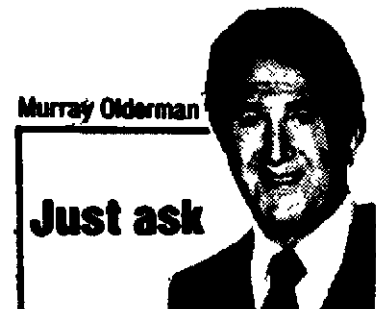




Murray Olderman
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What is the new NBA policy on drugs that I've been reading about? Should other sports adopt it?

It's the toughest drug program ever imposed on a sport.

Any player guilty of the use or distribution of heroin or cocaine is permanently dismissed from the NBA. He may appeal for reinstatement after two years. Any player who voluntarily seeks treatment gets only the one chance. If he skids again and requests help, he is suspended without pay. Subsequent illegal use results in permanent dismissal.

Formulated jointly by Commissioner Larry O'Brien and the players association, the program goes into effect Jan. 1. I have some reservations about the legality of the NBA action because a completely rehabilitated drug user may be shut out of a living in his sport somewhere down the line. While recognizing the problems that exist, I don't recommend such stiff procedures.

From Raymond Fisher of Sacramento, Calif., comes the following chastisement:

"I am getting more than slightly annoyed by stiffs in the sports-writing profession such as yourself who continue to denigrate modern fighters compared with the 'good old days.' Gerrie Coetzee is no 'stiff.' He's not a great fighter, but he is certainly a decent one. As for the 'loss' to 'stiff' Snipes (who almost KO'd one Larry Holmes), that was the best example of ring robbery I've witnessed in many years. Is the highly touted Michael Dokes a stiff? It is not my purpose to denigrate old-time fighters ... but most of the heavyweight champs — this includes Johnson, Dempsey, Charles, Walcott, Baer, Marciano and Patterson — would have a very hard time beating a Larry Holmes. This does not even consider such true stiffs as Willard, Sharkey and Carnera."

One must keep a stiff upper lip.

The revived offense of the San Diego Chargers revolves around a pair of remarkable 36-year-old guards, Ed White and Doug Wilkerson, who originally came into the NFL as defensive specialists.

"We're like the infantry," says Doug. "We're the foot soldiers. They have to be up front where the combat zone is. The generals are back there directing everything." Adds White: "I'm a specialist. I enjoy playing football. It keeps us young. You're around young kids, obviously, and you can act young."

If you have questions or comments on sports, please write Murray Olderman, NEA, P.O. Box 6346, Incline Village, Nev. 89450. Because of the volume of mail, there will be no individual responses.

Chanel bombs Southview, 30-0

BEDFORD — Chanel rolled up 336 total yards Friday night and went on to blank Southview, 30-0 in a non-conference football game.

The Saints managed to keep it close in the first half and trailed only 10-0 at intermission. But Chanel got its offense going in the second half and raced to an easy win.

Andy Feitel's 30-yard field goal and Andy Young's nine-yard run gave Chanel the early lead, but things fell apart completely for the Saints in the second half. Young added a 28-yard run and Mike Tracey raced 13 yards for another score.

