

Injuries take toll, Vermilion bows to Lorain

LORAIN — Vermilion's ability to keep opponents off the scoreboard is predicated on two things...solid defensive play and a ball-control type offense.

The Sailors lost their top two tailbacks Friday and it proved to be too much to overcome in their Erie Shore Conference clash with Lorain Senior.

With Dennis Washington running rampant, the Steelmen inflicted a 30-21 defeat on the Sailors to foil any hope coach Ralph Mayer's veteran club had of qualifying for the Division II playoffs.

Washington exploded for 208 yards on 24 carries and caught a 44-yard touchdown pass in officially eliminating Vermilion from the conference title picture.

"We use out tailbacks a lot in our offense and Jeff Weaver went down on the first play and Ryan Wilson was forced out later. We had to go with our third tailback who is a jayvee player. We rely so much on the tailbacks in hoping to control the football," Mayer said after the third loss in nine games.

"We realize the playoffs are out of the question now, but I know we have an excellent group of seniors who will come back next week against Sandusky and give it everything they have. Lorain is a vastly improved football team and Dennis Washington is truly an outstanding back," Mayer said.

"Hey, we were still in the game and had a chance to tie the score with 3½ minutes to play, but we missed an extra point that would have enabled us to get even. The kick had plenty of distance, but it just went wide.

"Last year when we went to the playoffs everything seemed to go our way and this year it isn't. You have to be lucky as well as good in this game," Mayer noted.

Lorain took an 8-0 lead on quarterback Shawn Reardon's 10-yard run early in the second period, but Vermilion knotted the score at 8-8 by halftime.

Quarterback Pete Shimrock, who had three touchdown passes for the Sailors, clicked with Marcus Jurado for the first one covering nine yards. Shimrock also hit Brian Wilson for the two-point conversion to even the score.

"We get the second half kickoff and march right down the field and go up 15-8. Pete threw a touchdown pass for four yards to Chris Randall and Mike Surrento booted the extra point. We were in good shape at this

point, but Washington got away from us twice and Lorain moved back on top," Mayer recalled.

Washington hauled in a 44-yard scoring strike from Reardon, then bolted over for the two-point PAT and Lorain was in front 16-15.

Washington returned early in the final stanza to rip off a 68-yard touchdown run, but Lorain missed the extra point and it was a 22-15 game.

The Sailors struck for their third touchdown of the game when Shimrock tossed an 11-yard strike to Randall and it was now 22-21. However, the try for the extra point was no good.

"We were deep in our own territory with time running out and we had to try to pass to get another score on the board. They picked off one of Pete's passes and Washington then runs 24 yards for his third touchdown and they again get the two points on the PAT to put the game on ice," Mayer concluded.

Lorain had 415 yards in total offense, including 299 rushing and 116 passing. Vermilion, which picked off three interceptions and recovered two Lorain fumbles, had a good night in the running department despite the injuries.

Weaver suffered an ankle injury after gaining 14 yards on his lone carry of the game, and Wilson was bothered by a gimpy ankle before the contest, then re-injured it after taking over for Weaver who came into the battle with 648 yards rushing and 8 touchdowns to his credit.

STATISTICS			
	LSr	Verm	
First Downs (total)	18	22	
Rushes (total)			
net yards rushing	299	239	
passes attempted	8	18	
passes completed	5	5	
had intercepted	3	0	
net yards passing	116	48	
Total plays			
Total Net Yards Gained	415	287	
Fumbles (number)	2	3	
ball lost	2	2	
Penalties (number)	4	2	
yards penalized	35	10	

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Lorain Senior	0	8	8
Vermilion	0	8	7

Scoring:
Lorain Senior - Shawn Reardon, 10 run. (Chris Risdon, pass from Reardon).
Vermilion - Marcus Jurado, 9 pass from Pete Shimrock. (Brian Wilson, pass from Shimrock).
Vermilion - Chris Randall, 4 pass from Shimrock. (Mike Surrento, kick).
Lorain Senior - Dennis Washington, 44 pass from Reardon. (Washington, run).
Lorain Senior - Washington, 68 run. (run failed).
Vermilion - Randall, 11 pass from Shimrock. (kick failed).
Lorain Senior - Washington, 24 run. (Tim Statton, pass from Reardon).

