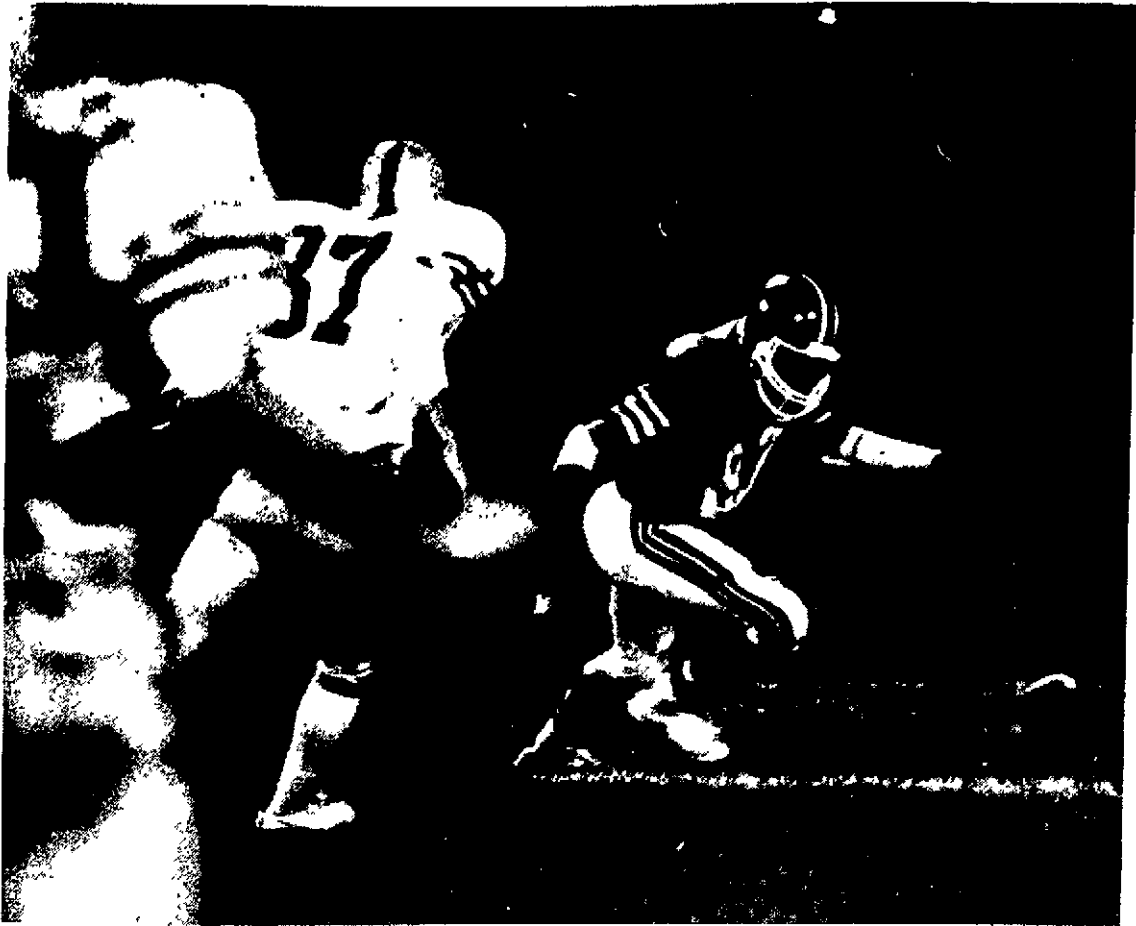




FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL was the theme at Friday's Elyria-Findlay game. (C-T)

North Ridgeville wins close games

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certain way against the conversion formation (a spread with most of the players away from the ball), then two key players are supposed to call either the run, a pass or a conventional kick

OBERLIN'S DEFENSE dictated that Ridgeville not try the run play. But Mike Murphy called it anyway and ran in for the two points.

"He shouldn't have called it, but I'm now glad he did because it worked," Riesen said. "Our kids are so confident in that play I doubt if we'll kick the rest of the season."

The two-point conversion was crucial to the victory because it put Ridgeville up by eight points and forced Oberlin, when it finally scored in the last quarter, to try for two points, also. The Indians normally kick.

