Avon High halts

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together as a team at a time

coach Mike Kelly describe the

ecstatic mood of the Eagle

lockerroom following their 8-6

win over Inland Conference foe

WITH THE win, the hosts put

a halt to a two-game IC losing

streak are now 3-2 in league

outings as are the Cavaliers and

Keystone. Columbia and Fire-

lands lead the IC-West standings

started at the SA 34 with 6:15

Avon's lone touchdown drive

On the third play of the drive,

Eagle quarterback Mike Farmer

hooned up taimach Brian Dits

for a seven-yard gain to the

Cavs' 26, two yards shy of a first

down. However, the visitors

were whistled for a personal

foul infraction, putting the ball

and fullback John Sikora and an

encroachment penalty against

the Cavaliers gave the Eagles a

After Keith Halaska and Bliss

failed to find paydirt, Farmer

tallied the Avon touchdown with

1:27 left before intermission to

set up what would be an all-

important try for two extra

Farmer took the center snap

and spotted wingback Ron Osen-

baugh all alone in the left corner

of the end zone for the two extra

"THAT PASS for the extra

points was called from up in the

Mabry) spotted it for us.

first-and-goal at the one.

Three running plays by Bliss

South Amherst Friday night.

Those words from Avon

when we needed to."

with 4-1 records.

left in the first half.

down at the SA 11.

points.

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11 of the 12 plays and he was called on to run for the extra points that would have put the Saints on top, but the Panthers stopped him short.

"That drive really got them fired up," Schmitz pointed out. "They didn't have the ball much the first half and we didn't have to make any defensive adjustments, but after that drive we changed things around a little and contained them after that.

""AS IT turned out, that extra point kick by Kempf was a big one. I can't say enough about our defense. Our TNT (tackle-nosetackle) boys, Chris Carmon, Dan Kelley and Andy O'Connor, really did the job and Jeff Ambrosio and Jeff Hoagland came up nice to give good support against the run. We also put Jim Klingshirn inside and in a position to make a lot of tackles and he did the

"Procaccini is just our leader on defense and made some big plays and Tom Solak is coming around at linehactor Store Minnich, who didn't play hardly any the first six games, and Kempf also did a good job at defensive ends.

"It was a great game for us, probably our best of the year. We ran the ball pretty well up the middle, which may be boring football, but it paid off. To not lose a fumble on a night like this is really something."

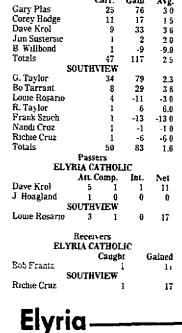
Elyria Catholic took advantage of another break to score an insurance touchdown late in the game. The Southview punter had to field a low snap and his knee touched the ground, giving EC the ball at the Saints' 28 with 5:36 remaining.

WITH SOME fine blocking from Sustersic and the offensive line and that typical hard-nosed running of Plas, the Panthers moved in for the score, Krol going in from five yards out on a keeper around right end. Plas had runs of 8, 5, 6 and 3 on the six-play drive.

For the game, Plas gained 76 yards on 25 carries, while Krol added 33 on nine tries. Taylor carried 34 times for 79 yards, giving him 1,027 for the season.

Elyria Catholic, 6-2 overall and the Erie Coast champion with a 3-0 record, returns to action Friday, visiting Mansfield Malabar, while Southview, 3-5 overall and 1-1 in the league. concludes conference play Friday, hosting Elyria West.

Rusbers ELYRIA CATHOLIC



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"The ball was slimy — too

Elyria fumbled the ball six

times and lost three, but it was

Findlay that turned the ball

over. The Pioneers stole four

Trojan passes and Findlay's one

fumble led to the game's only

FINDLAY LOST the football

Elyria moved the ball to the

Findlay 19 for a first down. The

next two plays lost two yards,

but the Pioneers pulled a

reverse to Harrison Jackson out

of their bag of tricks. Jackson

nearly broke it for a touchdown.

but was downed on the F-10, an

That was with 7:23 left in the

half. At that point the lightning

began to flash and officials

cleared the field until it sub-

sided. Play resumed in 11

At that point Elyria tried to

draw the Trojans offside. It

nearly worked, but Elyria was

called for failing to wear the

guard) and the penalties offset.

