



MARGARETTA'S NEW COACH, DANA WOODRING, HOLDS PEP TALK WITH DEFENSE ... Polar Bears had trouble containing Edison's balanced attack.

Chargers' balance attack aids win

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41-yard rollout pass that hit Unger on the numbers.

Field burst over right tackle for a 13-yard TD run and Edison led 28-14 with 5:04 left in the second quarter.

Edison gave Margaretta another scare just before the half ended, when Lake's kickoff trickled near the sideline at the M-18. The Polar Bears barely recovered the pigskin and ran four minutes off the clock.

But things reversed in the second half.

Woodring, who came to Castalia after a head-coaching stint at East Montana State, brought his Polar Bears back in a hurry with a 61-yard scoring drive to open the third period.

Gut running by Dupont along with Zahel bootlegs riddled the Chargers' hustling defense. The ninth play of the drive was a 1-yard scamper by Zahel. The conversion kick failed, but Margaretta sliced the gap to 28-20.

Edison followed with two bad breaks, giving the Polar Bears a

golden opportunity to tie the game.

First, a 79-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Kevin Ackerman was called back because of a holding infraction.

Then, a Lake pass was intercepted by Dan Gamez, and returned to the E-29.

But Margaretta blew its chance. On a third-and-five on the E-12, Dupont raced for an apparent first down, but a illegal procedure penalty nullified it.

The Polar Bears then coughed up the football and Edison, behind timely runs by LaVine and Fields, chewed up eight minutes on the clock with an 18-play, 82-yard drive. Mike Moyer capped it with a 1-yard TD run as Edison led, 34-20, with 6:03 remaining.

Chargers reserve back John Field scored on a 1-yard run as time ran out to complete the scoring.

"We've got a new system and

made mistakes, but I was happy the way we came back," Woodring said. "We were down two (touchdowns) at half, went down the field and scored, and were in good field position again.

"When you get a chance like that — third and five deep in their territory — you've got to take advantage of it," the Polar Bear coach said. "That's the difference in football here (at Margaretta). I've been told that they're used to being close. They've got to learn that close isn't good enough."

Field finished as the game's leading ball carrier, while LaVine added 54 yards in 20 carries.

Zahel totalled 66 yards in 20 tries for the Polar Bears, while Dupont added 53 yards in 10 attempts.

Margaretta travels to Vermilion (1-0) next Friday night, while Edison journeys to Clyde, another Sandusky Bay Conference foe.

Did they 'pad' score?

CASTALIA — You would have thought Edison coach Jim Whittington started a war here Friday night, but he says "it wasn't my doing."

With only two seconds left in the Chargers' 41-20 victory, Edison called time out. It was on Margaretta's one-yard line, going for another touchdown which only "padded" the final outcome.

"The kids called the time out — not me," Whittington stressed afterwards. "I didn't want a time out."

But after the break, the Chargers ran up the middle and scored seven more points instead of having second-string quarterback Jon Haldeman fall on the football.

Did Whittington consider doing that?

"No, that's not fair to those kids," Whittington said. "They worked hard to get there. They did what anybody would have done in that situation (call time) except for the head coach."

When the time out was initially called, Margaretta coach Dana Woodring waved his hand in the direction of the Edison bench.

"I wasn't happy about it, but I understand their situation," Woodring said. "He (Whittington) didn't call time. Some coaches do that, unfortunately, but not Jim. He's a fine coach and has done a great job."

"But at the end, we were playing even third stringers. One linebacker even lined up on the wrong side."

For the last play, Woodring sent out his first-team defense but John Field snuck into the endzone.

Both coaches praised their teams, who played in mid-season form.

"I'm pleased with about everything except for our specialty team," Whittington said. "Our kickoff and punt coverage was horrible. We'll work on that this week."

Whittington was especially pleased with his offensive line.

"They're green, but they must have done a tremendous job because Field and LaVine were running through holes," he said.

Margaretta, meanwhile, was playing without Mark Palmucci,

who was suspended by Woodring for disciplinary reasons.

"He (Palmucci) was a big loss," Woodring said. "He's a starting halfback and outside linebacker, so that hurt us. But I'm trying to build a program and kids'll sit out for disciplinary reasons, no matter how good they are."

Woodring singled out Bob Frausto, a senior filling in for Palmucci on defense, and Zahel for exceptional play.

Look out, below!

LAGRANGE, Ohio — It may not have been a standing room only crowd, but you couldn't have convinced the Perkins followers of that Friday night at Keystone.

With 7:16 left in the second period, the public address announcer asked that everyone please vacate the bleachers on the visitors' side, row by row.

At first, many were astonished and wondered just what could be happening. The game, itself, was held up for five minutes while the fans cleared the bleachers.

It was discovered shortly afterwards that school officials were afraid the bleachers might collapse and they were cleared to avoid the possibility of injury.

As one Keystone fan said later, "This is, by far, the largest visiting crowd we've ever had here and the bleachers can't hold a large number like this."

So, Perkins fans were forced to either sit on the ground or stand for much of the season opener.