Dennis Rentile and Bill Jackson made the important tackle on Oberlin's conversion try to save the victory.

OVERALL, it was a mistake-prone game. Both touchdowns were set up by fumbles. Oberlin had a long potential scoring drive ruined by a fumble into the

end zone. Ridgeville had a touchdown nullified by a penalty. Oberlin lost the ball three times on fumbles, twice on interceptions and had a punt blocked. The Rangers lost two fumbles and had a staggering 98 yards of penalties marked off.

THESE MISTAKES played key roles in the score being so low.

"We didn't play a great game when we had to play a great game," Oberlin Coach Rocky Hammond said. "We had only four interceptions in our previous seven games."

"But I'm still proud of our kids. They took advantage of the few turnovers given us and stopped Ridgeville the second half. They (Ridgeville) won the first half and we won the second."

"We're probably out of the conference race now because I can't see Ridgeville losing its last two games."

"But we are still in the playoff picture," he stressed.

"We've got to bounce back. If we can win our last two games (Vermilion and Midview) I think we can make it into the playoffs. We could have a lot of season to play yet."

RIDGEVILLE scored its

touchdown with 6:46 left in the first half on a 17-yard run by Ken Wright. It was set up by an Oberlin fumble on the O-30. Murphy's conversion run made it 8-0.

Oberlin tallied after Ridgeville fumbled on the R-12 in the fourth quarter. Quinn Barbee got the six pointer from nine yards out with 10:16 left in the

Elyria

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stopped Harrison Jackson a yard short of a first down at the F-6 on fourth down.

Elyria had the football for at least seven plays on every possession of the second half until the final minute.

After Sprouse's 37-yard scoring burst, Elyria got it into the endzone, driving 56 yards in nine plays. Harris bucked over from the 2 and Eric Garretson passed to Mark Cannon for the conversion.

The Pioneers got the ball back with 1:41 remaining, but threw an interception and Findlay ran out the clock.

"Elyria had us on the ropes," Evans admitted. "I was impressed with them. They played physical football and they played hard till the last gun. But we hung in there when we were in trouble. In eight games we've been behind five times, so it's not a catastrophe anymore when we're behind. We keep our poise."

And the Trojans keep the football. More than anything, that was the difference between the two teams Friday night.

Western Reserve tops New London

NEW LONDON — Undeateated Western Reserve used a strong running attack and a tough defense to defeat New London, 25-8, in a Firelands Conference game Friday.

The Roughriders picked up 273 yards on the ground. Shannon Wolfe carried the ball 29 times for 173 yards while Russ Logan ran for 79 yards on 15 carries.

Logan ran for Reserve's first touchdown, scoring from three yards out in the first quarter. Wolfe ran around end and went 24 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter.

The Roughriders scored twice in the third quarter when Greg Mullins and Ken Earnest had touchdown runs of two yards apiece.

New London got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter when Steve Spears caught an eight-yard TD pass from Steve Kozel.

The Wildcats had a school record broken in the game as linebacker Bret Cooke made 21 tackles.

Western Reserve, 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the Firelands North, hosts Mapleton Saturday while New London, 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the league, travels to Edison.

Team Statistics		
	W Reserve	N London
First downs	14	5
Rushing	13	0
Passing	1	4
Penalty	0	1
Yards rushing	273	-11
Yards passing	29	67
Total offense	302	56
Passes att.-comp	5-2	18-6
Intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles-lost	3-2	2-0
Punts-yards	2-64	165
Average	32.0	33.0
Yards penalized	8-44	5-29
Rushing plays	61	26

Score by Quarters					
	1	2	3	4	T
W Reserve	6	7	12	0	25
New London	0	0	0	8	8

Scoring
WR — Russ Logan, 3 run (run failed)
WR — Shannon Wolfe, 24 run (Dan Hornung kick)
WR — Greg Mullins, 2 run (pass failed)
WR — Ken Earnest, 2 run (run failed)
NL — Steve Spears, 8 pass from Steve Kozel (Jeff Romine, pass from Bret Cooke)

Monroeville-Crestview
ASHLAND — Roger Smith scored two touchdowns and rushed for 104 yards to march Monroeville over Crestview 18-0 in Firelands Conference action Friday.