Then Jackson boomed a 27-

"We had a no-play called,"

said Jones. "If they didn't jump,

we were going to call time and

get points on the board. If told

them (his players) at halftime

one more (a touchdown).

11-yard gain.

minutes.

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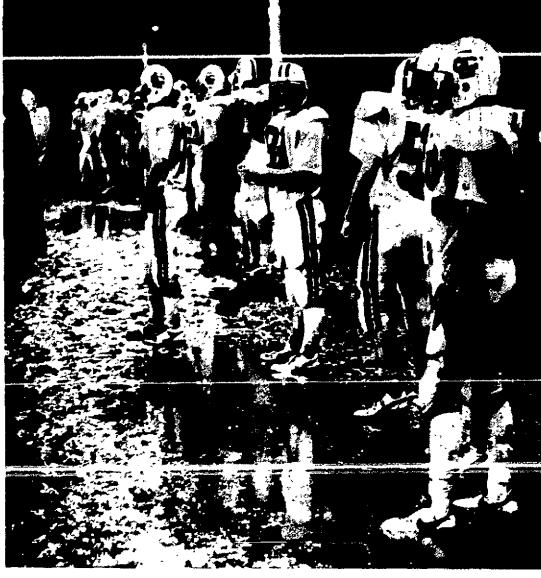
at its own 32, Dana Kerr

recovering for the Pioneers.

pass in Elyria's playbook until a

slimy to take a chance," he said.

better day.



ELYRIA CATHOLIC players try to avoid the puddles of water as they watch their teammates on the field Friday. (C-T)

Prep notebook

Elyria West's Tyrone Nelson rushed for 71 yards on eleven carries for a good 6.5 average in the Wolverines' 35-15 loss to Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas. But the Knights' Mike Ranalli led all rushers with 157 yards on 23 carries for a 6.8

Marion Motley's nephew, Andre, nearly broke one for a long touchdown against West as he gained 52 yards to the lyria West one in the second quarter The 6-foot-0, 165 pound speedster gained 60 yards on three carries for the

West's Shannon Clark continued his fine punting in booming four for a total of 164 yards, a 41.0 average.

North Olmsted's Dave Tomaric, hospitalized after a concussion suffered in last week's 9-3 win against Rocky River, will not play again this season but is in good health and is back home

Elyria has beaten Findlay 22 times in its 32-game series with the Trojans, who have won the other 10. But the series has spawned some thrilling games. Seven ofthe last nine have been decided by three points or less.

Elyria won 14-13 m 1977, 8-7 in 1979 and 14-12 in 1981 before last night's 3-0 victory. Findlay won 12-9 in 1980, 32-29 in 1982 on Bruce Porter's last-second field goal and 13-11 last year.

Harrison Jackson of Elyria has kicked two field goals this year, the first coming in a 24-0 win over Marion Harding. Last night's 27-yarder was a game-winner. Elvria's last win without scoring a touchdown was in 1983 over North Olmsted. Tim Green's field goal won that one.

Elyria High has played all eight games this year wearing red jerseys. Shipment of the team's white jerseys was fouled up by the sending company, so the Proneers will wear red all year

Coach Bill Jones of Elyria was upset all week about the condition of Findlay's Donnell Stadium A friend called him, and told him it was bad. During the day, the Pioneer marching band decided not to come to Findlay. Director Doug Benford felt, correctly, that sitting for two hours in the rain without being able to give a show on the field was not worth the expense.

The field really became unplayable last Saturday when Findlay College, one of the nation's top-ranked NAIA teams, beat Westminster of Pennsylvania in the rain. It rained for four hours. Some

"I was worried that someone

would fall down or that they'd

pick up a fumble and run it. So

Despite the fumbles, Elyria

played a solid game. The Pio-

neers had only one five-yard

penalty, held the Trojans to 60

yards rushing and had pass

interceptions by Mark Hopkins,

Mike Brightwell, Corey Wil-

The theft by Williams seem-

ingly had locked it up with 2:17

left at the Findlay 36. But, on

the first play, Elyria fumbled it

intercepted, and this time Elyria

ran the clock down to 23 seconds

Findlay 44. The Trojans made

just seven yards in three plays.

ending the game. It also ended

Elyria's three-game losing

streak at the hands of the

but took eight yards in losses

Elyria had 91 yards rushing,

Three plays later Whitney

Williams punting to the

liams and Dan Whitney.

many things could happen."

junior nigh games were played in a rain on Thursday, and there was a soccer

The field was so soaked - and the drainage so poor - that water was oozing up from the turf. The groundskeeper put a drying agent on the field, but Dave Egbert of the Findlay Courier said he sank into the turf up to his ankle. That was before the game - before the

rain began.
"The field was even worse than it looked," said Jones

Elyria wanted no part of the football in the second half. Although the Pioneers could've received, they elected to kick-off In the first balf, Findlay, twice, punted on third down.

