

Browns Host Bengals In 'Battle Of Ohio'

By ROBERT SANGEORGE
CLEVELAND (UPI) — Boasting a tough, confident defensive unit and an improved scoring punch, the Cleveland Browns host the injured but still-potent Cincinnati Bengals Sunday in the first half of this season's "Battle of Ohio."

Going into the game, the posture of the two NFL Central Division rivals has flip-flopped in an amazingly short period of time.

Cleveland was supposed to be the club with a lackluster offense and question marks at key positions — particularly at quarterback and in the defensive line Cincinnati, on the other hand, was an apparently strong playoff contender with a top quarterback in Ken Anderson.

But developments in exhibition play and last Sunday's

season opener dramatically changed those preseason pre-views.

Cleveland displayed a stingy defense, excellent special teams work and an unpredictable offense in a 24-7 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. The Bengals struggled through a 24-23 upset loss to the Kansas City Chiefs at Riverfront Stadium, while an injured Anderson watched from the sidelines.

"We played herky-jerky, offense and defense — the whole shooting match," complained Cincinnati Coach Bill Johnson. Backup quarterback John Reeves missed on 14 of 24 passes, threw two interceptions and generally failed to ignite his club — moving the offense for just one touchdown. Special teams had to come up with the other scores — both off Chiefs' miscues on punt attempts.

"It's not going to affect my

confidence," Reeves said of his performance. "At times we moved the ball brilliantly and at times we sputtered around. I really couldn't get into a groove."

Though it took some time Sunday, Cleveland's offense did manage to get in gear, as Brian Sipe connected on 12 of 25 passes for 190 yards and no interceptions. Criticized for inability to throw long, Sipe broke the game open on a pretty 69-yard touchdown bomb to Reggie Rucker in the fourth quarter.

But crafty play-calling by Coach Sam Rutigliano proved decisive. He called an end-around play featuring speedy rookie tight end Ozzie Newsome that caught the 49ers by surprise and resulted in a go-ahead, 33-yard touchdown jaunt.

"We try to do the unusual," Rutigliano said. "We try to be poised and look for the big play and take advantage of the opportunity."

Rutigliano has indicated that despite last Sunday's win, he's far from satisfied about the state of his offense. The rookie head coach wants to spice it up by using reserve running backs Larry Collins and Mike Pruitt. "I'd like to get Larry Collins in for 6-8 running plays a game and also work Mike Pruitt in both a running back and

fullback situation," Rutigliano said. He also wants Sipe to get the ball to Greg Pruitt "6-8 times a game" on passes.

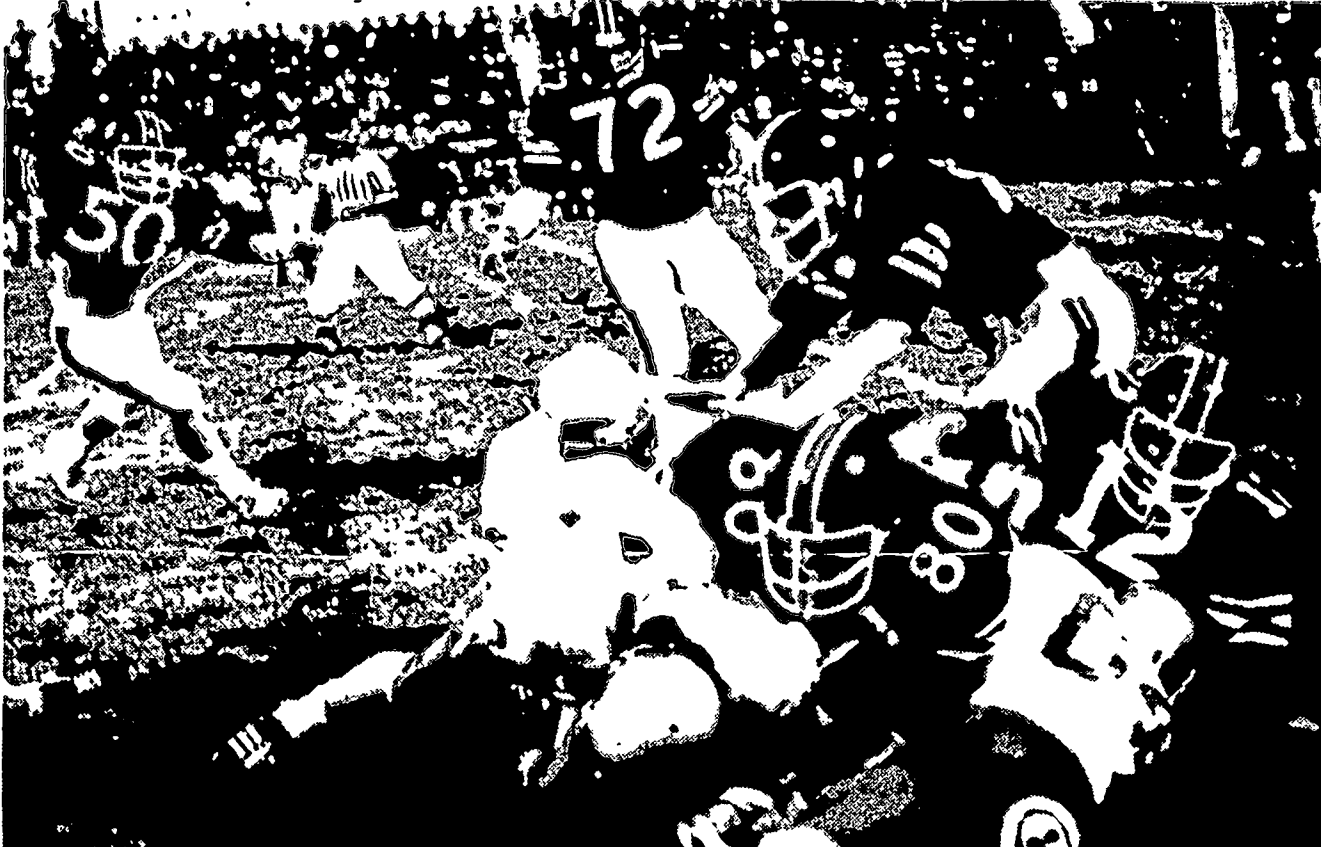
On defense, the Browns rose to near-ferocious levels against the 49ers — holding O.J. Simpson in check and coming up with three interceptions. The return of tackle Jerry Sherk, injured much of last year, bolstered the defense.

