

Wellington homecoming a smashing success

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WELLINGTON — "There's no place like home. There's no place like home."

Although Wellington head football coach Frank Horvath bears little resemblance to Judy Garland, he might very well be uttering those same words today

Elyria bombed

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good we were, but I believe we're a good football team right now."

There was some irony. Eleven years ago Elyria handed Admiral King a 54-12 beating and, along the way rolled up a record 505 yards rushing. That was the game that Ike Maxwell set a Pioneer single-game rushing record of 278 yards.

Panthers

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushers

ELYRIA CATHOLIC

Carry Gain Avg

Brain Schneider 14 70 5.0

Mike Blaser 12 41 3.4

Eric Webb 6 4 0.7

Mike Blaser 2 12 6.0

Bob Schneider 1 10 10.0

Eric Webb 1 3 3.0

Eric Webb 1 11 11.0

Eric Webb 1 4 4.0

Eric Webb 1 1 1.0

Totals 40 143 3.1

Rushers

ELYRIA WEST

Carry Gain Avg

Eric Webb 12 47 3.9

Eric Webb 9 20 2.2

Eric Webb 4 5 1.3

Eric Webb 2 1 0.5

Eric Webb 1 0 0.0

Totals 31 73 2.5

Passers

ELYRIA CATHOLIC

Att Comp Int Net

Eric Webb 13 15 0 2.6

Eric Webb 2 0 0 0

Eric Webb 0 0 0 0

Eric Webb 0 0 0 0

Eric Webb 0 0 0 0

Totals 15 15 0 2.6

Passers

ELYRIA WEST

Att Comp Int Net

Eric Webb 9 2 1 2.1

Eric Webb 0 0 0 0

Totals 9 2 1 2.1

Receivers

ELYRIA CATHOLIC

Carry Gain Avg

Mike Blaser 14 141 10.1

Eric Webb 4 77 19.3

Eric Webb 1 12 12.0

Totals 19 230 13.8

Receivers

ELYRIA WEST

Carry Gain Avg

Eric Webb 1 12 12.0

Eric Webb 1 9 9.0

Totals 2 21 10.5

Team Statistics

ELYRIA CATHOLIC

First downs 20

Rushing 7

Passing 13

Penalty 0

Yards rushing 142

Yards passing 26

Total offense 168

Passes att. comp 11 13

Intercepted by 2

Fumbles lost 2

Punts yards 42

Average 21.0

Yards penalized 10

Rushing plays 40

Score by Quarters

1 2 3 4 T

ELYRIA CATHOLIC 14 14 0 0 28

ELYRIA WEST 0 0 0 0 0

Scoring

1. Brain Schneider 4 run (Eric Webb kick)

2. Eric Webb 11 pass from Guy Schneider (Bryson kick)

3. Schneider 2 run (Bryson kick)

4. Mike Blaser 63 pass from Schneider (Bryson kick)

5. Blaser 6 run (Bryson kick)

as his Dukes pounded the Oberlin Indians 22-0 Friday night to celebrate Wellington's homecoming.

A punishing ground attack, led by Bryan Crapo's 115 yards on 19 carries, and a bruising Duke defense paved the way for Wellington, which goes to 5-0. That coupled with Tim Mitchell's 7 of 12 passing attack,

made it a long night for Rocky Hammond's Indians, who slip to 0-4-1.

The closest Oberlin came to going on the warpath was early in the second quarter when it recovered a fumbled punt on the Duke 21-yard line. But two 15-yard penalties against the Indians and an incompletion put a quick end to the threat. They never came close to scoring after that.

THE FUMBLED punt did not occur until after the Dukes jumped out on top midway through the first quarter thanks to a Crapo 7-yard TD jaunt. Tim Brubaker's kick made it 7-0 and the celebration was on.

But the score could have been much larger than the seven-point deficit at halftime. With 10 seconds left in the half, Mitchell spotted receiver Don Novotny open in the end zone for an apparent touchdown. The cheers

turned quickly into jeers, however, when Wellington was hit with a 15-yard penalty.

But the story of the game was defense, all of it on the Duke side of the ledger. Wellington held Oberlin to 37 yards total offense. Horvath had special praise for John Fannon, the Duke nose guard, following the game.