Elyria High can break a couple of barriers with a win over Toledo Macomber Friday The Pioneers could have their first three-game winning streak since the 1979 undefeated team and assure themselves of at least six wins, the most since 1979. The 1981 team had three wins and a tie in its first four games, but the tie broke the win streak. Beating Macomber won't be easy. The Macmen slaughtered Montpelier,

Al O'Neill, former Avon Lake coach and currently the head coach at Lakewood St. Edward, was in the press box at George Daniel Stadium Friday night, scouting Elyria Catholic.

62-0, Friday.

Southview played a flawless game against Elyria Catholic as far as penalties go, going the entire game without drawing a yellow flag.

Catholic game had trouble holding the ball Friday night. Several times as they tried getting a dry ball into the game they dropped it on the wet field

The rain Friday night was bad. How bad was it? Well, it wasn't as bad as the storm that hit in 1978 when Elyria Catholic and Elyria West battled at the Knights of Columbus Field, but it has to rank second in that category. EC coach Fred Schmitz didn't mind the rain in '78 because he was in the press box, but this time it was a little different. However, he didn't mind the rain because it didn't rain on the Panthers' return parade to

Elyria Catholic had only one fumble and didn't lose any in the win over Southview, while the Saints dropped the ball eight times, losing four. Getting recoveries for the Panthers were Bryan Procaccini, Greg Decker, Dan Kelley and Greg Kempf.

deliberately on its final posses-

"It makes you feel good," said

Jones, who beat the school

where he coached for 10 years.

like this, it's not football."

Lamar Jackson

James Mahone

Brad Burrows

Todd Casey

David Spouse

Kent Jones

Totals

Brad Burrows

Mark Ritzler

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Kent Jones

Harrison Jackson

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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Whatever it was, Elyria will

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Gamed

Tim LeMaster and Jeff Looney, the heart and soul of the Southview defense, were all over the field and made more than a fair share of tackles.

With EC clinging to a 7-ô lead, Coach Fred Schmitz called for a fake field goal and it almost worked, Jeff Hoagland taking the snap and lofting a pass towards a wide-open Bob Frantz in the end zone. Louie Rosario made a nice recovery for the Saints and knocked the

Southview coach John Brezovsky was

definitely playing the game to win He went for a first down in the second period on a fourth-and-one at the Saints 32 and made it, then with 8-55 left in the game he was facing a fourth-and-one at his own 26. Both times Gerald Taylor made the needed yardage.

Greg Kempf kicked a big extra point for Elyria Catholic Friday night, then made a big defensive play late in the game when he spilled the Southview ball carrier for a six-yard loss on an endaround Kempi stayed home on the play like a defensive end should.

Due to the adverse weather conditions Midview's camera crew was unable to film Friday night's game at

So right after the game one of the first things Vermilion Coach Ralph Mayer did was make special arrangements to have his crew's game film duplicated so the copy could be sent to

One of the most exciting moments of Friday's Midview-Vermilion game came the first quarter when the press box almost caught fire. The heavy rain blew water into the box and got wires to the scoreboard wet, causing them to start

The clock stopped and referees had to time the game for a while from the field. While the rest of the scoreboard couldn't operate, the clock was able to resume working after a few minutes. Volunteer firemen in the stands came up to get the smoking stopped.

The winner of Friday's Midview-Vermilion game gained possession of the Harold "Pop" Neiding Trophy for the next year. This is the third year for the special trophy, a very colorful display of two football players facing each other in Vermilion and Midview colors. It is named after a long-time Vermilion

Vermilion kicker Dave Eberhard, who beat Midview with an 18-yard field goal in the closing seconds, tried one from 52-yards out in the first half. It fell well short, but Coach Ralph Mayer feels that attempt may have helped with the winner.