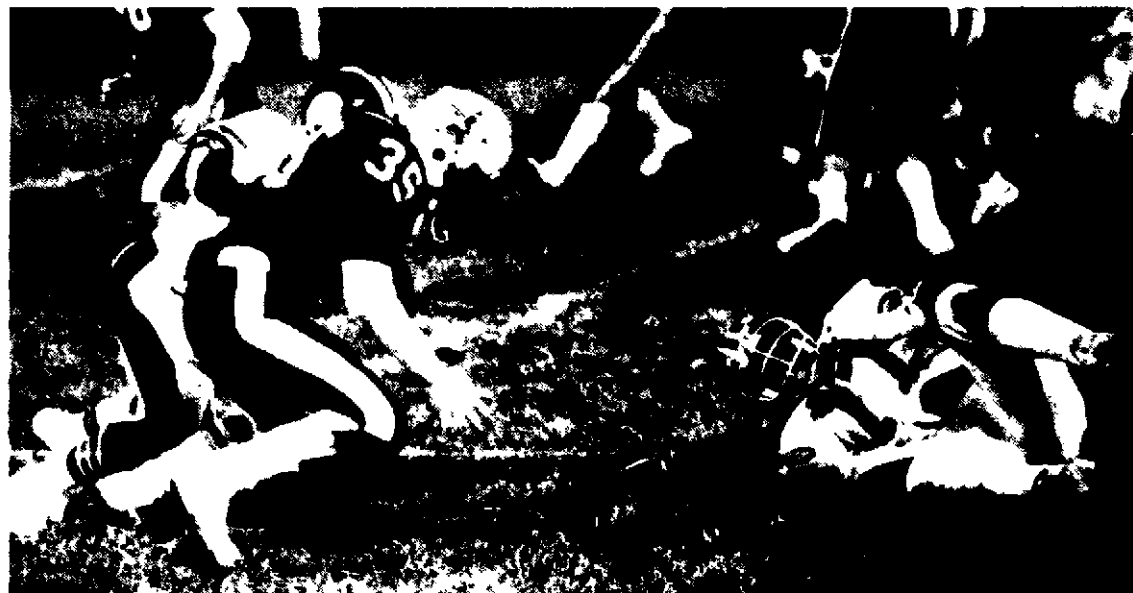
Southview (1-7, 0-1) returns to Erie Coast Conference action next Friday night at home against Elyria West.

Team Statistics		Chanel	Southview
First downs	Chanel	14	4
Rushing		12	2
Passing		2	2
Penalty		0	2
Yards rushing		251	49
Yards passing		85	48
Total offense		336	97
Passes att.-comp.		9-4	17-5
Intercepted by		1	0
Yards penalized		96	67

Score by Quarters		1	2	3	4	T
Southview		0	0	0	0	0
Chanel		3	7	13	7	30

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North Ridgeville rocks Oberlin



LOOSE BALL — North Ridgeville's David Best prepares to pounce on his own fumble during Friday night's game with Oberlin. Oberlin's defensive tackle Rodney Cannon (77) and an unidentified teammate try to beat Best to it. (C-T photo by Bob Baillie)

Wellington's big plays strikes down Clearview

By JAY ROMBACH
C-T Sports Writer

LORAIN — The big play. It's been haunting Clearview all season, and it struck Tom Hoch's team down once again Friday.

The Clippers played a gutsy game but could not stop visiting Wellington when it counted. Led by the running and passing of Rob Mitchell, the Dukes came through with several clutch plays and rolled up 358 yards total offense to defeat Clearview, 30-15.

It was the third Lakeland Conference victory against two defeats for Wellington, now 5-3. Clearview has lost all of its five league games and is 1-7 overall.

Mitchell played the role of big-play man against the Clippers Friday. The junior quarterback ran for a score and threw for two more in the first half alone as the Dukes built a 22-8 lead.

Mitchell's two biggest plays put Clearview in the first-half hole. He put Wellington on the board first with a 52-yard TD scramble on an attempted pass play. Then later he hit Richard Hyde on a 34-yard pass play with less than 20 seconds

remaining in the half to put the Dukes in scoring position. He found Hyde in the endzone on the next play from 12 yards out.

"That touchdown right before the half took away the momentum from us a little bit," admitted Hoch. "We still gave up the big play at key times. That's it in a nutshell. It's been our problem all year."

Wellington coach Frank Horvath agreed that the touchdown with just one second left in the half was a big boost.

"THAT GAVE US a two touchdown cushion," he said. "It was 14-8 and they were moving the ball pretty good on us. That score helped us a lot."