FIRELANDS

STATISTICS			
	BR	Mon	
First Downs (total)	10	14	
by rushing	7	4	
by passing	2	10	
by penalty	1	0	
Rushes (total)			
net yards rushing	107	100	
passes attempted	20	21	
passes completed	3	13	
had intercepted	4	2	
net yards passing	27	256	
Total Net Yards Gained	134	356	
Fumbles (number)	2	2	
ball lost	0	1	
Penalties (number)	3	7	
yards penalized	35	65	

STATISTICS			
	Ply	NL	
First Downs (total)	6	9	
by rushing	3	4	
by passing	3	3	
by penalty	0	2	
Rushes (total)	22	45	
net yards rushing	67	45	
passes attempted	19	16	
passes completed	10	6	
had intercepted	2	1	
net yards passing	173	67	
Total plays	41	61	
Total Net Yards Gained	240	112	
Fumbles (number)	2	2	
ball lost	2	0	
Penalties (number)	8	9	
yards penalized	60	65	

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
New London	0	6	0
Plymouth	0	0	13

Scoring: New London - Bob Wilson, 29 pass interception return. (kick failed).

New London - Dave Ash, 24-yard field goal.

Plymouth - Jim Fletcher, 39 pass from Chuck Kosse. (Bernad Schneider, kick).

New London - Bill Radcliff, 49 pass interception return. (Ash, kick).

Plymouth - Fletcher, 76 pass from Kosse. (kick failed).

STATISTICS			
	Cres	SC	
First Downs (total)	14	3	
by rushing	9	2	
by passing	4	0	
by penalty	1	1	
Rushes (total)			
net yards rushing	167	37	
passes attempted	12	14	
passes completed	6	2	
had intercepted	0	3	
net yards passing	100	17	
Total plays			
Total Net Yards Gained	267	54	
Fumbles (number)	4	4	
ball lost	3	1	
Penalties (number)	6	7	
yards penalized	45	60	

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Crestview	19	14	3
South Central	0	0	8

Scoring: Crestview - Bob Spoerr, recovered fumble in end zone. (kick failed).

Crestview - Greg Caple, blocked punt in end zone. (kick failed).

Crestview - Caple, 3 run. (Scott Hershisier, kick).

Crestview - Caple, 29 run. (Hershisier, kick).

Crestview - Jemall Hawkins, 24 pass from Scott Durbin. (Hershisier, kick).

Crestview - Ed Blum, 36 field goal.

South Central - Wallace Johnson, 18 run. (Ryan Peglovic, run).

STATISTICS			
	NSP	Dan	
First Downs (total)	21	23	
by rushing	13	17	
by passing	4	2	
by penalty	4	4	
net yards rushing	117	201	
passes attempted	12	15	
passes completed	1	7	
had intercepted	2	2	
net yards passing	7	64	
Total Net Yards Gained	124	265	
Fumbles (number)	4	1	
ball lost	3	1	
Penalties (number)	9	11	
yards penalized	96	85	

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Norwalk St. Paul	0	0	14
Danbury	14	8	6

Scoring: Danbury - Mark Harris, 15 fumble recovery return. (pass failed).

Danbury - Harris, 23 pass from Del Culver. (Robert Lenthe run).

Danbury - Brian Kowalczyk, 1 run. (Culver run).

Danbury - Harris, 46 run. (Culver run).

Danbury - Brian Cichocki, 1 run. (pass failed).

Norwalk St. Paul - Safety.

Norwalk St. Paul - Mike Davis, 3 run. (kick failed).