"We knew he probably couldn't make it from that far out." Mayer explained, but we wanted him to at least practice kicking under the wet conditions of the field. So that miss might have played a role in the success of the later kick

Wellington's current season is reminiscent of their 1982 Lakeland Conference championship year when the Dukes qualified for the State play-offs. Wellington has had some close calls this season. just as it had in 1982. That year, the Dukes edged Midview, 12-10, to start the Lakeland chase, and wound up nipping North Ridgeville, 15-13, before losing to Vermilion, 7-6, That loss, however, didn't prevent the Dukes from claiming the league crown, as the Sailors had lost to both Midview and North Ridgeville that season. The Rangers came close to tying Wellingon, but a 0-0 deadlock at Amherst early in the season proved

This season, Wellington enters the final two weeks in the Lakeland tied with Vermilion The Dukes only league loss this year came at the hands of the Midview Middies, 7-3, while Vermilion has lost only to North Ridgeville, 14-8. The Dukes must get past both the Rangers and the Sailors to claim the Lakeland title in the last year of the league's existence. Two wins would probably put the Dukes back in the state play-offs as well.

two-game skid and especially to Osenbaugh for keeping his feet inbounds on the play," offered Kelly. AVON - "Our kids pulled

South Amherst got on the board first by taking the opening kickoff and marching from midfield to score in 11 plays.

The Cavs took a gamble on the fourth play of the drive when they faced a fourth down and a yard to go at the A 41. The gamble paid off when sophomore Jay Morris picked up two yards to keep the drive alive.

Irvin (who finished the night with 86 of the Cavs' 93 rushing yards) toted the ball on five of the plays, including the play before senior quarterback Tim Henes found the end zone from 11 yards out with 6:09 left in the first quarter. On their etternet for two

SENIOR FULLBACK Doug

extra points, the guests tried a running play which failed when the Avon defense swarmed the ball carrier.

"All that I can say is that Avon wanted this ball game more than we did," said Cavalier head coach Jon Altonen. The Eagles, 5-3 overall,

travel to Firelands next Friday night while South Amherst, now 4-4 overall, prepares to entertain Columbia next Saturday.

Team Statistics						
	Avon	S.Amberst				
First downs	4	10				
Rushing	2	9				
Passing	0	Đ				
Penalty	2	1				
Yards rushing	17	93				
Yards passing	14	8				
Total offense	31	101				
Passes attcomp	7-2	4-3				
Intercepted by	0	0				
Fumbles-lost	5-1	7-6				
Punts-yards	4-138	2-58				
Average	34 5	29.0				
Yards penalized	11-75	7-52				
Rushing plays	29	47				
Score by Quarters						

press box," said Kelly. "Our Avon (IVIATK S Amherst 6 0 0 0 SCORING SA—Tim Hener, 11 run (Ran Oscoriform Farmer)

"Also, give credit to Farmer from Farmer) offensive backs coach (Mark S Amherst

Black River now 8-0

SULLIVAN - Another one

down and one to go. Undefeated Black River

mowed down Plymouth, 61-0, and the Pirates are one game away from winning their second straight Firelands South Crown.

The Pirates, 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the league, travels to Crestview Friday for the final hurdle. The Cougars are one game back of Black River and a loss would eliminate Cresiview from the race. Black River stayed on the

ground, racking up 395 yards and nine touchdowns. The area's leading scorer, Larry Ensign, ran for four touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Jim Foky reeled off three TD runs of 47. 33 and 38 yards. The Pirates held Plymouth to

a minus 20 yards rushing and 137 yards passing. The shutout was Black River's seventh of the

Plymouth, 5-3 overall and 2-3 in the South, bosts South Central Friday.

Team Statistics				
	Plymouth	B.Raver		
First downs	- 8	17		
Yards rushing	-20	395		
Yards passing	137	46		
Total offense	117	441		
Passes attcomp.	42-16	7-3		
Intercepted by	1	4		
Fumbles-fost	0-0	2-1		
Punts-yards	4-96	0-0		
Average	24 0	00		
Yards penalized	5-31	7-55		
Rushing plays	24	52		

Score by Quarters 2 3 4 0 0 0 Black River 7 27 21 6

Larry Essign, 4 ma (Dave Savick kick)

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Chad McComas, 31 run (pass failed)

Jim Foky, 47 run (Easign run)

Easign, 6 run (Savick kick)

Foky, 33 run (Savick kick)

Foky, 33 run (Savick kick) – Enggn, 1 run (Savick kick) – Foky, 38 run (Savick kick) – Stan Lapinski, 1 run (run failed)

Crestview-Monroeville MONROEVILLE - Crestview's running attack was a little more successful than Monroeville's as the Cougars came

away with an 18-6 victory. The Cougars rolled up 162 yards on the ground and scored two touchdowns on runs by Jim Anderson and John Tennis. Monroeville only gained 63 yards and had a touchdown run by Brian Liedorff.

