

Elusive first victory slips past Lutheran West again

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COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP — It's beginning to seem like winning a football game for the Lutheran West Longhorns is becoming a Mission Impossible. And why not? The 0-4 Longhorns seem to be self-destructing more lately than Peter Graves' tape collection.

Saturday afternoon, the Columbia Raiders came into Longhorn Field with their patchwork collection of 21 players and walked away with a 14-7 win. The Raiders (1-3) played 11 players both ways and were forced to flip-flop their quarterback and tight end for the game.

JUNIOR Dave Dumke, normally the Raiders' starting tight end and best receiver, started at quarterback, while Brian Folden, normally the quarterback, started at tight end. Why? Good question.

"Folden dislocated his finger in last week's game," said Raider Coach Rick Dodson, "so we brought in Dumke. Folden couldn't grip the ball, but could still catch it, so we put him in at receiver."

And, believe it or not Mr. Ripley, as strange as the whole concoction seems, it worked.

Dumke, although not the most elegant of passers, completed three for 37 yards, while running 19 times for 58 yards, a TD and an extra point. Folden had a reception on a third-and-13 play in which he slipped, spun and twisted away from tacklers to go for a 20-yard gain. He also had a touchdown run and also had an interception on defense.

W. Reserve 6
Plymouth 0

COLLINS — Sophomore Dane Burke ran one yard for the only score of the game as Western Reserve shutout Plymouth, 6-0.

Reserve totaled 146 yards on the day while the Big Red had only 85 in the defensive struggle.

The Roughriders are 3-1 for the year and evened their Firelands Conference mark at 1-1. Plymouth is 0-2 in the league and 1-3 overall. On Friday, Plymouth will host South Central while Reserve travels to Monroeville.

Team Statistics		W. Reserve
First downs	7	9
Yards rushing	30	142
Yards passing	55	4
Total offense	85	146
Passes att.-comp.	19-6	7-1
Intercepted by	0	3
Fumbles-lost	4-2	2-1
Punts-yards	3-96	3-104
Average	32.0	34.6
Yards penalized	6-45	5-45

Score by Quarters
Plymouth 1 2 3 4 T
W Reserve 0 0 0 0 - 0

Scoring
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Nor. St. Paul 0

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First downs	7	14	14
Rushing	3	13	13
Passing	1	1	1
Penalty	3	0	0
Yards rushing	124	189	189
Yards passing	0	38	38
Total offense	124	227	227
Passes att.-comp.	1-0	12-4	12-4
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Folden's interception was just one of two the Raiders grabbed in addition to falling on a pair of Lutheran West fumbles. Add that to a 12-men-on-the-field penalty on a fourth down which kept alive an eventual scoring drive and, voila, virtual self-destruction for LW.

"WE ALWAYS find ways to lose this year," said Longhorn Coach Joel Gesch. "It always seems to be something and it's taking away from everything we've worked for. It's very frustrating."

"It was a pretty ugly first half today. Everytime we got the ball we killed ourselves. And the our defense got tired because they were on the field for the entire first half."

The Longhorns had the ball three times in the first half and ran just 11 plays. Twice they fumbled, the other time they punted.

Both fumble recoveries by Columbia led to touchdowns, the first on a quarterback sneak by Dumke from one yard out. That came at 2:43 of the first quarter. The kick failed, giving the Raiders a 6-0 lead.

The second Columbia TD came at 5:24 of the second quarter on a fake field goal attempt, capping a 12-play, 55-yard drive. The Raiders set up the offensive line on the left side of the field and left the center, holder and kicker on the right side of the field. The holder, Folden, simply took the ball and ran into the corner of the end zone.

Southview 40
Cleveland East 6

LORAIN — Southview scored four touchdowns in the first half enroute to a 40-6 victory at the hands of Cleveland East High.

Gerald Taylor ran for two TD's and Richie Cruz caught two Glen Darnos' passes for scores before the intermission. Nandi Cruz and Billy Fisalden tallied in the second half.

Taylor gained 120 yards in 27 carries while Darnos passed for 137 yards and three TD's on eight of thirteen throws. The Saints rushed for 135 yards.

Southview will play at Elyria Catholic Friday. Both squads have 2-2 records to date.

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TWICE in the second half the Longhorns had the ball inside the Raider 15, but came away empty both times. Their lone score came when Shane Good blocked a Columbia punt and Steve Schneider pounced on it in the end zone with 8:42 left in the game.

