

DiCesare Leads Mohawks Past Flyers

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FOSTORIA — Take away halfback Tom DiCesare and you have a close ball game.

That was the consensus Friday night as St. Paul failed in its opening football game of the season against Fostoria St. Wendelin, 28-0. DiCesare, a 175-pound senior who has the speed of a gazelle and the strength of a bull, romped through and around Flyer defenders for 202 yards and three touchdowns.

"He is a great one," admitted St. Wendelin Coach Gene Peluso. "I guess it is his ability to change speeds that makes him so tough to cope with."

It was DiCesare that broke a close game wide open on the very controversial last play of the first half. It looked like only a 7-0 game at the intermission until the talented senior turned an end sweep into a 71-yard touchdown run. On the play, near midfield, a flag was thrown which most everyone thought was clipping. But after the officials deliberated, the referee signaled touchdown. It sent Flyer coach Dick Alge onto the field for the second time but in vain.

"I just plain blew it," the apologetic official commented at halftime. "I threw the flag for a crack-back block and I was wrong. There was absolutely no clipping on the play, nothing that would have negated the touchdown. The only wrong-doing on the play was my throwing the flag."

The Mohawks had been the victims of an earlier mistake, roughing St. Paul kicker Mike Conley early in the first quarter. DiCesare fielded Conley's punt and streaked 60 yards only to have this one called back. It helped the Flyers advance the ball to the Mohawks' 28 but the drive ran out of gas at that point. St. Wendelin took over and in six plays it had its first score.

The big gainer was a 30 yard pass to flanker Ron Hammer on a second and inches situation. It moved the ball to the 11 and from there super sophomore Tony Stanley roared in on the next play. Quarterback Tony Lee turned kicker and hit his first of four straight extra points to make it 7-0.

The Mohawks threatened again early in the second quarter when a 30-yard punt return allowed them to start their drive on the Flyer 28. A fourth down pass play missed allowing St. Paul to go onto offense from their own eight.

The two teams then traded interceptions with Mike Berry nabbing the one for the St. Paul. Neither team threatened again until DiCesare showed his heels on the controversial run.

Taking the second half kickoff, St. Wendelin wasted little time in making it a three touchdown lead. Stanley looped out of the backfield on the third call of the 11-play, 61-yard drive to grab a 25 yard pass from Lee. DiCesare then did the rest including his 14 yard touchdown run which saw him start over left guard and then come back against the flow.

The score mounted to 28-0 with 8:30 left in the game when the Mohawks culminated a nine-play, 57-yard drive. DiCesare opened it with a 10-yard gainer, another for 13 up the middle and then 17 yards on the final two plays. The touchdown came on a "student body right" play which saw DiCesare go in untouched from the eight.

The Flyers had two decent opportunities to score, once on their first possession when two major penalties against the Mohawks helped move the ball to the 28 and the second time in the final period when they had first and goal on the two. This time a mouthpiece penalty set them back five which they never made up. But on both drives Flyer quarterback Pat Rinner had passes dropped that could have been touchdowns.

Alge admitted the Mohawks were the superior club Friday night. "But give us time," he asked.

"They hurt us badly with that short scissors trap, a play they got from us. It was not that we didn't know they had it in their arsenal but it was just that they executed well in making it go. I saw some sparks in the third and fourth quarters and they will ignite a fire before it is all over," Alge maintained.

Asking how he saw the controversial second touchdown play, Alge believed there was clipping on the part of the St. Wendelin lineman. "But I was more upset with our defensive breakdown on the

play. The game was not won or lost with that play though," he said.

St. Wendelin coach Gene Peluso all but admitted it was fairly easy. "Our ground game was going well behind Tom (DiCesare) so we stayed with it. Besides, Tony (Lee) is not throwing the ball that well yet."

"I was not surprised at St. Paul's not quitting though. Dick (Alge) has a super-young team and these kind of clubs are prone to mistakes. Give them time and they will win some games," Peluso believed.

FLYER FACTS: St. Paul had three players including two starters on the sidelines. Flanker Todd Moore was on Alge's elbow with clipboard in hand not being able to go because of an arm injury while senior tackle Tony Barman is out for at least two weeks with a bum knee. Backup fullback Dave Burton is still suffering from a deep thigh bruise....The Flyers do not have it any easier this coming week in entertaining always-tough Sandusky Central Catholic Saturday night. St. Wendelin gets a veteran Gibsonburg team next Friday night on the road and according to Peluso this will be a critical test....Peluso, a classmate of Flyer coach Dick Alge at Fostoria St. Wendelin, does not call this his best team. He had one a few years ago that made the computer playoffs.

