

Marple defeats Lower Merion 41-6

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MARPLE — Coach Bob Kenig's decision to install the Delaware Wing-T offense this season at Marple Newtown High is turning out to be one of the best since the U.S. bought Alaska from the Russians.

The Tigers, who are 4-0, have picked up momentum each game.

Friday night's 41-6 blowout of Lower Merion seems to be proof-positive that the Tigers know how it's done.

The LM defense acted at times as if it thought the Delaware Wing-T is some sort of weekend special being advertised by Frank Perdue, the chicken man.

Marple Newtown had started the season by beating unimpressive West Chester East, 8-6, then fought off a late rally to beat unheralded Springfield, 20-14.

"We started to get it together

last week against Haverford (28-8 victim)," said Kenig following his team's latest victory.

"What pleases me about tonight's game is that the kids weren't looking past Lower Merion and toward our game next Saturday at Ridley.

"I was afraid they might be.

"Lower Merion is a better team than it showed tonight. They made some mistakes and we took advantage of them. And our defense did a great job in stopping (quarterback) David Holland.

"He's very dangerous on the option and I was afraid he'd hurt us, but we stayed in our basic defense and contained him," said Kenig.

Lower Merion came into the game with a 3-0 record. The Aces had won by forfeit over Upper Darby and had beaten North Penn, 20-7 and Springfield (Montco), 41-14.

Marple Newtown drove 63 yards in eight plays to get a 7-0

first period lead, then turned three fumbles and an intercepted pass into four touchdowns and a 34-0 halftime lead.

The Tigers drove 93 yards on seven plays on their first possession in the second half to make it 41-0 and Kenig used reserves the rest of the way.

Marple had 337 yards total offense, including 254 rushing.

The Tigers gained 83 yards passing in the first half, then didn't throw a pass in the second half.

Tim Lambert, one of 12 Tigers who carried the ball, gained 106 yards in 13 assignments.

Reserve running back Joe Wenner gained 74 yards on four carries.

MN's first TD was scored by Lambert on a 12-yard run.

The second quarter onslaught started when a Holland pitchback, seemingly destined for no one, rolled 11 yards back to the

LM 25 and was recovered by Scott Lehman.

A 15-yard penalty set the Tigers back to the 40, but Ed Mirra ran 27 yards to score on 4th-and-12.

The play started to the right, with quarterback Jock Peterson running the option.

Peterson was being tackled by a defender when he pitched back to Mirra, who reversed his field and went all the way.

"The play was supposed to go to the right, but we ran out of room and I had to go the other way. The offensive line was really alert on the play. They picked it up when I came back to the left and opened it up for me," said Mirra.

On Lower Merion's next series, the Aces' Ernest Shapiro fumbled and Wenner recovered on the LM 37.

Two plays later, Lambert sprinted 37 yards for a TD.

Minutes later, Peterson in-

tercepted a Holland pass and returned it 21 yards for touchdown No. 4.

The Aces were stunned again on their next series when a lateral pass was blocked and Peterson scooped it up and returned it 53 yards to the LM 3.

Three plays later, Peterson carried it over from the one, Lehman kicked his fourth point (in four tries) and it was 34-0.

Wenner was the hero of the Tigers' 93-yard drive in the third quarter. He broke loose for 64 yards and a first down on the 12, then, three plays later, Wenner scored from the 2.

NOTEABLE — Lower Merion had 171 yards total offense, but only 15 of it was in the first half. The game was marred by penalties. MN drew 121 yards on 13 infractions, LM was fined 88 yards on 10 wrong-doings. LM turned the ball over six times, three on fumbles and three on

interceptions by Peterson, George Schmidt and Eric Howe. MN committed only one turnover on a fumble. LM's touchdown drive covered 87 yards on five plays against Tiger reserves. Holland shook loose for runs of 48 and 20 yards to highlight it.

LM 0 0 0 6-6
MN 7 7 0-41
MN — Lambert 12 run (Lehman kick)
MN — Mirra 27 run (Lehman kick)
MN — Lambert 37 run (Lehman kick)
MN — Peterson 21 with intercepted pass (pass failed)
MN — Peterson 1 run (Lehman kick)
MN — Wenner 2 run (Lambert kick)
LM — Holland 20 run (kick failed)

Over Interboro Sun Valley wins 23-3

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ASTON — Ric Taylor likes to catch the football whether he's playing offense or defense.

