

SHS coach dishes out tributes

MARION — Sandusky football coach Larry Cook spread the plaudits around following his first Buckeye Conference win.

"Tim Linden stepped in and did an excellent job at quarterback tonight and our defense came up with several big plays, but it was really a team effort all the way around," Cook said after the 28-6 win over Marion.

Cook felt Marion's touchdown was a fluke.

"When the kid caught the ball, Rod Croom came up with a vicious tackle to jar the ball free and this other kid from Marion (Craig Owens) was coming in for a block and suddenly he had the ball bounce right to him. How many times do you see that (ball bounce)?"

"Tim did everything we asked of him and he also threw the ball very well. The touchdown run was a bootleg and we've had that play in the book all year long. The key was the fakes by Tim and the backs, that caught Marion and Tim did a beautiful job of running with the ball," Cook said.

Cook also commented on the injury to tailback Eric Jordan.

"It's a slight sprain and we didn't want to take any chances so we kept him out. Doug Leavell and Paul Smoot picked up the slack and we also had a lot of kids who stepped in tonight and played solid football. We are certainly pleased to have that first conference win," Cook noted.

"We had a lot of holes to fill. When Tom Fresch went out that opened two spots (linebacker and center). Then, Todd Croom goes down and that makes three and Eric Jordan's ankle injury made it four. We had kids like Rod Croom and Troy Randleman step in on defense to play well and our defense put the pressure on them all night long," Cook explained.

Cook also talked about Luis Guevara's punting.

"He did a fine job of putting the ball in the right spot and we kept them in the hole and our defense just wouldn't let them out. We had just one penalty tonight and that is another thing I'm very happy about," Cook concluded.

STATISTICS	SHS	MH
First Downs (total)	11	7
by rushing	9	4
by passing	2	3
by penalty	0	0
Rushes (total)	38	31
net yards rushing	198	60
passes attempted	6	12
passes completed	3	5
had intercepted	0	1
net yards passing	40	62
Total plays	44	43
Total Net Yards Gained	238	122
Fumbles (number)	2	4
ball lost	2	2
Penalties (number)	0	1
yards penalized	0	15

SCORE BY QUARTERS	SHS	MH
Sandusky	7	7
Marion Harding	0	0
Scoring: Sandusky — Tim Linden, 33 run. (David Belle, kick).		
Sandusky — Eric Jordan, 32 run. (Belle, kick).		
Sandusky — Belle, 10 pass from Linden. (Belle, kick).		
Sandusky — Paul Smoot, 18 run. (Belle, kick).		
Marion — Craig Owens, 30 yard fumble recovery return. (kick failed).		

STATISTICS	F	E
First Downs (total)	10	12
net yards rushing	185	44
passes attempted	12	25
passes completed	6	11
had intercepted	2	2
net yards passing	80	109
Total Net Yards Gained	265	153
Fumbles (number)	3	7
ball lost	0	6
Penalties (number)	10	6
yards penalized	110	61

SCORE BY QUARTERS	F	E
Fremont Ross	7	7
Elyria	0	0
Scoring: Fremont — Chris Simmons, 56 run. (Shawn McCarthy, kick).		
Fremont — Steve Letring, 2 run. (McCarthy, kick).		
Fremont — Simmons, 1 run. (kick failed).		
Fremont — Carl Bury, 6 pass from McCarthy. (McCarthy, kick).		
Fremont — Simmons, 4 run. (kick failed).		
Fremont — Bob Carmel, fumble recovery in end-zone.		

SCORE BY QUARTERS	F	E
Lorain Senior	0	0
Findlay	7	18
Scoring: Findlay — Larry Helms, 32 pass from Brian Miller. (Jay Viera, kick).		
Findlay — Mike Bihn, 5 pass from Miller. (kick failed).		
Findlay — Bihn, 8 pass from Miller. (pass failed).		
Findlay — Mark Ritzer, 8 pass from Miller. (run failed).		

