Shoremen use big plays to top Bay, take SWC lead

By JEFF JONTZEN C-T Sports Writer

BAY VILLAGE - Three big plays were all the offense Avon Lake needed Friday night as it ran past Bay, 19-7, in a battle of unbeaten Southwestern Conference teams.

The Shoremen are now 2-0 in SWC play and 4-1 for the year. Bay is 1-1 in league play, 3-2 overall.

Avon Lake won on scoring strikes by quarterback Doug Wichman of 56, 25 and 71 yards. Speed was the key on the first and last touchdowns as receivers Mike Pivato and Paul Schillinger outraced the Rocket defense to turn short passes into big vardage

"I HAVEN'T seen the team that grinds Bay up on the ground," Shoremen coach Don Soltis said. "We're a quick ballclub. We wanted to run plays

big front four out of the groove. We didn't want them to get a good bead on any one player.'

"The difference was that we gave up the big play," Bay coach Tom Kaiser said. "We have been making the big play and winning, but we didn't tonight. We missed tackles, but you have to give Avon Lake their due. They have big play people. Players like Schillinger and Wichman were the difference."

The Rockets drew first blood. The first of Pete Rekstis' two interceptions shut down Avon Lake's opening drive in the end zone. Bay then moved 80 yards in eight plays for a touchdown. QB Pat Henneberry's 31-yard strike to Matt Hoke capped the series. Geoff Purdy added the point after.

But the Shoremen came right back three plays later when Mike Pivato took a short Wichman aerial near midfield and outraced the defense for a 56yard score. Joel Regan's kick tied the game late in the first quarter.

BAY THEN made a key turnover. The Rockets fumbled away the following kickoff and Avon Lake regained possession on the Bay 33 The Shoremen overcame an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty as Wichman hooked up with Shawn Tyler for the go-ahead score, a 25-yard pass.

Avon Lake's defense and Joe Zinsmeister's punting kept Bay backed in its own territory in the second half. Wichman and Schillinger combined for the team's final TD in the third quarter. Schillinger took a short pass, broke a tackle and outraced the secondary down the right sideline for a 71-yard burst at the eight-minute mark.

Bay, forsaking the run totally in the late stages, moved to the Shoremen 24 with 5:35 remaining. But Wichman intercepted to stop the drive, and Schillinger added an interception on the Rockets' final series.

"Schillinger was 'dinged' in the second quarter," Soltis said.

"He had a headache and was dizzy. But we went to our wideouts in the second half. We threw quick to him, and he wasn't double-covered (on the 71-yard run)."

Ken Johnson, who alternates with Schillinger between tailback and fullback, took on the full running burden in the second

Myers rolls season high

It was a pair of 200-plus games which paved the way for Dianne Myers Friday as she hit the highest series rolled so far this season by an area women a 626. Competing with the Friday Couples at the Elks, Myers started out with a 225, then added a 222 and finished with a 179 for the tally. The previous high this season was a

Defending C-T Bowler of the Year Johnnie Capers hit her second 600-plus in three days Friday, Coming on the heels of a 607 Wednesday, Capers rolled an area high 236 game en route to a 618 (178-204) with the Center Ridge Friday Mixed Classic. The score was the fourth 600 of the season for Capers.

Also with the Classic, Jane Wells led the 550 Club with consistent scores of 195, 186 and 213 for a 594. Marge Hostutler of the Friday Couples tossed 210 and 214 games before faltering with a 149 for a final 573.

Ruth Hess of the Avon VFW Couples at Sugar Lanes (205 high) and Diane Long (174-177-204) of the Grafton Friday Morning Ladies rolled respective 568 and 555 series to round out Friday's scoring.

Inadvertently omitted from the bowling roundup from Thursday's action, Peggy Sword bested her 155 average in every game (202-218-194) for a 612, her first 600 of the season. CHARLES OF LIFE SECURITY STATES OF LIFE SECURITY SECURITY

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Buckhannon's 669

headlines men Glen Buckhannon rolled games of 190 and 222 before cracking a final 256 to lift him to the top of men's Friday bowling scores with a 668. Competing with the B.C. Friday Nite 900, Buckhannon hit other

games of 190 and 222. Mike Vitovitz led the Friday Nite C at Grafton Lanes with a 661 (203-242-216), while Jim Smithers topped the Eagles 431 with games of 233, 243 and 180 for a 656. With the B.C. Friday Nite 900, Wilfred Abram rolled a 645 (247-200-198), while Dennis Kaminski hit a 634 (225-204-

Also with that league, John Yucka Jr. hit an area high 267 en route to a 628 (156-205).