But the Clippers were not about to die. Clearview took the second-half kick and marched 68 yards in seven plays to cut Wellington's lead to 22-15. Jamie Nottingham's 46-yard run was the key play, and a 20-yard pass from Tony Horvath to Kevin Johnson provided the score.

"After we had the two touchdown lead in the first half, we hoped the defense would stuff them in the second half," Hor-

vath said. "But as it turned out, they came right out and scored. Clearview came out and played a good game offensive game."

Clearview rolled up 235 yards of its own. Horvath passed for 93 yards in the second half and Nottingham ran for 77 second-half yards and 102 overall. But the Clippers committed two big turnovers in the fourth quarter in Wellington territory as the Dukes held on.

"I was proud of the way we played," said Hoch. "I saw improvement tonight. Frank Mascaro played a real good game and Ken Brooks played a good game."

Wellington, meanwhile, made just one harmless turnover and ran for 276 yards. Troy Haswell led the way with 95 yards while Mitchell added 91 and Charles Scott 68. Mitchell's three-yard TD run in the fourth quarter, set up by a 15-yard Clearview penalty after the Dukes had been stopped on downs, iced the game.

"The last two games all four of our backs have run well," said Horvath, whose team will host North Ridgeville Friday. "The offensive line opened holes and played real good the whole game."

Clearview will travel to Brookside Friday.

Team Statistics		Wellington	Clearview
First downs		16	13
Rushing		12	8
Passing		3	5
Penalty		1	0
Yards rushing		276	122
Yards passing		82	113
Total offense		358	235
Passes att.-comp.		15-6	20-10
Intercepted by		1	0
Fumbles-lost		3-1	4-1
Punts-yards		3-106	4-126
Average		35.3	31.5
Yards penalized		72	22
Rushing plays		43	31

Score by Quarters		1	2	3	4	T
Wellington		6	16	0	8	30
Clearview		8	0	7	0	15

SCORING
W—Rob Mitchell, 52 run (pass failed).
C—Jamie Nottingham, 19 run (Kevin Johnson run).
W—Richard Hyde, 7 pass from Mitchell (Charles Scott run).
W—Hyde, 12 pass from Mitchell (Kevin Shays pass from Mitchell).
C—Johnson, 20 pass from Tony Horvath (Rick Downie kick).
W—Mitchell, 3 run (Todd Hardoby pass from Mitchell).

By GENE LEGEZA
C-T Sports Writer

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — If someone had told North Ridgeville football coach Jeff Riesen his team would only have the ball for three plays the first quarter of last night's game against Oberlin, he might not have slept well.

If they had told him his team would score touchdowns on two of those three plays, however, he might have slept like a baby.

The Rangers made the most of their first two possessions and it helped carry them to a 39-19 win over Oberlin and a step closer to a share of the Lakeland Conference championship.

North Ridgeville remained tied with Midview for first place in the league with a 4-0-1 record and raised their overall mark to 6-1-1. Oberlin slipped to 5-3 overall, 2-3 in the league.

"It was nice to get an early lead like that," said Riesen. "What pleased me the most tonight was our fine blend of running and passing. David Best really ran well and Mike Mytnick did a nice job of throwing the ball."

THE RANGERS amassed 358 yards total offense, 236 on the ground and 122 passing. Best led the rushers with 167 yards on 22 carries and Mytnick came through with seven of nine passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns. Ray Bolin caught four passes for 105 yards and two touchdowns.

Oberlin managed only 48 yards on the ground, but did manage 128 through the air as Mike Watson connected on nine of 15 for 125 yards. Quinn Barbee caught five passes for 101 yards.

An Oberlin punt that went for minus-12 yards gave the Rangers the ball at the 10 in the first quarter and two plays later Ed Biro went up the middle for six yards and a touchdown with 8:23 remaining. Tony Schick's kick made it 7-0.

The Rangers regained possession with 5:50 remaining and on the first play Ray Bolin took a pass over the middle and raced down the sidelines for a 68-yard touchdown.

