

St. Paul stuns Monroeville by 10-6

MONROEVILLE — Monroeville easily won the battle of the statistics, but opportunistic Norwalk St. Paul used a key defensive play to register a 10-6 upset victory over the Eagles Friday in Firelands Conference play.

The victory knocks Monroeville (7-2 overall, 4-2 in the Firelands Conference North) two games behind division-leading Western Reserve (8-0, 5-0) in the loss column, while the Roughriders host Mapleton today.

St. Paul, meanwhile, improved its record to 5-4 and 4-2 as the

Flyers broke a two-game losing streak which had dropped them from contention in the league race.

The slim chance the Eagles and Flyers have is to hope Mapleton (3-5, 2-3) can pull a major upset at Western today. Then, St. Paul would have to win at Western Reserve and Monroeville must beat Edison next Saturday. If that would occur, a four-way tie for first place would be possible. That is, if Edison (4-4, 4-1) beats New London (3-5, 2-3) today.

Friday, Monroeville broke on top in the second quarter on a

eight-yard pass from Dave Keszei to Scott Jones. The extra point kick failed, and the Eagles led at halftime 6-0.

The Flyer defense bent but didn't break in the second half, and kept Monroeville out of the end zone despite the fact the Eagles gained 336 yards in total offense for the night.

The biggest play of the game came when Mike Lang returned a fumble 68 yards for a touchdown, and Brad Alge kicked the extra point, with 1:16 left in the third period.

The Flyers got a 36-yard field goal from Matt Spriggs in

the fourth period to cap the scoring for the night.

St. Paul had 145 yards rushing, but just 16 yards passing, completing just 2 of 11 passes. The Eagles, meanwhile, rushed for only 13 yards, but threw for 323 yards as Keszei completed 26 of 39 passes.

But, as they say, the only statistic that really counts is on the scoreboard.

STATISTICS

	M	NSP
First Downs (total)	13	5
by rushing	4	3
by passing	13	1
by penalty	1	1
Rushing plays		
net yards rushing	13	145
passes attempted	39	11
passes completed	26	2
had intercepted	2	2
net yards passing	323	16
Total Net Yards Gained	336	161
Fumbles (number)	1	0
ball lost	1	0
Penalties (number)	4	6
yards penalized	35	70

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Norwalk St. Paul	0	0	7	3	10
Monroeville	0	6	0	0	6

Scoring: Monroeville — Scott Jones, 8 pass from Dave Keszei. (kick failed).

Norwalk St. Paul — Mike Lang, 68 fumble return. (Brad Alge, kick).

Norwalk St. Paul — Matt Sprigg, 36 yd field goal.

Plymouth 12 South Central 3

PLYMOUTH — The Big Red recorded their third win of the season and its second in the Firelands Conference as they downed South Central, 12-3, Friday evening.

The Trojans scored the only points of the first half on a 23-yard field goal by Mike Tuttle. It came with just three seconds remaining before the intermission.

On the first play of the final period Plymouth pulled into the lead with a four-yard run by Scott Ryman. The drive, following a South Central punt, covered 53 yards in six plays.

The clincher came at the 6:10 mark with Ryman once again going in, this time from the three. The drive, which followed an interception, covered the 31 yards in six plays.

Plymouth finished with 243 yards on the ground and 2-of-8 up above for 17 yards. The Big Red defense allowed the Trojans just 113 yards on the ground but they did hit on 11-of-18 in the passing department for 111 yards.

Ryman was the leading ball carrier with 121 yards in 17 rushes. Tim Deskins picked up 63 yards on seven carries for the winners. Dave McFarlin led South Central with 86 yards in 17 attempts.

Plymouth closes out the season at home against Mapleton while the Trojans will entertain Crestview.