Glen Buchhannon 663, Mihe Vitovitz 661, Jim Smithers 668, Wilfred Abram 645, Dennis Kammelin 634, John Yucks Jr 685, Mickey Walker 615, Jim Ely 614, Roo Fultz 683, Al Cagle 686

Panthers nip Wolverines

Catholic.

yards over the left side of the Panther line. But the conversion pass again misfired.

THEN THE PANTHER offense decided to put things out of reach. With Hodge and Plas alternating running plays and quarterback Dave Krol connecting on a key 11 yard pass to Gary Schuler, the Panthers moved sixty yards to a 28-12 lead with five seconds remaining in the third quarter when Hodge scored from the 14. With West needing three scores, the Panthers seemed to have a lock

The picture changed quickly when Mahone matched Nelson's 40 yard run at the 10:59 mark of the fourth quarter. Again the conversion pass failed and West trailed 28-18.

The ball changed hands twice before the Wolverines took over at their own 49 with 4:20 remaining. 1:38 later Mahone got his third score, again over the right side, and ran the same play for the two point conversion, following the use of West's last timeout.

The Panthers handled the anticipated onside kick with ease and coolly ran out the clock to take their Erie Coast Conference opener.

"Just when one team was done, the other would take over," Schmitz said in justified praise of both teams. "They (west) seem to be improving steadily as they gain experience. We will have to take a good look at the films and prepare for next week."

According to Mayne, "We saw what we can do when we stop worrying about winning and concern ourselves with performance. We may be 1-4, but I'm overloved."

EC, now 4-1, travels to Walsh Jesuit next Friday while West has another big conference

game on the road at Lorain

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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First downs	171	6
Rushing	12	12
Passing	4	3
Penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	273	277
Yards passing	89	55
Total offense	362	332
Passes att -comp	13-7	11-6
Intercepted by	1	2
Fumbles-lost	4-2	1-0
Punts-yards	3-119	3-106
Average	39 7	35 3
Yards penalized	5-34	5-60
Rushing plays	30	53

Scoring
EC-Cory Hodge, 22 run (kick failed)
EC-Gary Plas, 1 run (Chuck Richards,
has from Dave Krol)
EW-Mike Mahone, 17 run (pass failed)
EC-Hodge, 10 run (Greg Kempf kick)
EW-Tyrone Nelson, 40 run (pun failed)
EC-Bodge, 14 run (Kempf hich)
EW-Mahone, 44 run (pass failed)
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(eight for 80 yards)," Soltis said. But our defense did a whale of a job after Bay's first touchdown. We kept them out of field position and we had good punts." Avon Lake hosts Westlake in

another tough SWC matchup next Friday night.

"When you don't get field position, give up three big plays and have to come from behind, you're bound to give up the ball again," Kaiser said. "Schillinger is the fastest back in the conference. You don't bring him down with one tackle.

"But it isn't over until it's over, and we told the kids that after the game. Now we have to

come back.'	7				
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Yards passing				177	127
Total offense				290	165
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Intercepted by				2	2
Fumbles-lost				2-0	1-1
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Yards penalized				80	31
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in 16 carries. "WE HAD a lot of break-

GREENWICH - Craig White half and finished with 82 yards ran for four touchdowns as South Central snapped a twogame losing streak with a 32-12 victory over visiting Edison.
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Firelands roundup

South Central-Edison

Norwalk St. Paul-Mapleton ASHLAND - Norwalk St.

attack as the Flyers ripped host Mapleton, 35-12.

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Rushing				<u>1</u> 7	8
Passing				0	1
Penalty				0	2
Yards rushing			3:	55	169
Yards passing				0	71
Total offense			3	55	240
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Crestview-New London NEW LONDON — Crestview dominated its game with New London as the Cougars won the contest, 39-6.

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(Hernhiser kick)
C — Majars, 14 run (pass failed)
N — Ken Rass, 4 run (kick failed)
C — Jim Phillips, 36 pass from Bernhard
(Hernhiser kick)

Monroeville-Plymouth PLYMOUTH - Monroeville took advantage of three turnovers as the Eagles downed previously-unbeaten Plymouth.

