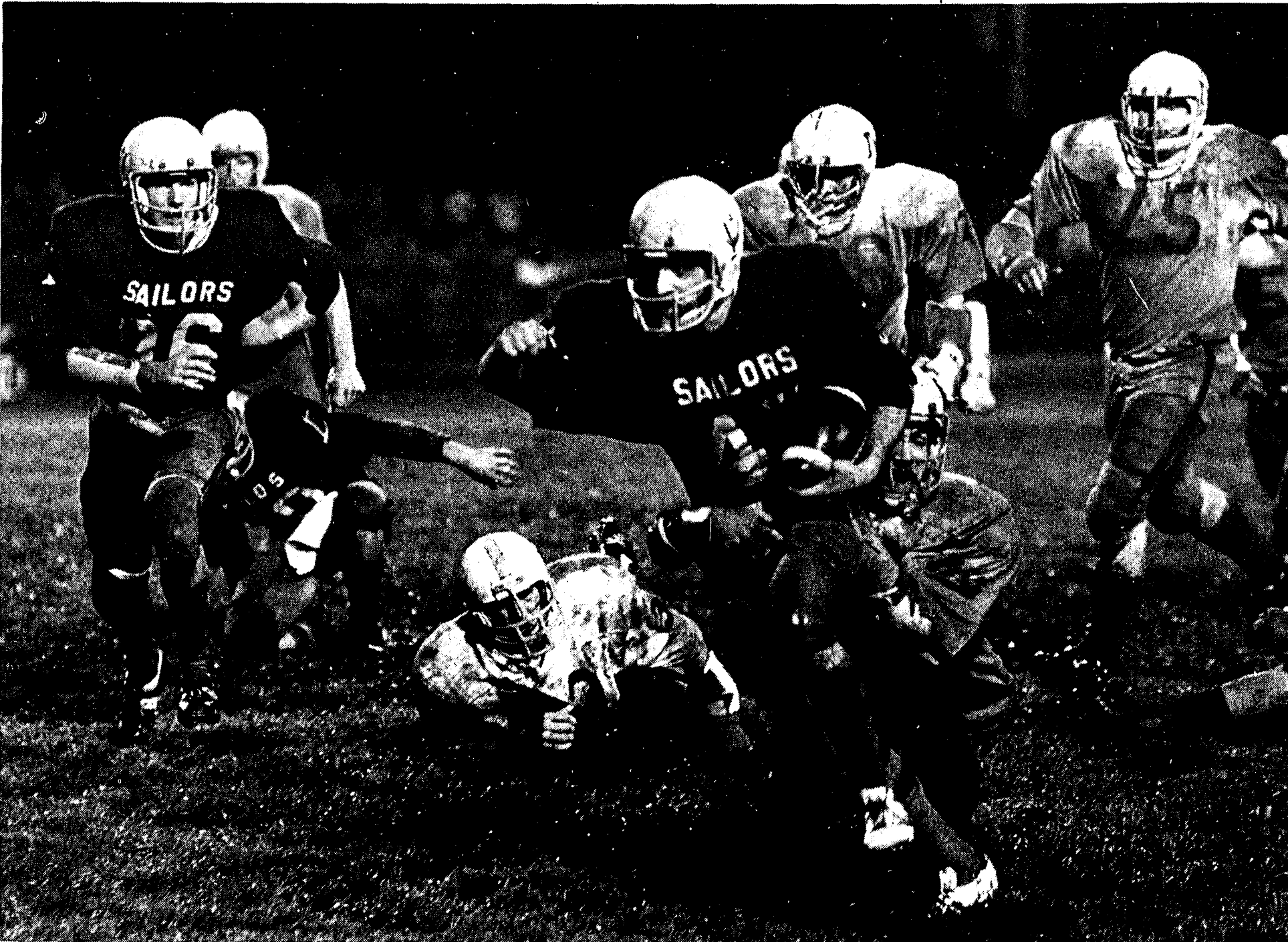
Friar, after limping off the field at the close of the first half, returned for the third quarter with a freshly-taped ankle and followed a solid line for 44 tough yards up the middle in 10 attempts. He picked up three first downs during the two third-quarter scoring drives.

Freshman Vermilion coach Jeff Siek pulled his regulars after Friar's second score and finished the game with reserves.

Statistics

	M	V
First Downs (total)	8	11
by rushing	2	8
by passing	5	2
by penalty	1	1
Rushes (number)	31	35
net yards gained	103	130
average gain	3.3	3.7
Forward passing		
attempts	17	10
completed	7	6
had intercepted	1	0
net yards gained	84	41
Total plays (rushes and passes)	48	45
Total net yards gained	187	171
Fumbles (number)	1	1
ball lost	0	0
Penalties (number)	6	6
yards penalized	51	30

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Margaretta	0	6	0	0	6
Vermilion	6	12	13	0	31
Scoring:					
Vermilion — Harold, 31 run with blocked punt. (kick failed).					
Vermilion — Harold, 7 pass from Vincent. (pass failed).					
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Vermilion — Sexton, 23 run with blocked punt. (pass failed).					
Margaretta — Harkness, 17 pass from Dean Keegan. (pass failed).					
Vermilion — Friar, 2 run. (Seker, kick).					
Vermilion — Friar, 1 run. (pass failed).					