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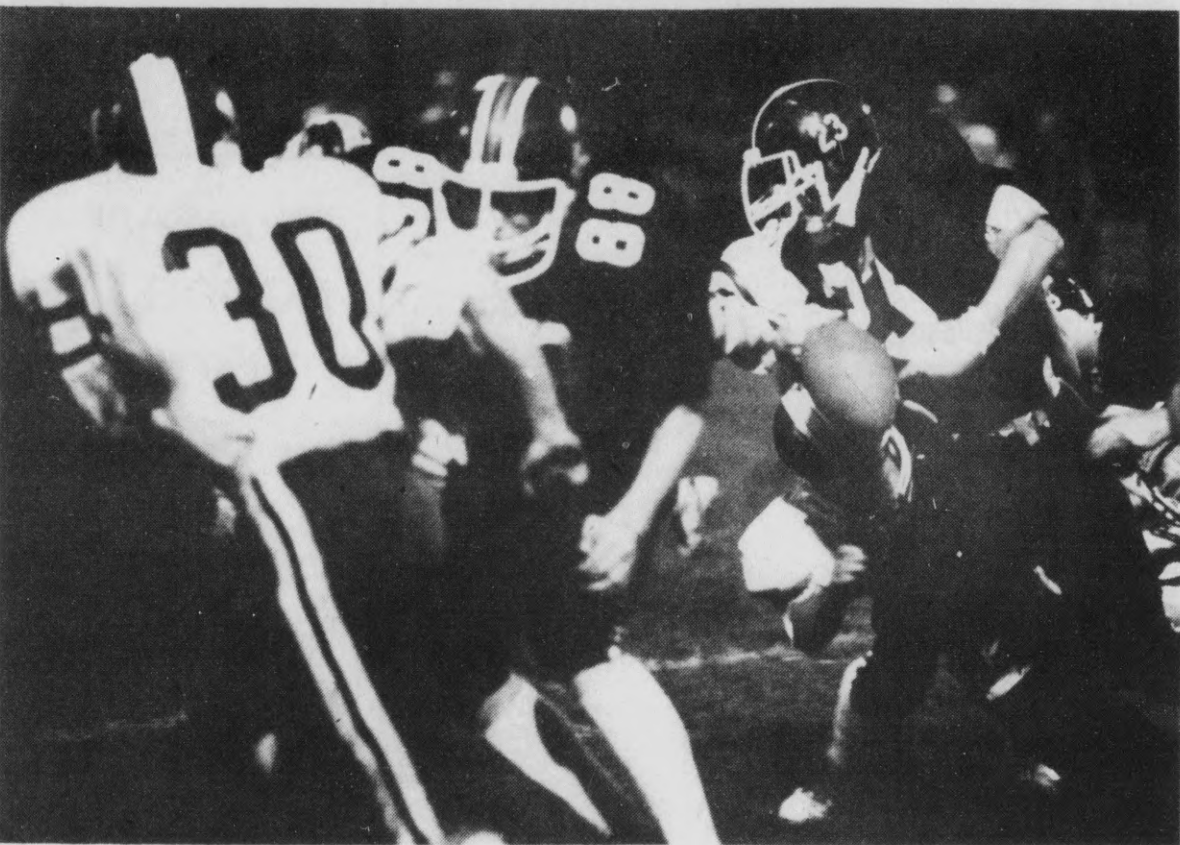
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Loose pigskin — Scott Dute, right, is stripped of the ball on a kickoff return after St. Mary's had went ahead, 25-13. Dute, who earlier scored on a 65-yard run, was about to benefit from a block by teammate Gary Castle (88) on the Panthers' Matt Keech (30).

Monroeville, St. Paul stay unbeaten at 3-0 in FC North

Monroeville and Norwalk St. Paul are momentary co-leaders in the Firelands Conference North Division race.