In a word, the Bengals' defense was "sad" against the Chiefs — giving up 268 yards on the ground. In the wake of the poor showing, Cincinnati kicked starting linebacker Chris Devlin off the team this week and brought back linebacker Ray Phillips, who had been cut twice in the preseason.

"We made the change because we were disappointed in the play we got from our linebackers against the chiefs and think Ray Phillips can do a better job," said Cincinnati Assistant General Manager Mike Brown.

Sunday's Browns-Bengals contest will be the 17th "Battle of Ohio" since the series started in 1970. The series is tied at 8-8.

Ironically, the Browns were named by Cleveland fans in a contest back in 1946 for Paul Browns, now the Bengals' general manager. Brown coach Cleveland through its first 17 years. He was fired in 1962.



SHELBY TAILBACK John Armstrong is stopped after a short gain during first quarter action at Sandusky Perkins Friday

evening Perkin's Brad Dwell (80) leads the Pirate defense on the play (Photo by Linda Stotts)

Plymouth Gets Second Win

PLYMOUTH—Plymouth High School stretched their 1978 grid record to 2-0 Friday evening with a 12-8 victory over neighboring South Central.

Plymouth, off to one of their best starts ever, hosts their third straight home game next Friday when Hopewell-Loudon visits the Big Red.

Blues Host Tuscarawas

The Shelby Blues put their 2-0 Ohio Football League record on the line tonight in a 7:30 p.m. game against Tuscarawas at Skiles Field.

Both teams are undefeated so far in the OFL and the game

tonight could go a long way in deciding the Eastern Division championship.

Providing entertainment at halftime will be the Whippet Marching Band of Shelby High School.

College Grid Teams Kick-Off

College Football Roundup By United Press International. Either Missouri cornerback Russ Calabrese has a few marbles loose, or he's simply decided to make a very good football team very angry on the eve of a big encounter.

"I've always hated Notre Dame," said Missouri's All-Big Eight defensive back, who has spent much of his time getting his teammates riled up against the Irish. "I hate everything that has to do with Notre Dame. I hate Irish people."

The fourth-ranked Irish — 10-1-0 and national champions last year — and the Tigers — who were 4-7 and watched the bowl games from their living rooms — seem to be miles apart in quality. But the game might be closer than it appears.

The two teams have met twice before, with Notre Dame defeating Missouri 24-7 in 1970 and the Tigers gaining their revenge against the previously undefeated and seventh-ranked Irish, 30-26, in 1972. Other highly ranked teams that have fallen victim to Missouri include then top-ranked Alabama in 1976, the 1973 and 1974 Nebraska teams and Ohio State in 1976.

But if the Tigers to have a shot at upsetting Notre Dame, they'll have to solve Notre

Dame's outstanding quarterback Joe Montana, who passed for 1,604 yards in seven games last year in leading Notre Dame to the national title.

"He puts the ball on the money every time," said Calabrese. "If we don't get a pass rush, Montana will be burning us."