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VERMILION'S FLEET RUNNING BACK DALE FRIAR CHUGS FOR MORE YARDS BY DRAGGING MARGARETTA DEFENDER

...Friar accounted for two second-half Sailor touchdowns in 31-6 Vermilion romp.

Siek Has 'Super' Vermilion Debut

VERMILION — "Super," was how an elated Jeff Siek described his reaction to the football game.

"I guess we need to work on our punting game," a considerably more subdued Mike Gentry said.

The two men had just completed their first game as head coaches in high school football. Siek's Vermilion Sailors had just walked off with a 31-6 victory over Gentry's Margaretta Polar Bears in the season opener for the Erie County Squads.

Siek, though predictably pleased with the game's outcome, did see room for improvement. Mainly, he said, he'd like to see a little more consistency on offense.

Though the Sailors scored five touchdowns against Margaretta, three of those came as a result of bad Polar Bears' punts — two that were blocked and run back for touchdowns and one fumbled snap that set up another score.

Siek said he would like to see more sustained-drive scoring.

Defensively, Siek had nothing but praise for his unit, especially his cornerbacks and linebackers, who he said did an excellent job of reading the Margaretta plays.

He singled out the play of cornerbacks Bart Hobart and Jamie Py as being responsible for closing off the Polar Bears' outside and forcing them up the middle. The line backers and linemen took over from there, he added.

Siek also credited leg-building exercises he has stressed for his linemen as responsible for a decisive power edge up front.

The goals Siek said he has for his team are direct and simple — "Always have a positive attitude and constantly work for improvement." He said if his team can keep those goals in mind all season, he'll be satisfied.

Gentry blamed punting mishaps, which paved the way for three of Vermilion's first four scores, for his loss.

After that, he said, his team was forced to play "catch up," which will stifle any team's style.

The punting miscues were a result of not holding the line and not getting the ball off fast enough, he added.

He said he was pleased with the passing game, but the wet weather didn't allow him to use it enough.

Each man said he had learned from his first experience as head coach.

But new faces at the helm of both teams didn't change a pattern that has developed over that past five years.

It was Vermilion's fifth straight win over Margaretta and gave the Sailors a 6-3 edge in their nine-year series.

Eagles Slam Door On Danbury

New London Popped; South Central Draws With Plymouth

Monroeville continued its hex over Danbury Friday night with a 21-0 victory in the 1975 openers for both clubs.

Since 1970, Danbury has never beaten Monroeville and in that span has scored just one touchdown. In Sam Fornsglio's three years at Monroeville, the Lakers have failed to score a point.

The last Danbury victory came in the initial game of the recent series in 1968 (27-0). There was also a tie in 1970 (14-14).

Monroeville's veteran squad scored in every quarter but the second Friday night and had the upper hand in every statistic.

Senior Gary Schaffer was the surprising leader of the ground game with 115 yards on just nine carries. Schaffer, 5-5½ and 140, tallied the first Eagle touchdown with a 10-yard run in the first period.

Monroeville had a total of seven running backs gain yards. Following Schaffer, Mark Hauler accounted for 40 yards on seven tries, Tom Smith 21 yards on four carries and Glenn Oppen 30 yards.

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Monroeville	7	0	7	7	21
Danbury	0	0	0	0	0
Scoring:					
Monroeville — Schaffer, 10 run (Haughwout, kick).					
Monroeville — Leber, 36 pass from Bores (Haughwout, kick).					
Monroeville — Leber, 9 pass from Stein (Haughwout, kick).					

After intermission, Monroeville went to its air game and tight end Ken Leber to score twice more.

Veteran junior quarterback Mark Bores, playing with a cast on his broken left wrist, rifled a score to Leber that covered 36 yards in the third period and then substitute signal-caller Darrell

STATISTICS

	M.	D.
First Downs	14	7
Net Yards Gained Rushing	225	61
Yards Gained Passing	120	25
Total Net Yards Gained	345	86
Passes attempted/completed	13/6	13/4
Passes intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles/lost	0/0	3/3
Penalties	4/40	4/50

Stein found Leber open in the final frame for nine yards and the touchdown.

Senior placekicker Ted Haughwout hit all three extra-point attempts.

Bores attempted 11 passes, completed four for 101 yards and Stein hit both he attempted as Monroeville finished with 120 yards in the air.