	S.P.	S.W.
First Downs Rushing	3	11
First Downs Passing	5	2
First Downs Penalties	3	0
Total First Downs	11	13
Passes Attempted	23	10
Passes Completed	7	5
Passes Intercepted	3	1
Net Yards Rushing	42	261
Net Yards Passing	118	75
Punts-Average	4-33.2	3-31.0
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Penalties	4	11
Yards Penalized	30	92

SCORE BY QUARTERS
St. Paul 0 0 0 0—0
St. Wendelin 7 7 7 7—28

GAME SCORING
S.W. — Tony Stanley, 11 yard run, Tony Lee kick.
S.W. — Tom DiCesare, 71 yard run, Lee Kick.
S.W. — DiCesare, 14 yard run, Lee kick.
S.W. — DiCesare, 8 yard run, Lee kick.



STANLEY STEAMER — St. Wendelin halfback Tony Stanley tests the left side against St. Paul Friday night. The 185-pound sophomore picked up 12 yards on this play before being hauled down by Flyer linebacker John Soisson (14). Stanley scored the Mohawks first touchdown, scampering 11 yards on a similar play. (Photo by Don Hohler)

Same Script For Flashes

By RUSSELL V. LEFFLER

MANSFIELD — The Willard Flashes fought back in the fourth quarter last night but were frustrated in the end as they lost to the Mansfield Malabar 7-6.

Senior quarterback Gus Secor darted and passed for 119 fourth quarter yards, but the Flashes failed to score.

As game began, it appeared that last year's Willard defense was back even though ten of eleven stalwarts had graduated. For almost a half neither side was able to make a first down. And Willard was unable to get a first down until the fourth quarter.

In the first half, Willard kept the Falcons pinned deep in their own territory. The Falcons wasted several chances to start drives when off-side penalties gave them first and five situations. The Flashes kicking game contributed to Malabar's plight, particularly the opening kickoff into the end zone.

The stingy defense finally paid off late in the

first quarter. The Falcon punter, forced to kick from inside his ten mishandled the snap and was smothered at the three. Secor, expected to be a big plus this year, crashed over on the first play following the right side of his line, with 2:39 to play.

But the conversion was wide to the right. The game was almost tied twice late in the half as the Falcon offense gained momentum and drove inside the fifteen.... But, Tim Isaac broke up a fourth down pass.

The Falcons were back at the door quickly, following what proved to be the start of a pattern of play which eventually doomed the Flashes. An erratic snap from center to the kicker gave the Falcons the ball inside the twenty in the waning seconds of the half. Again the Flashes defense halted the threat as Isaac intercepted an errant toss at the Willard four ending the half with Willard holding a 6-0 advantage.

The second half opened ominously for Willard as senior speedster Adrian Thompson fumbled the kickoff. Malabar suddenly found its offense

driving 39 yards in nine plays with senior halfback Jody Frye cutting and squirming through Willard defenders for the final nine yards. And the play that made the difference was Phil Naumoff's successful conversion. Willard's offense continued inept throughout the third quarter.

The fourth quarter showed Willard catching fire.

Malabar pushed the ball away from trouble deep inside their territory. The Falcons took the ensuing punt and were faced with a third and one from the forty. It looked like Willard might never get another chance but Malabar quarterback Jim Hartson fumbled and the Flashes apparently recovered. However a quick whistle blew the still bouncing ball dead. A 38-yard punt gave the Flashes the ball at their thirty late in the game.

Secor scrambled and passed the Flashes to the Falcons' 11 with 29 seconds left. Willard then opted for a 13-yard field goal attempt by Mark Miller.

But the snap was low and the game was lost.



LISTEN UP — Willard's Kevin Steinmetz lectures his defensive teammates Friday night but an unidentified Flash, far right, seems to be watching the action on the sidelines. (Photo by Nettie Prack)

Chipp's Humble Cats 36-6

DOYLESTOWN — Firelands Conference contender New London began the 1978 season on a rocky note Friday night as the Wildcats fell to Doylestown Chippewa 36-6.

The Chipp's roared out to a 22-0 lead before New London could put any points on the board.