In other games involving pre-season top 20 teams Saturday, Stanford visits No. 2 Oklahoma, third-ranked Penn State hosts Rutgers, No. 4 USC travels to Texas Tech, 10th-ranked Nebraska plays California, No. 11 Washington faces No. 12 UCLA on national television, No. 15 Texas A & M hosts Kansas, Syracuse visits 16th-ranked Florida St., and No. 20 Maryland visits Tulane.

Top-ranked Alabama is idle after defeating Nebraska 20-3 last week, as is No. 5 Arkansas, No. 6 Michigan, No. 8 Ohio State and No. 9 Texas.

John Reeves 'Coming Back'

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Cincinnati Bengals backup quarterback John Reeves is vowing to "come back" against the Cleveland Browns Sunday.

Reeves, according to Cincy head coach Bill Johnson, had a "miserable start" in last weekend's season-opening loss to Kansas City.

"This week I'll simply work harder and longer, run harder and faster," said Reeves. "I'll come back. We win Sunday and we're right back in the race."

Reeves, filling in for injured regular quarterback Ken Anderson, threw 14 incompletions and two interceptions last

By MARK FRIEDMAN
UPI Sports Writer. This much-ballyhooed clash between New York and Boston has unfortunately turned into a sorry mismatch. And it's a shame, too, because the series had the makings of an all-time classic.

Carlton Fisk, pumped full of aspirin to combat a fever and the aches of a broken rib, found Friday night's 13-2 debacle at the hands of the Yankees difficult to swallow.

"That was the poorest game we played all year," he said quietly, visibly weakened by his illness. "That's kind of a strong statement, but it's probably true and I played as poorly as anyone."

The Yankees, now only two games behind the Red Sox with two games left in this four-game set, are a healthy and happy ballclub Boston, though, is hurting badly.

Dwight Evans, who was bearded by a pitch last week, is suffering after-effects. Butch Hobson, with bone chips floating in his right elbow, can

barely reach first base with his throws. George Scott, who never fully allowed a broken finger to heal, is suffering defensively at first base and has become an easy out at the plate. Carl Yastrzemski, showing signs of his 39 years, can barely bend with a bad back.

"I've never seen the Red Sox get blown out two nights in a row in a pennant race the way we did last night and tonight," said Fisk who committed two of Boston's seven errors last night. Both were throwing errors, obvious results of the rib problem.

Evans, a gifted outfielder also picked up two errors, one on a routine fly to right that popped sadly out of his mitt. Evans was replaced by a rookie, Gary Hancock, after seven innings.

"Dwight came out of the game not because he was embarrassed," said Fisk, "but because he was dizzy. The guy was seeing double out there."

Just as they did Thursday night, the Yankees jumped to a quick start. Mickey Rivers

singled off loser Jim Wright, stole second, advanced to third when Fisk threw wildly into center field and scored when

shortstop Rick Burleson let Willie Randolph's grounder get past him for an error. Chris Chambliss then singled in Randolph.

New York sent 11 batters to the plate in the second, when Reggie Jackson's 21st homer, a triple by Lou Piniella and singles by Rivers, Chambliss and Roy White accounted for six runs. Piniella also homered for the Yankees in the fifth.

Jim Beattie, boosting his record 4-7 with 8 2-3 strong innings, retired 18 straight batters at one point and had the Red Sox shut out until two were out in the ninth.

In other AL games, it was Baltimore 5, Toronto 4, Detroit 6, Cleveland 3, Chicago 3, Seattle 2, Milwaukee 3, Minnesota 0, Kansas City 9, California 7, and Oakland 11, Texas 4.

In the National League, Philadelphia swept St. Louis 1-0 and 2-1, Chicago stopped Montreal 4-2 in 10 innings, San Francisco downed Atlanta 8-5, New York trimmed Pittsburgh 3-2, San Diego edged Cincinnati 3-2, and Houston blanked Los Angeles 5-0.

Orioles 5, Blue Jays 4. Rich Dauer stroked his third consecutive single to drive in the tie-breaking run in the seventh inning for Baltimore. Reliever Nelson Briles pitched 4 1-3 innings and evened his record at 4-4.

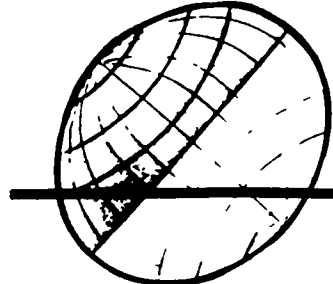
Tigers 6, Indians 3. Lou Whitaker's two-run triple highlighted a four-run second inning that gave Jim Slaton a career-high 15th victory.

White Sox 3, Mariners 2. Greg Pryor cracked his first two major-league homers — a solo shot in the first and a two-run drive in the third — to pace Chicago.