Norwalk St. Paul - Davis, 2 run. (kick failed).

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Monroeville closes in on playoffs

Eagles remain unbeaten

MONROEVILLE — "It felt good to get an early lead", said coach Steve Ringholz as his Eagles jumped off to a 21-0 lead at the half on their way to a 28-8 win over Black River.

The win, their ninth of the season, just about assured Monroeville (9-0, 7-0) of a playoff spot.

"We had several key pass plays on our first drive. They came out and doubled our wideouts and we adjusted right away. Kevin (Smith) had another good night in passing and that helps our attack," he added.

Smith finished with 13-of-21 in the passing department good for 256 yards and two touchdowns.

Monroeville's first score came at 9:50 of the opening stanza as Jerry Morrow rushed in from the two. Mike Lindenberger added his first of four conversions to make it 7-0.

At the 7:14 mark of the second

FIRELANDS CONFERENCE

SCHOOL NAME	OVERALL					LEAGUE				
	G	W	L	PF	PA	G	W	L	PF	PA
Monroeville	9	9	0	226	94	7	7	0	212	87
Western Reserve	8	7	1	262	60	6	5	1	214	54
New London	9	6	3	185	97	7	5	2	147	74
Black River	9	5	4	169	144	7	4	3	130	130
Mapleton	8	4	4	140	104	6	3	3	118	83
Plymouth	9	4	5	186	184	7	3	4	147	138
Crestview	9	3	6	107	152	7	3	4	87	114
Norwalk St. Paul	9	1	8	44	223	7	1	6	30	146
South Central	9	0	9	42	313	8	0	8	36	295

period Smith combined with Jason Collins for a 10-yard scoring pass.

Smith then provided a six-pointer of his own as he finished off a drive at the 4:09 mark with an eight yard run.

J.D. Pothorski closed out the Eagle scoring with a 28 yard pass from Smith. This came with 1:41 left in the game.

The Pirates loan score came on a 15-yard run by Jim Addington. Matt Swain added the two-point run.

The Eagles finished with 356 total yards as they added 100 yards on the ground to Smith's total of 256.

Monroeville will be shooting for their first undefeated season since 1978, which was Ringholz's first year at the helm, as the Eagles close out at home against Crestview.

Monroeville finished that campaign with a 9-0-1 mark. It was a 0-0 tie with Edison in the fifth game that spoiled their attempt for a perfect 10-0 season.

'Cats assured of winning season

PLYMOUTH — New London cemented its first winning season in seven years Friday with a 16-13 Firelands Conference victory over host Plymouth in a wild fourth quarter.

The Wildcats suffered through a six-year record of 13-42-3 after a fine 7-2-1 season in 1980 under Paul Nestor. Included were 0-10 marks in 1982 and 1985.

Coach Joe Studer's veteran club scored twice on pass interception returns against the Big Red to improve its record to 6-3 overall and 5-2 in the conference with the nod. Studer had a 3-7 log in his first season a year ago.

New London had a 6-0 lead after three quarters of play in a defensive struggle. However, it was a much different story in the final 12 minutes.

The only touchdown in the first 36 minutes came suddenly.

Plymouth quarterback Chuck Kosse's pass from deep in his own territory sailed into the arms of New London's Bob Wilson who dashed 29 yards into the end zone on the return which came with 3:29 left in the second quarter.

New London had another touchdown nullified in the opening seconds of the fourth period after driving 71 yards in 19 plays.

The Wildcats had to settle for a field goal and Dave Ash's kick from 24 yards out moved the lead to 10-0 with 11:20 remaining in the game.

Kosse went to work immediately, and hooked up with Jim Fletcher for a 39-yard scoring strike two minutes later. Bernd Schneider's kick narrowed the deficit to 10-7. The hosts marched 57 yards in six plays after the kickoff.