Virgil Harris connected with Brian Bryon on a 16-yard scoring strike in the second quarter to cut the deficit to 22-6. The point after failed.

The Wildcats were hampered by the loss of four starters. John Scheerer missed the contest due to illness and New London coach Paul Nestor suspended three other starters for disciplinary reasons. Quarterback Mike Nestor, center Robin Marsh and fullback John Kruki all sat out the game for New London.

Nestor said the trio would be reinstated for next week's contest against Cleveland Cathedral Latin.

"I'd have to single out Virgil Harris," Nestor noted of his star running back who switched to quarterback for the game Friday night. "He took over and really did a good job of leading and playing ball. And Bob Koziel did

a fine job at center," Nestor added. Glenn Murray was the Wildcats' fullback in Kruki's absence.

"We had to switch our defense because of the missing players," Nestor explained. "We went to a four-four from our ordinary five-two. We just weren't consistent. They're a good ball club. We'd stop them two or three times and then they'd get the big play," he explained.

Doylestown rushed for 265 yards against the New London while the Wildcats could muster only 109 on the ground.

New London was also plagued by fumbles, committing four and losing three.

	N.L.	D
Total First Downs	0	15
Passes Attempted	67	46
Passes Completed	5	4
Net Yards Rushing	109	265
Net Yards Passing	67	46
Punts-Average	3-25.7	1-43.0
Fumbles	4	4
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Penalties	4	4
Yards Penalized	30	30

SCORE BY QUARTERS
N. London 0 6 0 0—6
Doylestown 14 8 14 0—36

Stimpert Stuns Mounties 21-6

ASHLAND — Quarterback Fred Stimpert accounted for all three Crestview touchdowns as the Cougars whipped Mapleton 21-6 in a non-league game Friday night.

Stimpert started Crestview rolling in the second quarter with a seven yard scoring run. Joe Pfeiffer added the point after to make it 7-0.

Rich Ashton scampered 29 yards later in the second quarter for Mapleton but the point after failed and Crestview held a 7-6 lead.

Stimpert sneaked over from the one in the third quarter and Tim Gray ran over for two points to give the Cougars a 15-6 advantage.

With 54 seconds left in the game, Stimpert completed the scoring with an eight-yard scoring pass to Dave Ference.

	M.	C.	Fumbles	4	4
Total First Downs	10	12	Fumbles Lost	2	3
Passes Attempted	6	7	Penalties	5	8
Passes Completed	2	2	Yards Penalized	55	60
Passes Intercepted	0	0	SCORE BY QUARTERS		
Net Yard Rushing	109	224	Crestview	0	7
Net Yards Passing	8	27	Mapleton	0	6

Bucyrus Rolls 35-13

BUCYRUS — Quarterback Joe Teynor connected on three touchdown passes to spark Bucyrus to a 35-13 non-league victory over Wynford in the season opener for both clubs.

Teynor teamed up with Jeff Gabriel for two scoring passes and lofted his third of the night to Steve Ransom during the Redmen's rout. Teynor and Ransom combined on a 63-yard scoring pass in the first quarter as Bucyrus jumped out to a 14-0 lead.

Teynor added his third score of the night when he ran over from the two yard line in the fourth quarter.

The Bucyrus signalcaller connected on six of nine passes for 154 yards while the

Redmen added 201 yards on the ground. Wynford collected 235 yards rushing but only 47 passing.

	B.	W.
Total First Downs	14	13
Passes Attempted	19	12
Passes Completed	6	3
Net Yards Rushing	201	235
Net Yards Passing	154	47
Punts-Average	2-39.0	2-26.5
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Penalties	2	7
Yards Penalized	15	42

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Bucyrus 14 7 7 7—35
Wynford 0 0 0 13—13

Big Red Bombs Seneca East

PLYMOUTH — Coach Mike McFarren's Plymouth football squad broke open a scoreless tie in the second half and went on to crush Seneca East 27-0 in a non-league football game Friday night.

The Big Red scored the first three times it got its hands on the pigskin in the second half to salt away the outcome.

Jim Wallace notched the first Plymouth score by running 31 yards to the end zone.

Plymouth upped the count later in the third quarter when quarterback Mickle Berberick ran over from the four. Berberick added a two-point conversion to make it 14-0.