Brewers 3, Twins 0. Larry Hise drove in a pair of runs with his 30th homer and Andy Replogle tossed a three-hitter to carry Milwaukee.

Royals 9, Angels 7. Amos Otis and Willie Wilson each ripped two-run singles and first-place Kansas City rallied for five runs in the eighth inning to defeat California and take a 3 1/2-game lead over the Angels in the AL West.

A's 11, Rangers 4. Mitchell Page's first career grand slam highlighted a six-run sixth inning that powered Oakland over Texas.



Sports

Yankees Crush Sox For Second Time

Sunday's Pairings

The Shelby Invitational golf tournament, after its opening round, will conclude Sunday with the second round.

Pairings on Sunday include

FRONT

No. 1 — 11 00 — Steve Karl, Bill Gurr, Bob Glennan.
No. 3 — 11 08 — George Harvey, Ken Henry, Doug Gregory.
No. 5 — 11 16 — Rick Souter, Dale Whiteman, Don Stamper.
No. 7 — 11 24 — Dixie Howell, Bob Williams, Rick Kline.
No. 9 — 11 32 — Dave Schweinfurth, Brad Fearn, Bob Matthews.

No. 11 — 11 40 — Clem King, Ken Kocher, Darryl Uhde.
No. 13 — 11 48 — Win Curry, Pat Collins, Danny Dopps.
No. 15 — 11 56 — Pete Mondron, Ed Barker, Bill Williams.

No. 17 — 12 04 — Willies Babione, Bill Houle, Gene Weithner.
No. 19 — 12 12 — Larry Shreffler, Dan Mynetti, Vince Kennedy.

No. 21 — 12 20 — Rick Stark, Al Hager, Dick Marinelli.
No. 23 — 12 28 — Greg Suman, Don Kalb, John Carr.
No. 25 — 12 36 — Paul Korbas, Arnie Schuessler, Rob Stober, Bob Sevier.

BACK
No. 2 — 11 00 — Randy Kehres, Matt Buxton, Don Dawson, Jr.
No. 4 — 11 08 — Dave Harwood, Dave Sage, Al White.

No. 6 — 11 16 — Wally Ziegler, Mark Schwartzkoff, Don Dawson Sr.
No. 8 — 11 24 — Dan Hartenstein, Mike Stuckman, Bert Kline.

No. 10 — 11 32 — Chuck Riesterer, Charles Ayres, Marshall Morrow.
No. 12 — 11 40 — Paul Simmons, Dick Kline, Neil Gerhart.
No. 14 — 11 48 — Perry Trinkner, Craig Soule, Dave Oswalt.

No. 16 — 11 56 — Rick Mayhew, Charlie Peckham, Hugh Bolecky.
No. 18 — 12 04 — Steve Shuty, Harold Cassel, Randy Herrick.
No. 20 — 12 12 — Wayne Ingram, Steve Schneider, Phil Gaubautz.

No. 22 — 12 20 — Gary Schaefer, Ludi Schenk, Tom Castor.
No. 24 — 12 28 — Jim Musille, Al Shuty, Tom Sertell.
No. 26 — 12 36 — Mike Horvath, Hans Olsen, Jack Miller, Bob Castor.

Clinic Planned

The Richland County Office of Education is sponsoring a Sports Medicine Workshop on September 16 for persons concerned with the care and treatment of the junior and senior high school athlete. The workshop, which will be an all-morning affair, will be held at

Ontario High School. Richland County Public Schools Secondary Consultant James Craycraft is coordinating the program.

Registration for the Workshop is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by a presentation by Ashland College Athletic Trainer Gary Lake on "Knee-Related Injuries." After a brief break, Mr. Lake and the Ashland College Training Staff will conduct a Taping Practical. This Practical will cover the basic skills and techniques required when taping ankles, shins, heels and feet. Because the focus of the workshop is on knee-related injuries, special attention will be given to the advanced skills used when taping knees.

This is the second such workshop to be offered by the Richland County Office of Education. According to coordinator James Craycraft, the previous one met with such great success that he expects the program to become an integral and valuable part of each school's athletic program. For more information, Mr. Craycraft can be contacted at the Richland County Office of Education, (419) 524-4004, extension 244.

weekend. He hopes his receivers have now adjusted to his style.

"I imagine it was a great adjustment (for the receivers) playing with me last Sunday after playing with Ken for four weeks," he said. "They'll get them this week."

Top-rated Bengals receiver Isaac Curtis only had one reception last weekend and Curtis concedes, "We need to get the ball to him more."

Said Johnson, "We haven't lost confidence in John Reeves. John, like the rest of us, had a miserable start, but we believe he'll come back."

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