STATISTICS

	SC	PL
First Downs (total)	13	11
net yards rushing	113	243
passes attempted	18	8
passes completed	11	2
had intercepted	2	2
net yards passing	111	17
Total Net Yards Gained	224	260
Fumbles (number)	3	5
ball lost	2	2
Penalties (number)	4	10
yards penalized	40	70

SCORE BY QUARTERS

South Central	0	3	0	0	3
Plymouth	0	0	0	12	12

Scoring: South Central — Mike Tuttle, 23 yd field goal.

Plymouth — Scott Ryman, 4 run. (run failed).

Plymouth — Ryman, 3 run. (run failed).

Black River 29 Ash. Crestview 6

SULLIVAN — Steve Trzcinski reached paydirt three times, keying Black River's 29-6 win over Ashland Crestview.

The win by the Pirates clinched the South Division title in the Firelands Conference and insured them a spot in the championship game to be played in Ashland, Friday, Nov. 9.

Black River, coached by Edison graduate Matt Stoll, put the game away in the first half as it held a 29-6 lead at intermission and neither team could get untracked during the final 24 minutes.

STATISTICS

	Cres	BR
First Downs (total)	11	10
net yards rushing	77	117
passes attempted	26	9
passes completed	8	5
had intercepted	2	0
net yards passing	110	72
Total Net Yards Gained	187	189
Fumbles (number)	3	4
ball lost	2	2
Penalties (number)	5	2
yards penalized	75	20

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crestview	6	0	0	0	6
Black River	15	14	0	0	29

Scoring: Black River — Larry Ensign, 6 run. (Matt Pfeiffer, run).

Black River — Steve Trzcinski, 10 run. (Dave Savick, kick).

Crestview — Jim Anderson, 13 pass from Mark Hershiser. (run failed).

Black River — Larry Clifford, 26 pass from Trzcinski. (Savick, kick).

Black River — Trzcinski, 7 run. (Savick, kick).

Kurri, Gretzky team

EDMONTON, Alberta (UPI) — Jari Kurri produced five second-period points and Wayne Gretzky added four assists Friday night to launch the Edmonton Oilers to an 8-2 rout of the Los Angeles Kings.

With the outburst, Kurri set a team record for points in a period and Gretzky tied a team mark for most assists in one period.

Friday's Results

Detroit 7, Buffalo 3
Toronto 2, Quebec 2, (tie-out)



NBA

Bird paces Celtics in late rally to beat Detroit by 7

PONTIAC, Mich. (UPI) — Larry Bird scored eight points in the final 1:56 to help the NBA champion Boston Celtics get off to a successful start in the 1984-85 season with a 130-123 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Kevin McHale's off-balance 10-foot baseline with 4:07 left gave Boston a 119-116 lead but Isiah Thomas scored on a steal with 3:37 to play to pull Detroit within a point.

Bird then hit a layup with 1:56 to play, a pair of free throws with 1:20 left that made it 123-118, a 15-foot baseline shot and a short shot with 33 seconds left — all without a miss.

Thomas scored a game-high 35 points, including the last seven for Detroit, favorite to win the NBA Central Division this season.

Detroit led 112-110 on a Thomas follow with 6:29 to play but Robert Parrish, who had 25 points, and Quinn Buckner scored consecutive baskets to put the Celtics back in front and a three-point play by Dennis Johnson, who had 29 points, with 4:37 left put Boston in front for good.

Bird wound up with 33 points for Boston to disappoint a club record opening night crowd of 27,563.

BOSTON (130)

Bird 12-24 8-10 33, McHale 8-17 3-4 19, Parish 10-12 5-5 25, Johnson 12-21 5-6 29, Ainge 5-11 0-4 10, Wedman 2-7 0-4 4, Buckner 2-3 2-2 6, Carr 1-2 0-2, Kite 1-3 0-2 2, Totals 53-100 23-27 130.

DETROIT (123)

Tyler 4-7 0-4 8, Roundfield 5-17 1-11, Laimbeer 9-18 5-8 24, Tripucka 6-13 10-10 22, Thomas 13-32 6-6 35, Johnson 6-15 0-4 12, Benson 2-3 1-5, Cureton 0-2 0-0 0, Lowe 2-3 0-0 4, Campbell 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 48-111 23-26 123.