That, for all practical purposes, was the ball game. Oberlin cut the deficit to 13-6 on a nine-yard run by Maurice Wyman, but the Rangers added two more touchdowns before the intermission. Best scored on a four-yard run and Bolin mde a beautiful diving catch of a Mytnick pass in the end zone for the other. Schick's kick after Bolin's TD made it 26-6 at the half.

The Rangers upped the lead to 39-6 on a three-yard run by Mytnick and a one-yard plunge by Tim Houser before Oberlin came back with two touchdowns in the last five minutes. Watson connected with Chris Donaldson for a five-yard TD and backup quarterback Deon Yarber hit Chuck Stowers with a three-yard scoring toss.

"IT WAS A David and Goliath situation tonight and David didn't come out on top," said Oberlin boss Rocky Hammond, who has turned the Oberlin program around in only two years. "Our defense went into shock after those first two touchdowns. We knew they were a good team, but we felt our

defense could keep us in the game.

"Ridgeville has a great running back in Best and a great line, plus their overall quickness is far superior to ours. Best is the best offensive back we've seen this year and that's definitely the best offensive line we've seen. Our defense had allowed only 26 points before this, but we hadn't played anyone like Ridgeville before.

"Oberlin always plays us tough, so we didn't take them lightly," Riesen pointed out. "We warned the kids to be ready and they were. Defensively Oberlin is a lot like us, blitzing a lot and bringing the backs up near the line."

The Rangers return to action Friday at Wellington, while Oberlin hosts Vermilion the same night.

Team Statistics		NR	Ober
First downs		11	9
Rushing		10	4
Passing		1	4
Penalty		0	1
Yards rushing		236	48
Yards passing		122	128
Total offense		358	176
Passes att.-comp.		9-7	16-10
Intercepted by		1	0
Fumbles-lost		2-0	3-1
Punts-yards		0-0	3-54
Average		0	18.0
Yards penalized		4-43	1-15
Rushing plays		39	23

Score by Quarters		1	2	3	4	T
N Ridgeville		13	13	7	6	39
Oberlin		0	6	0	13	19

Scoring
NR - Biro, 6 run (Schick, kick)
NR - Bolin, 68 pass from Mytnick (pass failed)
O - Wyman, 9 run (kick failed)
NR - Best, 4 run (pass failed)
NR - Bolin, 10 pass from Mytnick (Schick, kick)
NR - Mytnick, 3 run (Schick, kick)
NR - Houser, 1 run (kick blocked)
O - Donaldson, 5 pass from Watson (Wells, kick)
O - Stowers, 3 pass from Yarber (kick blocked)

Plymouth wins

SULLIVAN — Plymouth clinched at least a tie for the Firelands South title with a 40-12 victory over Black River Friday.

With two games left, Plymouth holds a two-game lead over the Pirates and Crestview, who dropped a 9-6 decision to Edison.

Mike McKenzie and Rodney Hampton scored two touchdowns apiece to lead the winners. Hampton also connected on a 72-yard TD bomb to Tom Baker.

Plymouth, 7-1 overall and 4-1 in the league, hosts South Central Friday while the Pirates, 2-5-1 overall and 2-3 in Firelands activity, plays host to Crestview.

Team Statistics		Plymouth	Bl.River
First downs		19	3
Rushing		15	2
Passing		9	0
Penalty		1	1
Yards rushing		182	212
Yards passing		222	0
Total offense		404	212
Passes att.-comp.		24-11	2-0
Intercepted by		1	0
Punts-yards		3-63	4-80
Average		21.0	20.0
Yards penalized		60	50

Score by Quarters		1	2	3	4	T
Plymouth		14	6	7	13	40
Black River		0	6	0	6	12

Scoring
P — Mike McKenzie, 6 run (McKenzie kick)
P — McKenzie, 15 run (McKenzie kick)
BR — Rod Haswell, 49 run (kick failed)
P — Tom Baker, 72 pass from Rodney Hampton (kick failed)
P — Hampton, 1 run (McKenzie kick)
P — Hampton, 20 run (kick failed)
P — Richard Cunningham, 1 run (McKenzie kick)
BR — Dan Haswell, 81 run (run failed)

Edison nips Crestview

ASHLAND — Crestview was able to do what no Firelands Conference team has done this season—keep Edison's Jeff Springer from scoring.