Monroeville out gained the Cougars 269-111, had more first downs and completed as many passes as Ashland threw.

Rich Landoll scored the only other touchdown on an 8 yard pass from Dave Keszel.

The Eagles are now 6-1 and 4-1, and Crestview is now 1-7 and 1-4 in the conference

Team Statistics		Monroeville	Crestview
First downs		17	7
Rushing		8	6
Passing		7	1
Penalty		2	0
Yards rushing		104	72
Yards passing		165	39
Total offense		269	111
Passes att.-comp		27-14	14-2
Intercepted by		1	3
Fumbles-lost		0	0
Punts-yards		6-183	5-157
Average		30.5	31.6
Yards penalized		8-70	7-55
Rushing plays		32	33

Score by Quarters					
	1	2	3	4	T
Monroeville	6	6	6	0	18
Crestview	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring

1 — Roger Smith, 1 run (kick failed)

M — Rich Landoll, 8 pass from Dave Keszel (run failed)

M — Smith, 2 run (kick failed)

Black River-Plymouth
PLYMOUTH — Jim Foky

Bay takes first in SWC

BAY VILLAGE — Bay took over sole possession of first place in the Southwestern Conference with a convincing 34-6 victory over Fairview Friday.

The Rockets have a 4-1 record in the league. North Olmsted and Westlake played to a 7-7 tie and both teams are now 3-1-1 in SWC action.

It looked like it was going to be a close game after one half of play. Bay took a 12-6 lead after Pat Henneberry tossed a 15-yard TD pass to Chris Assenheimer.

John Haller ran four yards

Strange rolls 622

Jack Strange's 622 series in the Avon V.F.W. Couples League at Sugar Lanes led area men's bowling Friday.

Wayne Bozman rolled a 192-203-218—613 in the Cardi Lanes Friday Night Couples League.

Dave Eddie tossed a 194-192-224—610 in the Eagles League at Grafton Lanes.

Frank Jonson had a 205-221-174—600 in the Grafton Friday Nite "C" League.

600 CLUB
Jack Strange 622, Wayne Bozman 613, Dave Eddie 610, Frank Jonson 600

Firelands Conference

scored two touchdowns as Black River held off a late run by Plymouth to win Friday's Firelands Conference game, 29-24.

The Pirates jumped out early as Foky sprinted 34 yards for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Chad McComas made it 14-0 when he ran 13 yards to paydirt.

Dave Savick booted a 30-yard field goal and Foky reeled off a 30-yard touchdown run to give River a 23-0 lead in the second period.

But Plymouth came back with a 11-yard touchdown run by Scott Ryman, one of three touchdowns for him. Ryman scored his other two TDs off runs of five and one yards.

Black River, 4-4 overall and 3-2 in the Firelands South, hosts Crestview Friday while the Big Red, 2-6 overall and 1-4 in league play, travels to South Central.

Team Statistics		
	Bl River	Plymouth
First downs	13	17
Yards rushing	282	127
Yards passing	29	257
Total offense	311	384
Passes att.-comp	6-3	39-14
Intercepted by	3	1
Fumbles lost	3-2	3-1
Yards penalized	4-46	9-85

Score by Quarters					
	1	2	3	4	T
Black River	14	9	6	0	29
Plymouth	0	6	6	12	24

Scoring
B — Jim Foky, 34 run (Dave Savick kick)
B — Chad McComas, 13 run (Savick kick)
B — FG Savick 30
B — Foky, 30 run (kick failed)
P — Scott Ryman, 11 run (pass failed)
B — Larry Eusign, 34 run (kick failed)
P — Steve Hall, 58 pass from Troy Keels (kick failed)
P — Ryman, 5 run (pass failed)
P — Ryman, 1 run (run failed)

Mapleton-South Central
ASHLAND — Mapleton scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter as the Mounties pulled out a 25-15 victory over Firelands Conference foe South Central Friday.

After the Trojans had taken a 15-12 lead on an eight-yard run by Scott Christie, the Mounties came back and reclaimed the lead for good. Deon Bowersox scored his second TD of the night on a 14-yard run to give Mapleton a 18-15 margin.

Kevin Hickey provided the Mounties with an insurance touchdown run.