Tigers literally 'kick' Redmen

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control. Rhoad, 198-pound senior fullback, rumbled for two and quarterback Jim Legando sprinted to his right for six more to set up a third and two at the Bellevue 12.

Legando, moved from tailback to quarterback a week ago, caught the Redmen by surprise with a softly thrown pass to former quarterback Scott Hoffman at the coffin corner. Hoffman was knocked out of bounds at the one-foot line.

"Jim has practiced only four days at quarterback and he's going to be a good one. He lacks experience and was a little hesitant on some of the plays wether to run or pass but that will come in time," Munafa offered.

On first and goal, Rhoad barreled again up the middle and twisted into the end zone for six points with 1:59 remaining. Left-footed kicker Ray Enderle boomed the extra point for the seventh, and final, point of the night.

Huron consistently had excellent field position. In contrast, Bellevue was unable to get out of its own territory. The Redmen's best field position at the start of a series in the first half was their own 20 twice. On four occasions the offense took over inside the 15.

It was just the opposite for the Tigers who took over at the Bellevue 32 after a 30-yard punt late in the first period. Rhoad hammered up the middle for the first of six Huron first downs for the night, but Bellevue's defense came up with the big play on fourth and one at the 12.

Tackle Sean Friend stopped Rhoad in his tracks.

The Tigers had another threat in the second period, driving from their own 48 to the Bellevue 14 before the hosts stiffened again.

Huron's defense again did its job and Bellevue punted four plays later from its own five with 37 seconds left in the half.

Keith Gibson's 14-yard punt gave Huron a golden opportunity to score before intermission.

However, Legando, attempting to fire a pass out of bounds to stop the clock, hurled the pigskin directly into the arms of a stunned Tim Watson. The defensive end had daylight ahead but hesitated just enough to give the Tigers time to react and Watson was hauled down at Bellevue's 48 as time expired.

Huron relied on the hammering up the middle of Rhoad throughout and he finished with 64 yards on 25 carries. Huron amassed 118 yards rushing in 52 thrusts while Bellevue managed only 37 total plays (28 rushes and 10 passes) for 86 net yards.

Quarterback Bill Nasonti was rushed repeatedly and managed only one of 10 in the passing department. He had three aeriels intercepted, one each by Pfahl, Steve Defellppi and Rob Delamatre.

"We're satisfied. We don't get that many shutouts and to keep Bellevue off the board is quite an accomplishment," Munafa stated.

"Our defense played exceptional football. We came up with three interceptions and held them to six

first downs and less than 100 yards in total offense. I'd say that was quite impressive," Munafa added.

"Actually, all three interceptions were by linebackers and that's unusual. They made the plays because they are active and make a lot of tackles in addition to covering passes.

The shutout was the first in an opener for Huron since 1972 and boosted Munafa's opening-game record in 14 years at the Erie County school to 11-3. Huron has played either Bellevue or Norwalk, both Northern Ohio League members.

Huron had a chance to put the game on ice early in the fourth period after Pfahl raced 27 yards with an interception. Nasonti's pass bounded off the shoulders on the intended receiver and Pfahl alertly plucked the ball and dashed down the sidelines to the Bellevue 13.

Moments later, Huron had a first and goal at the one and couldn't punch in another score.

Bellevue's defense was superb, and an illegal procedure penalty also hampered the Tigers. Legando tried to sweep right end on fourth and one but was nailed for a loss with 6:30 remaining.

Defellppi came up with his theft four plays later after Nasonti scampered 20 yards to his own 37 for Bellevue's biggest gainer of the night.

Huron was stopped and Bellevue regained possession only to have Delamatre come up with the third interception at the 1:53 mark to seal Bellevue's fate.

Score by quarters

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Huron	0	0	7	0	7
Bellevue	0	0	0	0	0
Scorings:	Huron—	Gregg Rhoad,	1 run.	(Ray Enderle, kick).	

First Downs (total)	6	16
by rushing	4	5
by passing	2	1
by penalty	0	0

Rushes (number)	28	52
net yards gained	75	118

Forward Passing	9	6
attempted	1	2
completed	3	1
had intercepted	3	1
net yards gained	11	31

Total Plays (rushes & passes)	37	58
Total Net Yards Gained	86	149

Fumbles (number)	2	2
ball lost	0	1
Penalties (number)	6	4
yards penalized	30	40

Scorings: Port Clinton—Brian Meek, 2 run. (kick failed).
Port Clinton—Mike Pawlowski, 4 run. (Brian Celek, kick).
Port Clinton—Ken Morrisette, 37 run. (kick failed).
Port Clinton—Meek, 17 run. (kick failed).
Port Clinton—Mike St. Clair, 16 run. (kick failed).

STATISTICS

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First Downs	18	5
Net Yards Gained Rushing	420	41
Yards Gained Passing	7	33
Total Net Yards Gained	424	74
Passes Attempted/Completed	4/1	10/2
Passes Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	3/0
Penalties	6/60	1/5

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Norwalk	0	0	0	0	0
Swanton	0	0	0	0	6
Scorings:	Swanton—	Stewart Sims,	5 run.	(kick failed).	