Taylor caught a couple of his own quarterback's passes Friday night and he caught a couple of Interboro quarterback John Pfander's passes as Sun Valley's secondary matched a school record with five interceptions in a 23-3 Section Two win over Interboro.

Taylor scored his team's second touchdown on a controversial third down play early in the second quarter.

Sun Valley quarterback Mike Boccella fired a long pass from his 40 to tight end Alan Bratton.

Bratton was belted hard near Interboro's 25 and the ball popped loose.

Taylor alertly scooped up the ball and dashed into the end zone on a play the Interboro followers felt should have been ruled an incomplete pass.

"I really don't know who the pass was intended for. I was running a post and I saw Alan get the ball, then it was on the ground so I just picked it up and ran," Taylor said.

The fumble recovery was one of several alert plays made by Taylor, who intercepted a tipped pass in the third quarter.

"I was game captain tonight and I really was up for this game," the senior slot back-

safety related.

Another Sun Valley player who was really excited about playing was Dan Hutchinson, the newest member of the team.

Hutchinson is one the soccer coach Joe Owsley's top players. Last week, he put on the football pads for the first time.

"My dad had talked to me about kicking for the football team and I thought about it and decided to try it," Hutchinson explained.

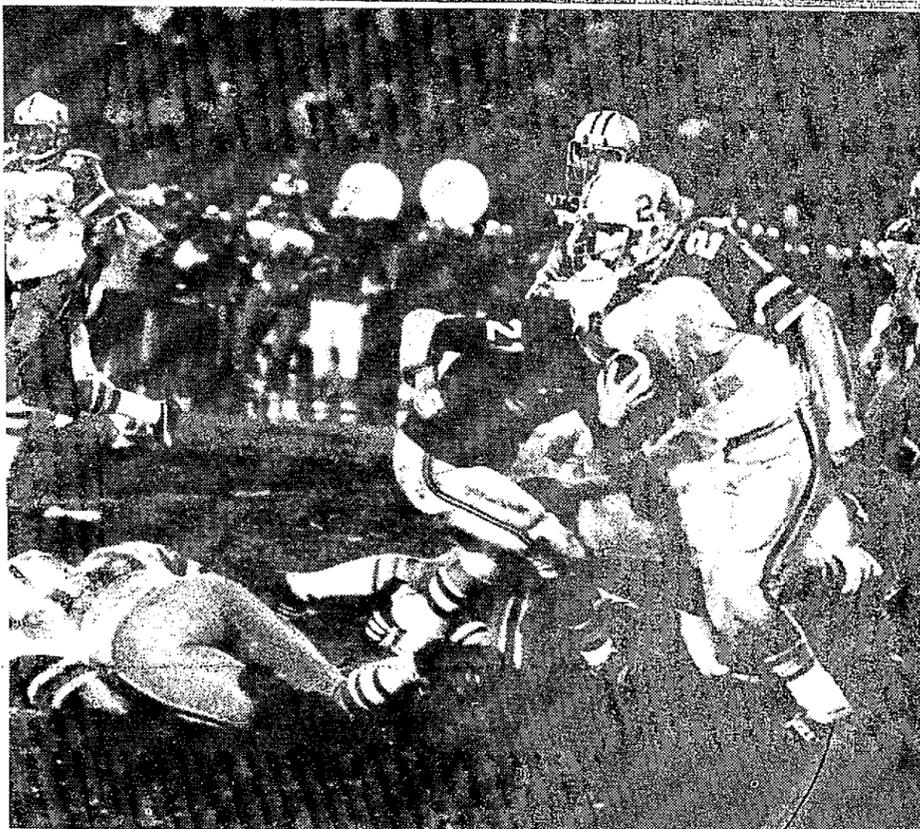
"Last week, I tried to kick an extra point and it was blocked. This week, I was really nervous, but each time I kicked, I was a little more relaxed. Coach Owsley helped me get ready this week and I got more confident tonight each time I kicked."

His first kick was a 26-yard field goal with 4:18 remaining in the first quarter.