Firelands

Crestview, 4-1 in the Firelands South, hosts Black River Friday in a big league showdown while Monroeville, 4-1 in the North, travels to Norwalk St. Paul Saturday.

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					Crest	Monroe
	First downs				15	6
	Rushing				11	3
	Passing				3	3
	Penalty				1	0
	Yards rushing				162	63
	Yards passing				80	50
	Total offense				242	113
	Passes att-comp	,			11-6	17-7
	Intercepted by				3	1
	Fumbles lost				1-0	1-0
	Punts-yards				3-138	5-145
	Average				46 0	29 0
	Yards penalized				8-70	9-60
	Rushing plays				39	20
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Crestview Monroeville C— Jim Anderson, 13 run (kick failed)
M.—Brian Liedorff, 1 run (kick failed)
C.— Jim Phillips, 5 pass from Matt Bernhard
(Liel, Called)
C.— John Tenns, 5 ran (kick failed)

Mapleton-South Central

GREENWICH - John Mills

intercepted a pass with 56 seconds left and ran 52 yards for a touchdown as South Central edged Mapleton, 12-6. Neither team could score

until Mapleton's Brian Mohrman picked up a fourth quarter touchdown on a five-yard run. South Central came right back and tied the game on a four-yard run by Craig White. The extra point attempt was blocked by Mapleton.

Tear	n Statistics	
	Mapleton	S Cent.
First downs	16	7
Rushing	12	4
Passing	3	3
Penalty	1	Û
Yards rushing	186	55
Yards passing	105	160
Total offense	291	115
Passes attcomp	21-11	10-5
intercepted by	2	3
Fumbles-lost	2 0	2-0
Punis-yards	1-10	2-99
Average	40 0	49.5
Yards penalized	9-88	2-30
Score	by Quarters	
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Casabella cards 79

COLUMBUS - Todd Casabella, a sophomore at Open Door Christian School in Elyria, shot a first round 79 in Class A state high school golf tournament action Friday at the Ohio State University golf course.

Another area performer, Lorain Catholic's Don Pustulka fired an 82 in Class AA action.

CSU loses

CLEVELAND - Barry Walmsley's goal wasn't enough as the Cleveland State University soccer team dropped a 2-1 עבטטוטענו לי אווייניים לאווייניים וליי here Friday.

West

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proper equipment (a mouth- following West's bad snap from center on a punt, while the Wolverines had minus 27 yards yard field goal through the south in offense.

The Wolverines came back on Reggie Davis' 80 yard interception return for a score midway in the final quarter. Dan Nagy's kick a field goal. We wanted to reception of a Mike Mahone conversion pass ended the scoring for West. A final drive late in that we had enough to win it the game ended at the Aquinas' right now, but I would've liked 12 when a field goal attempt

"We were trying not to beat ourselves at that point," he said. HE K. SIGHTOS Were gunty of

looking ahead to their game with Canton Central Catholic two weeks from now, according to coach Jack Rose. "We just weren't intense. I could see it in practice all week; the entire school is looking ahead to that game and you can't do that when everyone is pointing at you for

> "Offensively, we did what we wanted, but we don't like to give up that many points. West was well prepared but didn't do anything to surprise us." Aquinas, still undefeated on the season, hosts Lorain Catholic

being ranked number one.

If the quick kick had worked

early in the game, things might have been different," Mayne said. "It kept us in poor field position throughout the first quarter. And the field conditions hurt us, together with their size. We are a speed team and the wet field took that away from "Don't get me wrong, that did

not cost us the ball game; Aquinas deserved the win. But our kids never quit and to be that far down and to play with that kind of intensity is a real credit to them." The Wolverines are back on

the road again Friday when they meet Southview in their last Erie Coast Conference game.

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