Team Statistics		Columbia	L. West
First downs	9	7	7
Rushing	6	4	4
Passing	1	3	3
Penalty	2	0	0
Yards rushing	141	105	105
Yards passing	37	104	104
Total offense	178	209	209
Passes att.-comp.	3-10	5-17	5-17
Intercepted by	2	0	0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-2	2-2
Yards penalized	30	55	55
Rushing plays	38	26	26

Score by Quarters
Columbia 1 2 3 4 T
Lutheran West 0 0 0 7 - 7

Scoring
C - Shane Good, 8:42 punt blocked (Steve Schneider)

By JIM JABLONSKI
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SOUTH AMHERST — The final score hardly sounds like total domination but the South Amherst Cavaliers came close to that as they downed visiting Buckeye 9-6 Saturday afternoon in the Inland Conference opener for both schools.

The teams traded touchdowns in the first six and a half minutes of the contest for a 6-6 tie. But from that point, the Cavs defense and the running of Jay Morris kept Buckeye's back to the wall the rest of the way until senior placekicker Kurt Lauer put the game away with a 27 yard field goal with 4:02 left in the game.

The Bucks managed only three first downs on the game

Prep volleyball

Elyria-Lorain
ELYRIA — Elyria High beat Lorain High in an Erie Shore match, 15-4, 15-8.

Top scorers for the winners were Jennifer Bender with 9 points and 4 aces, Monica Taylor with 7 points and 3 aces and Belinda Adams with 6 points. Adams was the top hitter with five kills.

The Pioneer gals are 12-0 overall, 7-0 in the Erie Shore Conference and 4-0 in the Buckeye Conference. They will host Midview in a big ESC game Tuesday.

Wellington-Edison
MILAN — Wellington High is still undefeated after coming



JUST MISSING an interception is Columbia's Brian Folden (12) as Lutheran West's Jeff Lienerth gets set to catch the pass in Saturday's game. (C-T photo by Matthew Brown)

'Dominating' South Amherst stops Buckeye

against the Cavalier defense and the entire second half was played in their territory following a fumble at their own 22 on the first play after intermission.

The question then becomes, why didn't the Cavaliers score heavily? "Sometimes I think we like to make things interesting for the people," joked coach Jon Altonen.

"If I had the answer, we would have done it. But I think we were tired, and Buckeye played tough defense."

Things started badly for South Amherst when, on the first possession, split end Jack Bennett bobbled a Tim Henes pass at the SA-30. Buckeye linebacker gathered it in and raced for a quick score with 10:12 left in the

period. The kick failed for a 6-0 lead.

Two possessions later, the Cavs got rolling. That's also when Jay Morris got going. A 22-yard breakout through the right side by the junior back got South Amherst into Buckeye territory.

Then two plays later Morris broke through the left side and out-ran the Buckeye defensive backs for a 23-yard touchdown. The missed kick left the score tied.

And that's where it stood, through a series of three Cavalier first half turnovers that led to nothing for Buckeye.

It was Buckeye's turn to lose the ball early on the first play of the third period at their own 22. The Cavs, 3-1, failed to punch it across, but the recovery and Morris's running kept the Bucks bottled up the rest of the game.

FINALLY, midway through the final quarter, Henes found Bennett over the middle and the big end ramblled for a 42 yard gain to the Buckeye six. The drive stalled, but Lauer split the uprights with his kick for the three point lead. When Chris Filiaggi intercepted a Buckeye pass the game was on ice.

"Jack (Bennett) really

redeemed himself for that interception with that catch didn't he," Altonen asked with a chuckle. "He wasn't the primary receiver, he was just meant to clear the defenders out for Mike Dostall. They went with Mike, though, and Henes found Bennett. That was definitely the key play of the game."

Coach George Hammond of the 0-4 Bucks found little to be happy about. "It was their defense and our lack of execution that was the difference. We had holes at the point of attack but the backside blockers didn't do their job. We couldn't even throw a pass because there wasn't any protection."

Team Statistics		S. Amherst	Buckeye
First downs	12	3	3
Rushing	8	1	1
Passing	3	2	2
Penalty	1	0	0
Yards rushing	165	43	43
Yards passing	68	22	22
Total offense	233	65	65
Passes att.-comp.	15-3	14-2	14-2
Intercepted by	2	3	3
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1	2-1
Punts-yards	4-123	8-225	8-225
Average	30.8	28.1	28.1
Yards penalized	6-50	4-50	4-50
Rushing plays	44	23	23

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S Amherst 1 2 3 4 T
Buckeye 6 0 0 0 - 6

Scoring
B-Greg Bruemmer, 38 yard interception return (kick failed)
S-Jay Morris, 23 run (kick failed)
SA-Kurt Lauer, 27 field goal

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