Christie scored both touchdowns for the Trojans. He dashed 43 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Mapleton, 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the Firelands South, travels to Western Reserve Saturday while the Trojans, 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the league, hosts Plymouth Friday.

Team Statistics		
	So Cent.	Maple
First downs	13	18
Rushing	9	16
Passing	3	1
Penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	223	238
Yards passing	92	19
Total offense	315	257
Passes att.-comp	10-5	3-1
Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles-lost	2	2
Punts-yards	4-147	3-134
Average	36.7	44.6
Yards penalized	11-95	5-45
Rushing plays	24	50

Score by Quarters					
	1	2	3	4	T
So Central	7	0	0	8	15
Mapleton	6	6	0	13	25

Scoring
SC — Scott Christie, 43 run (Mike Tuttle kick)
M — Deon Bowersox, 4 run (kick failed)
M — Jim Goon, 1 run (kick failed)
SC — Christie, 8 run (Tuttle run)
M — Bowersox, 14 run (run failed)
M — Keith Hickey, 4 run (Goon kick)

Elyria West falls

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this."

TURNOVERS got the Wolves in the hole early when three first quarter passes were intercepted and two of the three led to scores as the West defense spent most of the game on the field.

The Wolverines (2-6 on the season) host Southview Friday at Ely Stadium.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushers			
ELYRIA WEST			
	Carr	Gain	Avg
Tony Jackson	7	36	5.1
Richie Johnson	3	7	2.3
Mike Mahone	7	0	0.0
Todd Tarney	2	-17	-8.5
Charles Woolfork	3	8	-2.7
Totals	22	18	0.8
AQUINAS			
David Tate	15	153	10.2
Mike Ranalli	21	112	5.3
Andre Motley	2	31	15.5
Chris Lorentz	1	8	8.0
Doug Haubert	2	18	9.0

Hess bowls 563

Ruth Hess rolled a 202-217-144—563 in the Happy Housewives League at Stoney's Lanes Friday to lead women's bowling.

Lori Leonhard tossed a 213—555 in the Star Shooters League at Center Ridge Lanes.

Diane Pragg bowled a 165-196-192—553 in the Grafton Lanes Friday Morning Ladies League.

550 CLUB
Ruth Hess 563, Lori Leonhard 555, Diane Pragg 553

Amherst hammers Brookside

SHEFFIELD — Darrin Castro and Tony Moore scored two touchdowns apiece as Amherst snapped a five-game losing streak by routing winless Brookside, 34-0, in a Lakeland Conference game Friday.

Moore had two short touchdown runs of four and two yards while Castro scored on runs of nine and four yards.

Paul Nishanian scored the other touchdown for the Comets when he scooped up a Brookside fumble and ran 22 yards to paydirt.

Amherst, 3-5 overall and 1-4 in Lakeland play, hosts Midview Friday while the Cardinals, 0-8 overall and 0-5 in the league, travels to Clearview.

Rob Harbert	1	6	6.0
Chris DeGasperis	3	20	6.7
Bryan Robinson	2	18	9.0
Totals	47	366	7.8
Passers			
ELYRIA WEST			
	Att	Comp	Int
Todd Tarney	22	9	5
Chas Woolfork	3	0	0
Totals	25	9	5
Receivers			
ELYRIA WEST			
	Caught	Gained	
Ed Gawlik	3	21	
Terry Davis	1	13	
Mike Mahone	3	15	
Tom Patterson	2	17	
AQUINAS			
Greg Soehnlen	1	36	
Greg Patrick	1	9	

Team Statistics		Ely West	Aquinas
First downs		5	20
Rushing		1	19
Passing		5	1
Penalty		1	0
Yards rushing		18	366
Yards passing		66	45
Total offense		84	411
Passes att.-comp		25-9	7-2
Intercepted by		1	5
Fumbles-lost		3-1	1-1
Punts-yards		5-159	1-29
Average		31.8	29.0
Yards penalized		8-40	7-55
Rushing plays		22	47

Score by Quarters					
	1	2	3	4	T
Elyria West	0	0	0	0	0
Aquinas	7	13	19	13	52

Scoring
A — David Tate, 5 run (Mike Pindel kick)
A — Tate, 5 run (Pindel kick)
A — Mike Ranalli, 5 run (kick failed)
A — Ranalli, 3 run (run failed)
A — Tate, 3 run (run failed)
A — Greg Soehnlen, 36 pass from Chris Lorentz (Pindel kick)
A — Chris DeGasperis, 8 run (kick failed)
A — Bryan Robinson, 13 run (Pindel kick)