And, the two, both 3-0, will be joined by either Edison or Western Reserve following today's 1:30 p.m. battle on the Roughriders' turf.

While the North Division of the conference could have at least three teams with a perfect mark, no one is close to reaching that standard in the South.

In fact, Plymouth, Ashland Crestview and Black River share the lead in the South with 1-2 marks.

And, both Crestview and Black River earned their first conference win of the season Friday. Crestview surprised Plymouth, 14-8, while Black River made a first period score hold up in an 8-0 blanking of Mapleton.

In two other games Friday, Monroeville clubbed New London, 33-10, and Norwalk St. Paul edged past South Central, 12-7.

Monroeville 33 New London 10

NEW LONDON — Monroeville was forced to rally from a halftime deficit to keep its record perfect at 6-0.

The six straight wins at the outset of the season is the best start in 20 years for the Eagles and it was also their fourth straight conquest of New London, which dropped to 1-2 in the FC and 2-4 overall.

A 25-yard field goal by Steve Kozel at the 7:42 mark of the opening period and a seven-yard touchdown pass from Kozel to Steve Spears and the conversion by the latter helped New London grab a 10-7 lead at the half.

In between the two scores, the Eagles jumped on the board in quick fashion with Mark Stacey hauling in a 49-yard touchdown pass from Dave Keszei. Chris Pfeiffer booted the conversion for a brief 7-3 lead at the 3:46 mark of the second period.

However, the Wildcats came back with their only touchdown of the game just 24 seconds before halftime to lead at intermission.

The second half belonged to Monroeville halfback Roger Smith, who scored three times enroute to rushing for 154 yards in 23 carries.

Smith put the Eagles on top with a 53-yard scamper to paydirt. After Keszei scored from four yards away, Smith came back with scoring jaunts of one and five yards as the Eagles ran away with the win.

Monroeville again featured a balanced attack as it rushed for 217 yards and Keszei completed 18-of-26 passes for 228 yards.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats featured a respectable running attack with 116 yards but could

connect on just 2-of-11 passes for 22 yards and they suffered three interceptions.

STATISTICS	Mon	NL
First Downs (total)	21	9
net yards rushing	217	116
passes attempted	26	11
passes completed	18	2
had intercepted	0	3
net yards passing	228	22
Total Net Yards Gained	445	138
Fumbles (number)	2	1
ball lost	1	0
Penalties (number)	12	7
yards penalized	80	55

SCORE BY QUARTERS	Mon	NL
Monroeville	0	7
New London	3	7
Scoring: New London — Steve Kozel, 25 field goal.		
Monroeville — Mark Stacey, 49 pass from Dave Keszei. (Chris Pfeiffer, kick).		
New London — Steve Spears, 7 pass from Steve Kozel. (Spears, kick).		
Monroeville — Roger Smith, 53 run. (kick failed).		
Monroeville — Keszei, 4 run. (Kevin Smith, kick).		
Monroeville — Roger Smith, 1 run. (kick failed).		
Monroeville — Roger Smith, 5 run. (kick failed).		

St. Paul 12 South Central 7

GREENWICH — Like Monroeville, Norwalk St. Paul spotted its opponent the lead.

South Central, 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the conference, got on the board early in the second period.

With just 21 seconds elapsed in the quarter, Steve Lewis ran the quarterback option off right tackle for 71 yards and the first score of the game. Mike Tuttle kicked the conversion and SC led, 7-0.

A fumble recovery by John Landoll set the stage for the first St. Paul score. Following his recovery at the South Central 41, it took the Flyers 12 plays to move downfield with the drive being climaxed by a 14-yard pass from Charlier Myers to Matt Spriggs with 2:51 showing on the clock.

Near the close of the third period, the Flyers scored on a 44-yard touchdown gallop by Dave Myers which gave them a 12-7 advantage.

South Central, after its early score, never threatened again as the St. Paul defense got stronger as the game progressed.