Boston 30 34 34 32—130
Detroit 33 30 31 29—123

Three point goals—Bird, Thomas 3. Laimbeer 1. Fouled out—Parish. Total fouls—Boston 26, Detroit 26. Rebounds—Boston 59 (McHale 15), Detroit 49 (Laimbeer 13). Assists—Boston 34 (Johnson 9), Detroit 25 (Thomas 11). Technical—Thomas, Tripucka, Detroit, illegal defense. A—27,563.

Hawks 119, Nets 104

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (UPI) — Dominique Wilkins scored 34 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter, and Glenn Rivers added 20 to lift the Atlanta Hawks to an NBA season opening 119-104 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Sly Williams added 18 for Atlanta, which won only nine road games last year. Buck Williams led New Jersey with 18 points and Micheal Ray Richardson and Otis Birdsong had 15 apiece.

Atlanta took an 85-80 lead into the final period, but the Nets closed to 94-92 on Buck Williams' three-point play with 7:13 left. But Wilkins took command, using his assortment of unique power moves to score the next three baskets. Fourteen of his fourth period points came in a 19-2 run.

ATLANTA (119)

Wilkins 14-21 6-10 34, S. Williams 8-12 2-2 18, Rollins 3-4 0-0 6, E. Johnson 7-14 0-4 15, Rivers 7-10 4-4 15, Gminski 3-6 3-4 9, Turner 1-2 3-3 3, Cook 3-9 0-4 6, Sappleton 1-3 0-4 2, Wilson 4-5 0-4 8, G. Johnson 0-0 0, Ramsey 2-2 1-5, Totals 51-88 16-20 119.

NEW JERSEY (104)

O'Koren 3-9 1-2 7, B. Williams 6-10 6-9 18, Dawkins 5-8 4-4 14, Birdsong 7-19 1-2 15, Richardson 5-14 4-4 15, Gminski 3-6 3-4 9, Turner 1-2 3-3 3, Cook 3-9 0-4 6, Sappleton 1-3 0-4 2, Wilson 4-5 0-4 8, G. Johnson 0-0 0, Ramsey 2-2 1-5, Totals 40-87 23-30 104.

Atlanta 28 20 37 34—119
New Jersey 31 20 29 24—104

Three-point goals—E. Johnson, Richardson. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Atlanta 28, New Jersey 19. Rebounds—Atlanta 42 (Levingston 8), New Jersey 35 (B. Williams 10). Assists—Atlanta 21 (E. Johnson 7), New Jersey 26 (Richardson 8). Technical—Atlanta (illegal defense), Birdsong. A—10,061.

SuperSonics 102, Jazz 94

SEATTLE (UPI) — Danny Vranes scored a career-high 24 points and rookie Frank Brikowski added 16 to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to a 102-94 victory over the Utah Jazz in the

NBA season opener for both teams.

Vranes, in his fourth season, scored 10 points in the first six minutes of the third quarter, when the Sonics outscored Utah 19-2 to open a 13-point lead.

Brikowski, a 6-foot-10 center, who signed as a free agent after two years in Europe, scored 14 points in the second half, including eight in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.

UTAH (94)

Bailey 3-12 2-2 8, Drew 1-10 3-4 5, Eaton 0-2 5-6 5, Green 5-8 10-11 20, Griffith 0-19 5-21, Stockton 1-2 2-2 4, Paulitz 0-4 1-2 1, Wilkins 7-16 3-6 17, Hansen 2-3 1-5, Anderson 0-3 1-4 1, Kelley 1-15 6-7, Totals 28-76 38-49 94.