The Eagles' ground game netted 225 to just 61 for Danbury, which was also on the short end in first downs, 14-7.

"Mark did all right for having that cast on his arm," Fornsglio said about his regular quarterback. "He won't be himself until the cast comes off though." Bores broke a bone in his wrist during a scrimmage session at Margaretta.

South Central's Frank Lamoreaux burst over the goal line from three yards out with just five minutes remaining and then added the conversion points to pull the hosts into an 8-8 tie with Plymouth in the initial game for both clubs.

Lamoreaux's plunge capped a 53-yard drive which began earlier in the fourth stanza. South Central went the distance on 11 plays with Jeff Ray's pass to Don Minniear the key call. Quarterback Ray found Minniear open for a crucial first down on a fourth and 14 situation.

South Central scored its lone touchdown in the second period when veteran Brad Turson scooted into paydirt from three yards out. Turson, who set up the 64-yard scoring drive with a fumble recovery, also tallied the extra points on a run.

The statistics were also nearly even. Plymouth had the edge in rushing with 111 yards to 52 for the Trojans. However, Ray's passing accounted for 73 South Central yards to 35 for coach Mike McFarren's squad.

South Central, under the first-yard di-

rection of Bud Ratliff, also picked two Plymouth aeriels.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	P.	S.C.			
Plymouth	0	8	0	0	8
South Central	0	0	0	8	8
Scoring:					
Plymouth — Turson, 3 run (Turson, run).					
South Central — Lamoreaux, 3 run (Lamoreaux, run).					

Northwestern reversed last year's Mapleton victory with an identical 14-8 score Friday night to spoil the Mounties' 1975 home opener.

Northwestern got the better of coach Bill Lodermeier's club in most departments. Northwestern gained 162 yards on the ground and 21 in the air for a 183-yard total to Mapleton's 75 on the ground and 27 in the air for 102.

Senior Greg Hagans scored both Northwestern touchdowns and Dan Snoddy kicked both conversion points. Hagans, a 5-8 and 145-pound senior, scampered in on an 11-yard run in the second period and again on a six-yard burst in the final frame.

Tim Kline, Mapleton's mighty mite senior back, tallied the Mounties' lone TD on a short run in the final frame. He also scored the extra points on a run.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	N.	W.	O.	U.	14
Northwestern	0	7	0	7	14
Mapleton	0	0	0	8	8
Scoring:					
Northwestern — Hagans, 11 run (Snoddy, kick).					
Northwestern — Hagans, 6 run (Snoddy, kick).					
Mapleton — Kline, 3 run (Kline, run).					

New London never really got out of the starting gates with visiting Smithville Friday night in dropping a 32-0 decision.

The Smithies mounted 257 yards in offense on 147 on the ground and 110 more in the air and totalled 14 first downs to New London's seven.

Smithville put 26 points on the board by halftime and added the final score in the third period on a long pass play.

Both Tim Preston and Darriek Phillips scored twice for the visitors. Preston bulled in from one and seven yards

STATISTICS		
	N.L.	S.
First Downs	7	14
Net Yards Gained Rushing	42	147
Yards Gained Passing	20	110
Total Net Yards Gained	62	257
Passes attempted/completed	6/1	13/7
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles/lost	4/3	2/2
Penalties	7/42	5/25

out and Phillips caught two strikes from quarterback Dick Beichler of 31 and 49 yards. The Smithies first TD was a 15-yard run by Craig Chenevey.

New London has 42 yards on the ground and 20 in the air. The Wildcats also lost three of four fumbles to help the Smithies along.

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Smithville	14	12	6	0	32
New London	0	0	0	0	0
Scoring:					
Smithville — Chenevey, 15 run (Preston, run).					
Smithville — Preston, 7 run (run failed).					
Smithville — Phillips, 31 pass from Beichler (Run failed).					
Smithville — Preston, 1 run (run failed).					
Smithville — Phillips, 49 pass from Beichler (run failed).					



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THE FIRST POST-GAME HANDSHAKE FOR TWO ROOKIE HEAD COACHES
...Jeff Siek, of Vermilion (left) accepts Mike Gentry's congratulations.

Seneca East Overpowered

Seneca East coach Fred Stresen-Reuter warned that the Tigers opening game against Crestview would be one of the toughest of the year for his young and he was proven right Friday night.

Crestview dumped the Tigers, 28-0, and collected 303 yards in total offense to only 93 for the losers who were out-distanced 242-45 on the ground.

Scott Osborne scored three touchdown on runs of two, one and 25 yards to do most of the damage. Jamie McGraw ac-

STATISTICS		
	S. E.	C.
First Downs	6	12
Net Yards Gained Rushing	45	242
Yards Gained Passing	48	61
Total Net Yards Gained	93	303
Passes attempted/completed	17/5	8/3
Passes intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles/lost	3/1	1/0
Penalties	6/23	8/50

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