St. Paul, winner of three straight and 4-2 overall, picked up 234 yards on the ground with Rob Reynolds leading the way with 92 yards in 19 carries.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	SC	SP
Norwalk St. Paul	0	6
South Central	0	7
Scoring: South Central — Steve Lewis, 71 run. (Mike Tuttle, kick).		
Norwalk St. Paul — Matt Spriggs, 14 pass from Charlie Myers. (kick failed).		
Norwalk St. Paul — Dave Myers, 44 run. (kick failed).		

STATISTICS	NSP	SC
First Downs (total)	13	7
net yards rushing	228	155
passes attempted	5	9
passes completed	3	3
had intercepted	0	1
net yards passing	25	25
Total Net Yards Gained	253	180
Fumbles (number)	3	2
ball lost	1	2
Penalties (number)	4	1
yards penalized	50	15

Lewis, meanwhile, accounted for nearly half of SC's 157 yards rushing as he gained 72 in just two tries.

Crestview 14 Plymouth 8

PLYMOUTH — Ashland Crestview went up top for two first half scores and went on to hand Plymouth a 14-8 loss in a meeting of South Division teams.

Crestview, which had been winless prior to Friday, struck early on a 40-yard pass from Mark Hershiser to Tim Knowlton, capping off a 7-play, 67-yard drive following a Plymouth punt.

John Tennis ran the conversion and the Cougars, 1-2 in the FC and 1-5 overall, had an 8-0 lead at the 8:36 mark of the opening period.

Late in the first half, Plymouth decided to go to the air and it proved to be a disastrous move as Jim Coy stepped in front of the Troy Keene pass and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown and 14-0 lead with just 10 seconds left before intermission.

The Big Red, 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the FC, were held intact until the final stanza when Steve Hall scored from 21 yards away and also ran the conversion to trim the Crestview lead to 14-8.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	Cres	Ply
Crestview	8	0
Plymouth	0	8
Scoring: Crestview — Tim Knowlton, 40 pass from Mark Hershiser. (John Tennis, run).		
Crestview — Jim Coy, 42 interception return. (kick failed).		
Plymouth — Steve Hall, 21 run. (Hall, run).		

STATISTICS	Cres	Ply
First Downs (total)	8	8
net yards rushing	129	122
passes attempted	20	10
passes completed	6	3
had intercepted	2	0
net yards passing	86	37
Total Net Yards Gained	217	159
Fumbles (number)	0	2
ball lost	0	1
Penalties (number)	8	9
yards penalized	110	69

Black River 8 Mapleton 0

STATISTICS	BR	Map
First Downs (total)	16	4
net yards rushing	264	48
passes attempted	14	12
passes completed	5	2
had intercepted	0	0
net yards passing	49	39
Total Net Yards Gained	313	87
Fumbles (number)	3	0
ball lost	1	0
Penalties (number)	5	7
yards penalized	55	55

SCORE BY QUARTERS	BR	Map
Black River	8	0
Mapleton	0	0
Scoring: Black River — Nat Pfeiffer, 9 run. (Chad McComas, run).		

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Port Clinton, Norwalk girls earn district nods

Huron's Harkelroad also advances

The district berths have already been decided in the Class A-AA girls sectional tennis tournament at Perkins High School.

Today, the survivors will be battling for titles.

The top 4 players in singles and the winner and runnerup in doubles play earn spots in the district at Bowling Green State University Friday.

Already assured of positions in singles are Amy Harkelroad of Huron; Beth Benko of Port Clinton; Trisha Berry of Norwalk and Tina Geoghan, also of Norwalk.

The doubles teams to advance to BGSU are Beth Kocik and Heidi Delhees of Port Clinton and Kelly Francisco and Cindy Neal of Norwalk.

Play resumes at 9 a.m. today with Harkelroad meeting Benko in one semifinal duel, and the two Norwalk girls meeting head-on in the other match. The winners move right to the finals, and the losers play in the consolation finals.