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Perkins	7	19	13	0	39
Keystone	0	0	0	0	0
Scorings:	Perkins—	Lee McDonald,	2 run.	(Jeff Warner, kick).	

Perkins—	McDonald,	6 run.	(Warner, kick).	
Perkins—	Jeff Porter,	1 run.	(kick failed).	
Perkins—	McDonald,	17 run.	(kick failed).	
Perkins—	Dave Pruitt,	3 run.	(kick failed).	
Perkins—	Paul Keys,	6 run.	(Jim Smith, kick).	
South Central—	Howard,	6 run.	(Hall, run).	
Seneca East—	Randy Aicholz,	2 run.	(Ron Heymen, kick).	

First Downs (total)	20	6
by rushing	19	3
by passing	1	1
by penalty	0	2

Rushes (number)	54	21
net yards gained	313	38

Forward Passing	2	8
attempted	1	4
completed	0	2
had intercepted	10	144
net yards gained	56	29
Total Plays (rushes & passes)	323	82
Total Net Yards Gained	5	8
Fumbles (number)	2	5
ball lost	7	2
Penalties (number)	65	10
yards penalized		

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Buckeye Central	7	12	13	7	39
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0
Scorings:	Buckeye Central—	Steve Heydinger,	24 run.	(Duane Stacklin, kick).	

Buckeye Central—	Dan Wurm,	30 pass	from Scott White.	(kick failed).	
Buckeye Central—	Wurm,	50 pass	from White.	(kick failed).	
Buckeye Central—	Stacklin,	10 run.	(pass failed).		
Buckeye Central—	Heydinger,	5 run.	(Stacklin, kick).		
Buckeye Central—	Stacklin,	27 pass	from White.	(Stacklin, kick).	

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Doylestown	0	14	2	3	19
New London	0	0	0	12	18
Scorings:	New London—	Eric Puder,	2 run.	(kick failed).	

Doylestown—	Jim Berenyi,	56 pass	from Jim Lusk.	(Scott Pond, kick).	
Doylestown—	Ron Busson,	3 run.	(Pond, kick).		
Doylestown—	Safety,	Dave Purdy	tackled Jerry Whetstone	in end zone.	
Doylestown—	Pond,	17 yard	field goal.		
New London—	Breck Combs,	7 pass	from Whetstone.	(pass failed).	
New London—	Floyd Murr,	7 pass	from Whetstone.	(run failed).	
South Central—	Howard,	6 run.	(Hall, run).		
Seneca East—	Randy Aicholz,	2 run.	(Ron Heymen, kick).		

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Edison	14	14	0	13	41
Margaretta	7	7	6	0	20
Scorings:	Edison—	Corky Field,	1 run.	(kick failed).	

Margaretta—	Bill Dupont,	61 punt	return.	(Eric Hand, kick).	
Edison—	Keith LaVine,	1 run.	(Jeff Lake, run).		
Edison—	LaVine,	5 run.	(Jim Hillman, kick).		
Margaretta—	Kent Zahel,	24 run.	(Hand, kick).		
Edison—	Field,	13 run.	(Hillman, kick).		
Margaretta—	Zahel,	1 run.	(kick failed).		
Edison—	Mike Moyer,	1 run.	(kick failed).		
Edison—	John Field,	1 run.	(Hillman, kick).		
South Central—	Howard,	3 run.	(Tim Hall, run).		
South Central—	Toney,	48 run.	(Conway, run).		
South Central—	Howard,	6 run.	(Hall, run).		
Seneca East—	Randy Aicholz,	2 run.	(Ron Heymen, kick).		

First Downs (total)	18	8
by rushing	12	8
by passing	6	0
by penalty	0	0

Rushes (number)	48	40
net yards gained	152	132

Forward Passing	13	1
attempted	9	0
completed	1	0
had intercepted	152	0
net yards gained	61	41
Total Plays (rushes & passes)	304	132
Total Net Yards Gained	2	2
Fumbles (number)	0	2
ball lost	1	2
Penalties (number)	5	10
yards penalized		

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Danbury	0	3	0	0	3
Monroeville	0	0	0	7	14
Scorings:	Monroeville—	Ted Caldwell,	25 pass	from Gene Stallkamp.	(Mickey Hofacker, kick).

Danbury—	Dan Adams,	24 yard	field goal.		
Monroeville—	Roger Anderson,	1 run.	(Hofacker, kick).		

First Downs (total)	9	6
by rushing	4	7
by passing	6	0
by penalty	1	2

Rushes (number)	46	27
net yards gained	169	101

Forward Passing	10	8
attempted	4	5
completed	1	1
had intercepted	38	75
net yards gained	56	35
Total Plays (rushes & passes)	207	176
Total Net Yards Gained	2	2
Fumbles (number)	1	1
ball lost	8	5
Penalties (number)	87	42
yards penalized		

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Port Clinton	6	0	13	12	31
Clyde	0	0	0	0	0

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