"John had their center so worried, he could not make good center snaps and probably resulted in some of their fumbles. Our entire defense really did a super job," he praised.

Hammond was also talking about the defense — his own.

"OUR DEFENSE spent too much time on the field," he said. "A defense can't spend the whole time on the field and expect to be successful. Wellington put together some nice drives out there."

And that they did, including their first drive of the second half, which culminated in Mike

Farr carrying the ball over from two yards out. The drive took 9 plays and 74 yards to complete. The conversion run by Farr, made possible by an Oberlin offside penalty when Wellington tried to kick it through, made the score 15-0.

A Mitchell to Joe Rittenhouse 15-yard touchdown pass put the nail in the Indians' coffin late in the fourth quarter.

Hammond probably summed it up best when he said, "They are a good team gaining momentum with each game."

Wellington's next game is a home contest with Amherst next Friday, while Oberlin hosts Brookside.

Flag nullifies last-quarter TD game winner as Columbia holds Lutheran West to a tie

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COLUMBIA STATION —

"We gave the game away mentally," complained Lutheran West coach Joe King after the Longhorns' 3-3 tie with host Columbia Friday night.

He was moaning a penalty which killed West's golden opportunity to break the tie in the closing seconds, nullifying a touchdown pass.

Lutheran West started what might have been the winning drive on its own 18 with 9:30 left. Keeping the ball on the ground most of the way, the Longhorns took 15 plays to get to the C-25 where the big-play-that-wasn't happened. Bob Domino passed to John Poloha for a gain which crossed the goal line, but an illegal man downfield killed it.

The Columbia defense held with just 35 seconds remaining.

Lutheran West broke out on top in the first quarter after recovering a Columbia fumble on the C-7. Art Mitchell kicking a 20-yard field goal (he had missed a 32 yarder shortly before).

COLUMBIA deadlocked the score with a little more than four minutes left in the half when Vic Miller kicked one through the uprights from 27 yards away. The Raiders had taken over at midfield and

Team Statistics	Wellington	Oberlin
First downs	12	2
Rushing	9	1
Passing	3	1
Penalty	0	0
Yards rushing	204	1
Yards passing	90	37
Total offense	294	38
Passes att. comp	12 7	10 5
Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles lost	2	1
Punts yards		
Average	15	37
Yards penalized	17	24
Rushing plays		

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	T
Wellington	1	0	8	7	22
Oberlin	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring	W	O
W — Bryan Crapo 7 run (Tim Brubaker kick)		
W — Mike Farr 2 run (Farr run)		
W — Joe Rittenhouse 15 pass from Tim Mitchell (Brubaker kick)		

called upon senior tailback Frank Vibonese five straight rushes for 39 yards.

"We'll take the tie even though we would rather have had a win," said Columbia mentor Pat Mrozowski. "Our boys have improved tremendously."

Both teams are now 0-1-1 in league play. The Raiders, who were celebrating their Homecoming, sport an overall mark of 1-3-1 while the Longhorns are 2-2-1.

Columbia journeys to Firelands next week for their first game with a fellow member of the IC West division. West returns home to entertain South Amherst in a Saturday afternoon affair.

Team Statistics	Columbia	Luth West
First downs	10	9
Rushing	4	7
Passing	6	1
Penalty	0	1
Yards rushing	79	136
Yards passing	79	29
Total offense	154	165
Passes att. comp	13 6	6 1
Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles lost	2	4
Punts yards	209	514
Average	41.8	28.2
Yards penalized	20	30
Rushing plays	29	41

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	T
Columbia	0	3	0	0	3
Lutheran West	3	0	0	0	3

Scoring	C	LW
C — F.G. Art Mitchell 20		
C — F.G. Vic Miller 27		

overall and 1-1 in the conference, travels to Buckeye.

Team Statistics

Firelands C Heights

Yards rushing 212 94

Yards passing 26 32

Total offense 238 126

Passes att. comp 5 4 9 2

Intercepted by 2 0

Fumbles lost 0 0 1 0

Yards penalized 15 20

Score by Quarters

1 2 3 4 T

Firelands 0 14 0 7 21

Cuy Heights 0 0 0 0 0

Scoring

1 — Mark E. (kicker 2 run (kick failed)

2 — E. (kicker 1 run (Ryan Adams pass from Wayne Wilson)

3 — E. (kicker 8 run (Faulkner kick)

Independence tops Keystone

INDEPENDENCE —

Unbeaten Independence scored its first four possessions and the Blue Devils went on to trounce Keystone, 49-6, in Inland Conference action Friday.