Berberick then connected with Jim Robinson on a 10-yard scoring pass in the fourth quarter to make it 21-0. Jim Jamerson capped the Big Red scoring with a 25-yard scoring scramble with 31 seconds left in the game.

Plymouth totaled 242 yards rushing.

Friday's Sports Transactions

Baseball
Chicago Cubs — Activated infielder Cookie Rojas.
Cleveland — Traded outfielder Johnny Grubb to Texas for play or to be named.
Milwaukee — Reactivated catcher

Andy Etchebarren and recalled infielder Lenn Sakata from Spokane (PCL).
New York (NL) — Recalled catcher Butch Benton from Jackson of Texas League and outfielders Dan Norman and Gil Flores and pitchers Mardie Cornejo

and Roy Jackson from Tidewater of International League.
Toronto — Recalled outfielder Gary Woods and catcher Ernie Whitt and purchased pitcher Tom Buskey from Syracuse (IL).

Standings

American League					National League				
East					East				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB		W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Boston	84	49	.632	—	Philadelphia	71	60	.542	—
New York	77	55	.583	6½	Pittsburgh	68	64	.515	3½
Milwaukee	76	58	.567	8½	Chicago	67	65	.508	4½
Detroit	74	59	.556	10	Montreal	62	73	.459	11
Baltimore	74	60	.552	10½	St. Louis	58	76	.433	14½
Cleveland	58	75	.436	26	New York	53	80	.398	19
Toronto	55	81	.404	30½					
West					West				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB		W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	71	61	.538	—	Los Angeles	80	54	.597	—
California	71	63	.530	1	San Francisco	78	56	.582	2
Texas	66	65	.504	4½	Cincinnati	73	61	.545	7
Oakland	63	72	.467	9½	San Diego	70	66	.515	11
Minnesota	58	76	.433	14	Houston	62	71	.466	17½
Chicago	56	77	.421	15½	Atlanta	59	75	.440	21
Seattle	50	82	.379	21					
Friday's Results					Friday's Results				
Baltimore 3, Chicago 0, 1st					Pittsburgh 8, Atlanta 3, 1st				
Baltimore 9, Chicago 3, 2nd					Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 0, 2nd				
California 6, Toronto 4					Chicago 14, Houston 11				
Seattle 3, New York 0					Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 2				
Oakland 5, Boston 1					Montreal 3, San Diego 2, 12 innings				
Detroit 6, Kansas City 2					Los Angeles 4, New York 3, 12 innings				
Texas 5, Milwaukee 4					San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 3				
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 1									
Today's Probable Pitchers					Today's Probable Pitchers				
(All Times EDT)					(All Times EDT)				
California (Tanana 16-9) at Toronto					Atlanta (Hanna 7-13) at Pittsburgh				
(Cleveland 10-10), 1 p.m.					(Candelaria 10-11), 2:15 p.m.				
Cleveland (Reuschel 2-1) at Minnesota					Cincinnati (Norman 10-8) at St. Louis				
(Goltz 10-9), 2:15 p.m.					(Vuckovich 12-10), 2:15 p.m.				
Chicago (Wood 10-10 and Kravac 10-12)					Houston (Lemongello 9-12) at Chicago				
at Baltimore — Martinez 11-10 and Ford 0-0,					(Lamp 5-13), 2:30 p.m.				
2:30 p.m.					New York (Brubert 3-6 and Espinosa				
Oakland (Langford 6-10) at Boston					9-13) at Los Angeles (Welch 5-2 and				
(Torrez 15-7), 7:30 p.m.					Hooton 15-8), 8 p.m.				
Seattle (Colborn 4-9) at New York					Montreal (Rogers 13-10) at San Diego				
(Figuerroa 13-9), 8 p.m.					(Owchinko 8-11), 10 p.m.				
Detroit (Slaton 14-9) at Kansas City					Philadelphia (Christenson 10-12) at				
(Splittorf 15-11), 8:30 p.m.					San Francisco (Blue 16-7), 10:35 p.m.				
Texas (Medich 7-8) at Milwaukee					Sunday's Games				
(Augustine 12-12), 8:30 p.m.					Atlanta at Pittsburgh				
Sunday's Games					Houston at Chicago, 2				
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2					Cincinnati at St. Louis				
California at Toronto					New York at Los Angeles				
Chicago at Baltimore					Philadelphia at San Francisco, 2				
Oakland at Boston									
Seattle at New York									
Texas at Milwaukee									

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