But that didn't bother the Chargers as Edison edged its host, 9-6, Friday night.

Springer had scored 62 points in the four previous conference games. He did manage to carry the ball 20 times for 82 yards.

Steve Geres scored off a five-yard run and a Pat Landoll PAT made it 7-0 in the second quarter. Later in the same period, the Chargers picked up two more points on a safety as Crestview had a bad center snap on a punt.

Edison, 7-1 overall and 5-0 in the Firelands North, travels to Monroeville Friday for a big divisional matchup. Crestview,

5-3 overall and 2-3 in the Firelands South, goes to Black River in a battle for second place.

Team Statistics		Edison	Crest
First downs		12	9
Rushing		10	4
Passing		2	3
Penalty		0	2
Yards rushing		196	49
Yards passing		33	51
Total offense		229	100
Passes att.-comp.		4-2	14-3
Intercepted by		3	0
Fumbles-lost		6-3	1-1
Punts-yards		3-93	4-125
Average		31.0	31.3
Yards penalized		60	35
Rushing plays		55	38

Score by Quarters		1	2	3	4	T
Edison		0	9	0	0	9
Crestview		0	0	6	0	6

Scoring
E — Steve Geres, 5 run (Pat Landoll kick)
E — Safety, bad center snap on punt
C — Ed Leitenberger, 24 pass from Rod Bernhard (pass failed)

Western Reserve beats New London

NEW LONDON — Two touchdown runs by Western Reserve's Scott Emerick in the fourth quarter iced a 26-12 Firelands Conference victory over New London Friday.

Shannon Wolfe scored two touchdowns in the first half for the Roughriders. Wolfe caught a 25-yard pass from Emerick in the first period and ran five yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 halftime score.

The Wildcats cut the deficit to two points as Bret Cooke threw

a 12-yard TD strike to Gary Cumberledge and a 54-yard TD pass to Ben Patrick. New London, however, could not make good on either conversion attempt and trailed by two, 14-12, going into the final quarter.

Emerick put the game away for the Roughriders with runs of 12 and 15 yards. The two touchdowns and a two-point conversion gives Emerick 43 points for the season.

Western Reserve, 7-1 overall and 4-1 in the league, will host Norwalk St. Paul Saturday. New London, 2-6 overall and 1-4 in Firelands play, travels to Mapleton Friday.

Team Statistics		W.Reserve	N.London
First downs		12	5
Rushing		11	3
Passing		1	2
Penalty		1	0
Yards rushing		223	32
Yards passing		27	88
Total offense		250	120
Passes att.-comp.		4-2	8-6
Intercepted by		2	0
Fumbles-lost		2-1	3-1
Yards penalized		20	20

Score by Quarters		1	2	3	4	T
West Reserve		6	8	0	12	26
New London		0	0	12	0	12

Scoring
WR — Shannon Wolfe, 25 pass from Scott Emerick (kick failed)
WR — Wolfe, 5 run (Emerick run)
NL — Gary Cumberledge, 12 pass from Bret Cooke (pass failed)
NL — Ben Patrick, 54 pass from Cooke (kick failed)
WR — Emerick, 12 run (kick failed)
WR — Emerick, 15 run (pass failed)