Team Statistics		Amherst	Brookside
First downs		17	5
Rushing		11	0
Passing		3	4
Penalty		3	1
Yards rushing		149	63
Yards passing		74	43
Total offense		223	106
Passes att.-comp		3-3	14-8
Intercepted by		2	0
Fumbles lost		4-1	2-2
Punts-yards		2-56	3-87
Average		28.0	29.0
Yards penalized		35	30
Rushing plays		49	19

Score by Quarters					
	1	2	3	4	T
Amherst	14	7	13	0	34
Brookside	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring
A — Tony Moore, 4 run (Tad Yerger kick)
A — Paul Nishanian, 22 fumble return (Yerger kick)
A — Darrin Castro, 9 run (Yerger kick)
A — Castro, 4 run (Yerger kick)
A — Moore, 2 run (kick failed)

How they fared

COLLMBUS Ohio — How The Associated Press ranked Ohio high school football teams fared

CLASS AAA	
1 Cincinnati Moeller 7-0-0 plays Cincinnati St Xavier Saturday	
2 Lakewood St. Edward 7-1-0 lost to Mentor Lake Catholic 14-13	
3 Centerville 8-0-0 beat Xenia Beaver Creek 36-9	
4 Youngstown Mooney 7-0-0 plays Warren Western Reserve Saturday	
5 Dayton Wayne 8-0-0 beat Kettering Fairmont 23-20	
6 Lorain King 7-0-0 plays at Lorain Saturday	
7 Youngstown Ursuline 7-1-0 lost to Warren Harding 12-7	
8 North Canton Hoover 7-0-0 lost to Alliance 26-24	
9 Findlay 8-0-0 beat Elyria 13-11	
10 Berea 8-0-0 beat North Royalton 28-7	

CLASS AA	
1 Elyria Catholic 7-0-0 plays at Parma Padua Saturday	
2 Steubenville 8-0-0 beat Bellaire 25-0	
3 Orrville 7-0-0 plays at Navarre Fairless Saturday	
4 Akron St. Vincent St. Mary 6-2-0 lost to Massillon Washington 28-21	
5 Louisville Aquinas 7-0-1 beat Elyria West 52-0	
6 Oak Harbor 8-0-0 beat Genoa 34-0	
7 St. Marys Memorial 7-0-1 lost to Lima Bath 12-7	
8 Portsmouth 7-1-0 beat Athens 43-14	
9 Lima Bath 7-1-0 lost to St. Marys Memorial 12-6	
10 Loudonville 7-1-0 beat Coshocton 28-0	

CLASS A	
1 Newark Catholic 7-0-0 plays Granville Saturday	
2 Cincinnati CAPE 7-1-0 lost to Fort Mitchell	
3 Beachwood 33-14	

Chanel stops Southview

LORAIN — Mike Tracy scored two touchdowns as Chanel defeated host Southview, 26-14, in a non-conference game Friday.

The Saints scored both of their touchdowns on the arm of quarterback Steve Cataldo. Cataldo fired a six-yard scoring strike to Rob Walker in the first quarter and connected with Nandi Cruz for a 75-yard TD bomb in the fourth quarter.

Gerald Taylor led the Saints with 82 yards on 19 carries

Southview, 4-4 overall, travels to Elyria West Friday for an Erie Coast Conference game

Team Statistics		
	Chanel	South
First downs	16	12

Demons, Eagles battle to tie

WESTLAKE — If Bay Village winds up this year's Southwestern Conference football champions, the Rockets may owe a big thank you to North Olmsted.

The Eagles, without multi-talented Scott Kalinoski on hand to direct its much-publicized single-wing offense, tied powerful Westlake, 7-7, Friday night, putting both teams a half-game off Bay's front-running pace with just two games left to play.

Now the Eagles can determine their own fate as they host Bay next week in yet another league showdown.

After outplaying the Demons in the first half, North Olmsted mustered only two first downs and just 57 yards total offense in the final two periods. They played the entire half in their own end of the field.