SEATTLE (102)

Chambers 5-14 1-1 11, Vranes 9-13 6-7 24, Sikma 4-14 8-9 16, Henderson 0-7 0-0 0, Wood 9-15 3-4 21, Sobers 0-5 0-0 0, Young 0-4 0-4 0, Sundvold 3-9 6-6 12, McCormick 0-4 0-0 0, Blackwell 0-2 0-0 0, McCray 1-2 0-2 2, Brikowski 5-6 6-7 16, Totals 36-87 30-34 102.

Utah 24 25 15 30—94
Seattle 21 24 35 22—102

Three-point goals—none. Fouled out—Eaton. Total fouls—Utah 29, Seattle 40. Rebounds—Utah 31 (Drew 7), Seattle 52 (Sikma 17). Assists—Utah 12, (Stockton 5), Seattle 28 (Chambers 6). Technical—None. A—7,117.

Bulls 109, Bullets 93

CHICAGO (UPI) — Quintin Dailey scored 12 of his 25 points in the final quarter to help the Chicago Bulls notch a 109-93 victory over the Washington Bullets in the season-opener for both teams.

The Bullets, paced by Gus Williams and Frank Johnson with 15 points each, scored six straight points in the final minutes of the third quarter to get within four points of the Bulls, 78-74, at the end of the third frame.

Rookie Michael Jordan scored 16 points for the Bulls and Steve Johnson added 18. Rick Mahorn dropped in 14 for the Bullets.

WASHINGTON (93)

Dailey 4-8 3-11, Ruland 5-9 2-12, Mahorn 6-13-2 2-14, Bradley 5-12 0-2 11, F. Johnson 7-14 1-1 15, Davis 1-6 3-4 5, Gus Williams 5-15 5-6 15, Robinson 3-10 2-2 8, Sewell 1-2 0-2, Ballard 0-2 0-0 0, McMillen 0-4 0-0 0, Totals 37-92 18-23 93.

CHICAGO (109)

S. Johnson 9-14 0-1 18, Woolridge 13-19 2-5 28, Cal Jones 0-5 0-0 0, Jordan 5-16 6-7 16, Whitley 5-8 1-1 11, Dailey 12-18 1-1 25, Green 2-4 0-4 0, Corzine 1-2 0-0 2, Oldham 0-1 0-0 0, Higgins 1-1 0-0 3, Matthews 0-4 2-2 2, Totals 48-88 12-17 109.

Washington 19 26 29 19—93
Chicago 34 23 21 31—109

Three-point goals—Bradley, Higgins. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Washington 21, Chicago 18. Rebounds—Washington 46 (Mahorn 12), Chicago 46 (S. Johnson, Woolridge 9). Assists—Washington 24 (Bradley 10), Chicago 31 (Whitley 10). Technical—Chicago, Loughery. A—13,913.

NBA (West Coast Games Not Included)

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
New York	0	0	0.000	1/2
New Jersey	0	0	0.000	1
Washington	0	1	1.000	1

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	0.000	1/2
Indiana	0	0	0.000	1/2
Cleveland	0	1	0.000	1
Detroit	0	1	0.000	1

Western Conference				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	0	0	0.000	—
Denver	0	0	0.000	—
Kansas City	0	0	0.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	0.000	—
Houston	0	0	0.000	—
Utah	0	1	0.000	1/2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	0.000	1/2
Portland	0	0	0.000	1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	0	0.000	1/2
Golden State	0	1	0.000	1

Friday's Results
Atlanta 119, New Jersey 104
Philadelphia 111, Cleveland 101
Boston 130, Detroit 123
Chicago 109, Washington 93
Seattle 102, Utah 94
Phoenix 122, Golden State 114
Saturday's Games
(All Times EDT)
Houston at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

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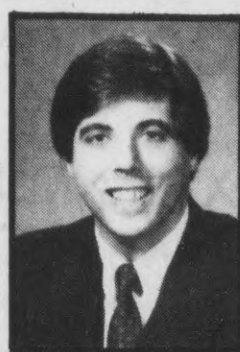
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