Prep football standings

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE												Columbia												SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE											
Conference						Overall						Conference						Overall						Conference						Overall					
Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp			
Sandusky	4	0	0	144	25	8	0	0	227	42	Westlake	5	0	0	127	20	8	0	0	189	26	Avon Lake	4	1	0	95	50	4	4	0	127	112			
Fremont	4	0	0	86	32	7	0	1	181	39	Rocky River	3	2	0	46	36	6	2	0	102	39	Olm. Falls	2	2	1	42	53	4	1	62	89				
Admiral King	2	1	0	41	21	6	1	0	138	42	Medina	2	3	0	39	58	4	4	0	85	97	N. Olmsted	1	3	1	44	78	1	6	1	63	139			
Lorain	1	2	0	61	68	4	3	0	108	98	Fairview	1	4	0	34	75	2	6	0	61	103	Bay	1	4	0	63	120	1	7	0	77	177			
Findlay	1	3	0	60	91	4	4	0	159	146																									
Marion	1	4	0	70	133	3	5	0	128	162																									
Elyria	1	4	0	19	89	2	6	0	34	109																									

ERIE COAST CONFERENCE												FIRELANDS CONFERENCE NORTH											
Conference						Overall						Conference						Overall					
Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp		
Elyria Cath.	2	0	0	98	7	8	0	0	290	20	Edison	5	0	0	149	48	7	1	0	218	82		
Lorain Cath.	2	1	0	64	62	5	2	0	167	115	Wes. Reserve	4	1	0	127	39	7	1	0	209	52		
Southview	0	1	0	0	30	1	7	0	29	189	Monroeville	3	1	0	72	31	5	2	0	112	65		
Elyria West	0	2	0	27	90	2	5	0	77	213	Nor. St. Paul	1	3	0	54	107	2	5	0	90	157		
											New London	1	4	0	56	99	2	6	0	96	162		
LAKELAND CONFERENCE												FIRELANDS CONFERENCE SOUTH											
Conference						Overall						Conference						Overall					
Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp		
N. Ridgeville	4	0	1	130	53	6	1	1	170	90	Plymouth	4	1	0	137	73	7	1	0	212	80		
Midview	4	0	1	164	43	6	1	1	221	94	Crestview	2	3	0	67	73	5	3	0	121	91		
Vermilion	3	2	0	138	75	6	2	0	216	81	So. Central	2	3	0	57	113	3	5	0	92	188		
Wellington	3	2	0	84	65	5	3	0	145	101	Black River	2	3	0	65	110	2	5	1	77	144		
Amherst	3	2	0	53	84	3	4	1	86	125	Mapleton	0	5	0	18	109	2	6	0	46	141		
Oberlin	2	3	0	83	64	5	3	0	176	64													
Clearview	0	5	0	35	172	1	7	0	62	232													
Brookside	0	5	0	26	166	0	8	0	38	252													
INLAND CONFERENCE EAST												PIONEER CONFERENCE											
Conference						Overall						Conference						Overall					
Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp		
Buckeye	4	1	0	116	28	6	2	0	200	78	Brecksville	5	0	0	95	18	8	0	0	194	44		
Brooklyn	4	1	0	55	26	5	3	0	71	61	Midpark	4	1	0	119	60	7	1	0	177	86		
Independence	3	2	0	70	28	4	4	0	101	88	Berea	4	1	0	123	57	7	1	0	243	89		
Cuy. Hts.	3	2	0	88	59	3	5	0	115	121	Brunswick	3	2	0	66	74	5	3	0	127	118		
Luth. West	1	4	0	60	104	1	7	0	66	224	No. Royalton	2	3	0	32	73	5	3	0	74	84		
											Strongsville	1	4	0	36	87	3	5	0	71	112		
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Conference						Overall						Conference						Overall					
Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	Teams	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pts	Opp		
Firelands	5	0	0	133	6	5	2	1	147	31	Wadsworth	1	4	0	72	126	3	5	0	147	164		
Keystone	2	3	0	71	117	5	3	0	112	142	Claverworth	0	5	0	36	89	2	6	0	78	123		