Greg Profancik, who carried the ball 10 times for 132 yards, started the scoring off with a 22 yard run. Kevin Clymer scored three times for the Blue Devils while Eric Pitschman, Tom Ely and Jim Pioto had a touchdown apiece.

For the Wildcats, Derek Bryner ran 10 yards for a fourth quarter touchdown.

Independence, 5-0 overall and 2-0 in Inland play, travels to Brooklyn Friday while Keystone, 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference, hosts Avon.

Team Statistics

Independence Keystone

First downs 16 11

Rushing 16 8

Passing 0 2

Penalty 0 1

Yards rushing 282 114

Yards passing 0 64

Total offense 282 177

Passes att. comp 6 0 15 6

Intercepted by 2 2

Fumbles lost 1 0 1 1

Punts yards 256 202

Average 28.0 40.4

Yards penalized 36 15

Rushing plays 36 40

Score by Quarters

1 2 3 4 T

Keystone 1 0 0 0 6 6

Independence 28 7 0 14 49

Scoring

1 — Greg Profancik 22 run (Walt Kosicki kick)

2 — Eric Pitschman 6 run (Kosicki kick)

3 — Kevin Clymer 1 run (Kosicki kick)

4 — Clymer 5 run (Kosicki kick)

5 — Clymer 4 run (Kosicki kick)

6 — Derek Bryner 10 run (pass failed)

7 — Jim Pioto 1 run (Kosicki kick)

8 — Tom Ely 17 run (Kosicki kick)

Edison blanks Plymouth

PLYMOUTH — Edison scored twice in the fourth quarter as the Chargers blanked Plymouth, 14-0, in Firelands Conference action Friday night.

Steve Gerris scored the first TD for the Chargers on a three yard run. Jeff Springer scored

later in the period on a 16 yard run. Ken Baschrow added the extra points.

Edison, 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference, hosts Norwalk St. Paul Saturday while Plymouth dropped to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in loop play.

Black River rolls on

NEW LONDON — Rod Haswell scored three touchdowns including a 66-yard interception return as Black River downed New London, 24-8, in Firelands Conference play Friday.

Haswell ran 38 yards for a first quarter touchdown and a three yard TD run in the third period. His interception also came in the third quarter.

Black River, 3-2 overall and

2-0 in Firelands play, hosts Fostoria St. Wendelin Friday while the Wildcats, 0-5 overall and 0-2 in conference action, travels to Monroeville.

Team Statistics

B River N London

First downs 9 11

Rushing 8 6

Passing 3 4

Penalty 0 1

Yards rushing 162 52

Yards passing 13 99

Total offense 175 151

Passes att. comp 11 11 12 12

Intercepted by 1 0 1 1

Fumbles lost 1 0 1 1

Yards penalized 35 27

Score by Quarters

1 2 3 4 T

Black River 14 14 0 0 28

New London 0 0 0 8 8

Scoring

BR — Rod Haswell 38 run (kick failed)

BR — Haswell 66 interception return (run failed)

BR — Haswell 1 run (pass failed)

NR — Gurluk 8 pass from Cooke (Bischke pass from Byron)

BR — Steve Gerris 4 run (pass failed)

Olmsted Falls edged

OLMSTED FALLS — Rob Branco kicked a 15-yard field goal with seven seconds left of the fourth quarter as Rocky River nipped Olmsted Falls 3-0, in Southwestern Conference action Friday night.

It was the first field goal of the season for Branco, who has kicked just three extra points in the first four games.

The Bulldogs, who were in control of the game statistic wise, attempted two field goals but were unsuccessful.

River 1-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the SWC will host North Olmsted Saturday while the Bulldogs 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the

conference, goes to Fairview Friday.

Team Statistics

R River O Falls

First downs 7 12

Rushing 4 9

Passing 3 1

Penalty 0 2

Yards rushing 37 164

Yards passing 49 15

Total offense 86 179

Passes att. comp 11 4 11 4

Intercepted by 1 0