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	Team Statistics	
	Monroe	Plymouth
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Rushing	10	7
Passing	2	3
Penalty	3	4

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and a 21-7 halftime lead. Team Statistics First downs 23 12 Rushing Passing 10 Penalty Total offense 440 Passes att -comp Intercepted by

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NR – Ed Crevda, 2 run (kick failed)
NR – Jeff Seasor, 25 pass from Crevda
(Crevda pass from Moore) NR-Seasor, 26 pass from Crevda (Moore kick) NR – Moore, 6 run (kick failed)

Prep football notebook

Avon Lake is 2-0 in Southwestern Conference play, but coach Don Soltis realizes it's still early. "You take a breather in this league, and you're out of it," he noted. And the Shoremen face another tough test Friday night as Westlake comes to town.

The Shoremen reclaimed the "Lovin' Cup" on the field after their victory over Bay to make up for last season's 14-7 loss. This is the 17th year the trophy has been exchanged between schools.

The Shoremen missed connections on their last two point after kicks, but Soltis said the final try was designed as a twopoint play. "It was a fake, but the quarterback didn't realize what the play was," he said.

Admiral King's secondary has had a field day against Elyria the past two years. The Admirals have intercepted 10 Elyria passes in two games - six last night.

Admiral King coach Bill Provident likes his team's position in respect to the Buckeye Conference race.

"Nobody's going to beat Fremont, Elyria and King backto-back," he said. "That's what everyone has to do." The Admirals and Findlay are 2-0; Lorain 1 0, but I crain and Tindley must play Fremont, Elyria and King. King has already hurdled Fremont and Elyria.

It was Fill the Stadium Night at Elyria, a move to get Elyria alumni back in the seats. Although there were plenty of seats left, there was a good crowd. Several members of Elyria's undefeated 1971 team were in attendance.

Friday's game was virtually a carbon copy of Elyria's 7-0 win over Admiral King in the 1968 season. In that game, the Pioneers kept giving the Admirals

scoring chances, but each time the vaunted Pioneer defense turned King away.

Elyria scored the game's only touchdown on Al VanValkenburg's 50-yard run.

It's the third time in the 25year history of the series that the game has ended 7-0. The Admirals won by that score in

Elyria has not won in this series with Admiral King since its undefeated 1979 year. The Admirals have won six straight. four of the last five by shutout.

Both defenses were outstanding in the Elyria-King game. Both teams had outstanding middle guards. "Elyria's nose man (Jeff

Lyons) wasn't too shabby," said King coach Bill Provident. "Their middle guard (Charlie Ikeard) is a great player," said

Llyria's Bill Jones

Another factor in King's victory was the punting of Mike Carrico who averaged 35.5 yards for nine kicks. Elyria punted only three times.

West defensive back Terry Davis picked off his fifth interception of the seasonat the West eight vard line. The Wolverines then marched 92 yards for their first score of the night.

North Ridgeville coach Jeff Riesen admitted that watching the Dailas-Cleveland game last week caused him to think a bit more about trying the pass play that starts with a handoff to a running back, who tosses a pass across field to the quarterback.

"We've had that play in our playbook, but when I saw it last Sunday it lit the light. We decided we might try it," Riesen said.

The Rangers did and with success on a two-point conversion try. Quarterback Ed Crevda handed off to Dwayne Moore,

who threw back to Crevda. Crevda had to dodge a linebacker and a defensive back before finding the endzone.

North Ridgeville had a third and fourth period drive that lasted 16 plays, 78 yards and covered 7:30. The drive ended on downs at the one-yard line. However, the Rangers' Jeff McVeigh recovered a fumble two plays later that set up Dwayne Moore's touchdown run of six yards.

Amherst coach Don Richardson had kind words for Ranger quarterback Ed Crevda. "He's an old (seasoned) quarterback who can throw the ball. It didn't surprise me that he had such a great night. It's tough to win when there quarterback is on like he was." Crevda hit on 15 of 25 passes for 254 yards and two touchdowns.

Amherst, which is in its final season of play in the Lakeland Conference, is obviously still in the conference hunt despite Friday's loss to Ridgeville. "We'd like to win this thing in our last season and the key for us is to bounce back from this loss," coach Don Richardson said.