In doubles play, also set for 9 a.m., the Port Clinton and Norwalk entries will be meeting for sectional honors.

There was one surprise in each division.

Harkelroad was seeded No. 1, Geoghan No. 2 and Benko No. 3 in singles. However, Berry pulled off an upset with a 6-4, 6-4 win over No. 4 seed Michele Urban of Perkins in the second round.

In doubles, Francisco and Neal were ranked No. 1, but the newly formed Port Clinton team of Kocik and Delhees topped two seeded entries on the way to the finals. Kocik has been playing doubles all season for the SBC champions, but Delhees played No. 2 singles for the mostpart.

Harkelroad, who beat Benko in the SBC tournament finals last Sunday, won two matches Friday. She beat Dina Myers of Clyde in her first match after earning a bye 6-2, 6-2. Harkelroad followed with a 6-3, 6-0 nod over Kristy Luse of Tiffin Calvert. The latter beat Sue Bertsch of Perkins in the second round 6-2, 6-0.

Benko won three times. She turned back Angela Sberna of Bellevue 6-1, 6-3, then stopped Andrea Guidi of Perkins 6-4, 6-4. In the third round, Benko halted Elise Lachowyn of Norwalk 6-1, 6-2. Lachowyn defeated Jackie Wagner of Tiffin in the second round 6-2, 6-1.

Berry also scored three wins. In the opening match, Berry topped Jennifer Reynolds of Huron 6-1, 6-2, then bumped out Urban. In the third round, Berry won over Angie Maines of Clyde 6-2, 6-0. Maines eliminated Kim Sarti of Bellevue in the second round 6-2, 6-1.

Geoghan also played just two matches. She blanked Julie Beiler of Bellevue 6-0, 6-0, then won over Carla DeAngelo of St. Mary's C. C. in the third round 6-0, 6-3. DeAngelo earlier halted Donna Richard of Port Clinton 6-3, 6-3.

The Kocik-Delhees duo beat two seeded teams among their three victims. They won over Denise Mitchell and Ha Hguyen

Tennis

of Norwalk 6-2, 6-1, then turned back No. 2 seeded Marita Felker and Kelly Brady of Bellevue in three sets 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. In the semifinals, Kocik and Delhees eliminated No. 4 seed Sandy Hartley and Heather Iverson of Huron, 6-3, 7-5.

Francisco and Neal had no trouble in rolling to three wins. The Truckers stopped Diana Kim-Laura Reis of Tiffin Calvert, 6-3, 6-3, then followed with 6-0, 6-0 wins over Amy Marksbury and Jodi Herzog of St. Mary's C.C. In the semifinals, Francisco and Neal stopped Andrea Cuttaia and Christina Armstrong of Port Clinton 6-2, 6-3.

Cuttaia and Armstrong scored an upset over No. 3 seeded Sally Baum and Katherine Lucal of Perkins in the quarterfinals 6-4, 7-6.

Sailors' 3-game win streak ends

VERMILION — Vermilion saw its' three-game winning streak snapped in a 16-7 loss to North Ridgeville Friday night.

The Sailors, 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the Lakeland Conference, were plagued by four interceptions in the contest.

In fact, it was a 22-yard return of an interception by Mike Murphy which gave the Rangers the lead for good in the game. That, along with a two-point conversion pass from Ken Wright to Jeff Seasor allowed the visitors to take an 8-0 lead.

Vermilion battled back with a score early in the second period as Dan Cortese hooked up with Keith Sooy on a four-yard scoring strike and Keith Eberhard booted the conversion to get the Sailors within one (8-7).

Later in the same period, Wright was on the receiving end of a five-yard touchdown pass from Seasor and Murphy ran the conversion for a 16-7 lead which held up as the final score.

The Sailors, who had a 115-112 edge on the ground, were able to complete just 4-of-19 passes for 41 yards.

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