Plymouth regained possession four minutes later, but Kosse

threw his second interception of the contest, and again the Wildcats turned the theft into an immediate six points. Bill Radcliff was the villain this time and raced 49 yards to paydirt. Ash's kick gave the Wildcats a 16-7 lead with 5:02 left in the game.

New London got the ball back and ran valuable time off the clock before Plymouth took over on downs with less than one minute to play.

Kosse dropped back on the first play and found Fletcher racing between two defenders. The pass was on the money and Fletcher wound up dashing 76 yards to score. The kick failed and the scoring was complete.

Plymouth had the statistics in its favor. The Big Red had 240 yds in total offense to 112 for the Wildcats, and they passed for 173 yards to 67 for the winners.

However, the Big Red had four turnovers, and two interceptions resulted in 13 New London points. Plymouth dropped to 3-4 in the Firelands and 4-5 overall.

Danbury 36 St. Paul 14

LAKESIDE — Danbury recorded its fifth win of the season Friday night as the Lakers downed Norwalk St. Paul, 36-14.

The Lakers scored just 24 seconds into the game as Mark Harris rambled 15 yards with a fumble recovery, and when the two-point try missed, it was 6-0.

Harris also tallied the second six-pointer and it too came in the opening stanza. This time he was on the end of a 23-yard scoring pass from quarterback Del Culver. Robert Lenthe added the two-point bonus to make it 14-0.

The third Danbury score came

Admirals gain tie for lead beating North Ridgeville

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — The classic confrontation between a potent offense and a stingy defense went to the offense Friday in the Erie Shore Conference showdown.

Lorain Admiral King rolled up 335 yards rushing to overpower previously unbeaten North Ridgeville, 27-3, and leave both teams with 5-1 conference records.

The host Rangers, who came into the game allowing an average of 6½ points a game, were unable to generate any ground attack. They tried desperately to stay with the Admirals by throwing the ball 25 times. However, they were inept and connected only seven times, for 123 yards.

The loss dropped North Ridgeville to 7-1 overall, and the win kept the Admirals in the Division I playoff hunt with a 7-2 record.

Ridgeville's only points came when Jason Armbruster hit a 45-yard field goal in the opening period.

King rebounded with 14 points in the second quarter to move in front to stay.

Ray Harris ran three yards

early in the period, then Keith Hogan rambled 35 on an interception return to put the 1986 Buckeye Conference co-champions in good shape.

Aaron Dunlap, one of three fleet King tailbacks, put the icing on the cake. He exploded for a 75-yrd run in the third period and grabbed a 10-yard touchdown pass from Dave Fabian in the final quarter.

STATISTICS			
	LAK	NR	
First Downs (total)	17	11	
by rushing	14	7	
by passing	3	3	
by penalty	0	1	
net yards rushing	335	48	
passes attempted	6	25	
passes completed	3	7	
had intercepted	0	1	
net yards passing	38	123	
Total Net Yards Gained	373	171	
Fumbles (number)	0	0	
ball lost	0	0	
yards penalized	40	53	

SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Admiral King	0	14	7
North Ridgeville	3	0	0

Scoring: North Ridgeville - Jason Armbruster, 45 field goal.

Admiral King - Ray Harris, 3 run. (Rick Sykuta kick).

Admiral King - Keith Hogan, 35 interception return. (Sykuta kick).

Admiral King - Aaron Dunlap, 75 run. (Sykuta kick).

Admiral King - Dunlap, 10 pass from David Fabian. (kick failed).

ERIE SHORE CONFERENCE

SCHOOL NAME	OVERALL					LEAGUE				
	G	W	L	PF	PA	G	W	L	PF	PA
North Ridgeville	8	7	1	167	80	6	5	1	122	66
Admiral King	9	7	2	187	143	6	5	1	156	73
Sandusky	8	6	2	170	138	5	3	2	101	90
Vermilion	9	6	3	150	115	6	3	3	97	89
Midview	9	5	4	146	159	6	3	3	118	