The Rangers gained 186 yards on the ground with Bob Chapman leading the way with 67 Sophomore Steve Schneller had 49 yards on seven carries and the 160-pounder is expected to see a little more action throughout the season, according to coach Jeff Riesen, who admitted to liking what he saw of Schneller against the Comets.

"It was a super defensive performance," said Elyria's Bill Jones of his team. "But when you have all those penalties, fumbles, dropped pitches and interceptions - that's poor coaching. Well-coached teams don't play that way. I can't believe we're that poor. We have

better athletes than that."

King's Bill Provident wasn't surprised at Elyria's defensive performance. "Their defense has kept them

in games all year," he said. "We knew they had a good defense. They were too quick off the ball for us. We've been averaging 27 points a game, but our offense stayed in the lockerroom tonight."

The running games were powerful in Elyria Catholic's thrilling 28-26 victory over Elyria West. EC picked up 277 yards on 53 rushes for a 5.2 average while West garnered 273 on thirty plays for a 9.1 average. Two sophomores served

notice of things to come. EC's Cory Hodge, a 6-foot-2 170 pounder, picked up 103 yards while Tyrone Nelson, 6-0 and 200, collected 155 for West. Still, the passing attack

effective for both teams as quarterbacks Dave Krol of Elyria Catholic and Tony Fischer of West completed more than half of their passes.

Elyria West's Todd Strebel left the field in an ambulance with a possible spinal injury early in the fourth period of the West-EC contest. Preliminary observation seemed to show that the injury was not serious. As he left the field on a

stretcher, Strebel encouraged his Wolverine teammates with a raised right arm.

Both North Olmsted and Olmsted Falls have had some close ball games this season. The Eagles' other win came by just two-points over Berea, 15-13. while losses have come at the hands of North Ridgeville (14-10), Elyria (21-19), and Medina (28-24). Falls, now 0-2 in the Southwestern lost to powerful Westlake, 7-6, just last Friday. The overtime was the first contested in the Southwestern Conference this season.

Passers ELYRIA

Elyria threatens often but can't score

FROM C-1

starts at the AK-13, after a brilliant defense hit and fumble recovery by Mike Brightwell. Three plays net no yardage and, on fourth down, Ikeard sacks Elyria's Kent Jones.

● Sixth possession — Elyria gets the football back at the AK-10 on Jeff Lyons's great play and fumble recovery. After a five-yard gain, Elyria is penalized for illegal procedure back to the 10. Lamar Jackson turns right end to the AK-3. But, on the next play, Elyria fumbled another pitch and John Matakovich recovered at the 7.

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stopped King on its own 26, but a roughing-the-kicker penalty gave the Admirals new life at their 41. They went 59 yards in three

plays, using only 25 seconds. The touchdown was scored on a 17yard pass from Rich Ducar to Majjasie after Matakovich had taken the ball 36 yards on a flat

"That was North Canton Hoover's offense you saw there," said Admiral King's Bill Provident whose team lost to Hoover in the playoffs last year. "We learned something from them."

"The punt block was my call," Jones said. "I felt, even if we missed it, they wouldn't score. We could've gone in (halffirme) A.A. We had geveral field goal opportunities (in the second half).

Both coaches saw plenty of mistakes. There were 11 turnovers and 16 penalties on both sides - and just 222 yards in offense.

Coming into the game, Admiral King had lost just two

bles, while Elyria had two lost fumbles and two interceptions.

King's Alex Perez, the league's leading rusher, had just four net yards.

"I think we had too much strength for them up front," said Provident. "Nobody's blocked Ikeard vet. It looks like he starts in the backfield. It was one of those ugly wins, but the defense rose up every time we had to "

The Admirals' defense had plenty of heroes, but none bigger than Matakovich who came up with two touchdown-saving tackles.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS **ELYRIA** Gata 65 0 -31 34 Lamar Jackson H Jackson Kent Jones 11 5 A KING Alex Perez 4 28 20 0 Jason Duniap John Matakovich Charles Reard Pete Martinez

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Kent Jones Eric Bush A KING Rich Ducar Receivers ELYRIA Erne Bush Harrison Jackson John Matakovich Jerry Majjasie Alex Perez Team Statistics Elyria A. King First downs Rushing Passing Penalty

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