Interboro had picked up a three-pointer on its first possession of the game as Pfander hit Rich McCauley for two big gainers into Sun Valley territory before a penalty helped stall the drive at the 18.

On fourth down, Bill Sharpless booted a 35-yard field goal which hit the crossbar and bounced over for the only three points the Bucs would score.

Hutchinson matched Sharpless' three-pointer after a Sun Valley drive stopped at Interboro's 8, then Bratton hit a line drive kickoff which sailed about 12 yards, bounced off



Andy DeMarcantonio (21) closes in on Sun Valley's Jeff Owsley

Sharpless and was recovered by Sun Valley's John April.

Jeff Owsley burst through the line for 20 yards on first down and four plays later, Boccella fired a seven-yard TD pass to sophomore back Bob Stone.

The lead grew to 16-3 on Taylor's touchdown and reached 23-3 with 1:17 to play in the first half as Owsley banged over from the 2 to end a 71-yard march which was highlighted by his 48 yard romp with a screen pass.

Jeff Arnold, who intercepted

a pass on the final play of the first half, Taylor and Dave Cranston had second half interceptions as Sun Valley held Interboro to 70 yards total offense after intermission.

"We had a good first half and looked good in spots in the second half," said Sun Valley coach Bob Fithian.

"The defensive backs looked good. We've got all new kids back there."

After a while, Interboro's fans must have been wondering if Sun Valley didn't have a few extra people back there.

Int 3 0 0-3
SV 10 3 0 0-23
Int - Sharpless 35 field goal
SV - Hutchinson 26 field goal
SV - Stone 7 pass from Boccella (Hutchinson kick)
SV - Taylor 24 run with fumble (kick blocked)
SV - Owsley 2 run (Hutchinson kick)
Officials: Bob Scittina (referee); Joe (Chubby) Imburgia (umpire); Fred DeGenova (head linesman); Bill Ferry (field judge); Larry Trout (back judge); Bill Petrellis (clock operator).

Lonborg stymies Expos

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Veteran righthander Jim Lonborg has proved something to himself, Philadelphia Phillies manager Danny Ozark and his teammates.

Lonborg, who raised his record to 11-4 in the Phils' 9-4 win over the Montreal Expos Friday night, proved he's just the pitcher Ozark needs to start the second game of the National League playoffs next Wednesday against the Dodgers in Los Angeles.

Lonborg, his confidence bolstered by a pre-game pep talk from Ozark, gave up only two earned runs on five hits while striking out three and walking two in six innings of work.

"When it comes to proving something, Lonnie can prove it," said Ozark, who admitted to considering Larry Christenson as his second game starter before Lonborg's strong performance.

"I just told him to pitch his normal game. I was confident he would be pitching the second game," the manager said. "I wanted everybody else to be as confident as I was. He gives a little added plus just by being out there."

Lonborg said he didn't go into the game with the intention of



JIM LONBORG

proving anything, however.

"I think if you approach a game as a test, you're not approaching it in the right way," said the tall righthander who has been bothered by shoulder problems and "mechanical" difficulties this year.

"It feels a lot better to be able to go six innings and throw the fast ball and slider," said Lonborg, who owns a 3-0 mark against the Expos this year.

"When a pitcher of my experience runs across a lot of problems, there are two answers—a sore arm or lack of rhythm.

"Since my arm wasn't sore, it was just mechanical."

Eagles make 1st visit to Lions' Silverdome

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PHILADELPHIA — Head coach Dick Vermeil doesn't want to place too great an emphasis on Sunday's game at Detroit. His Eagles' team is 1-1 after a win over Tampa Bay to start the season and a 20-0 loss to the Los Angeles Rams last week. But, Vermeil insists, the Detroit game is "not a must" in the outlook for a winning season.

"Sure, it's important," Vermeil said. "But, not in terms of a 'must' game. It's only the third game of the season. There are other teams out there."

Detroit is favored by seven points. The Lions could be had, though, if quarterback Ron Jaworski gets back in the same groove he was in for the season opener against the Buccaneers.

The Eagles will be making their first visit ever to the Lions' Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich. Capacity of the two-year old stadium is 80,638.

A crowd of 51,450 was on hand there last week to see the Lions even their record at 1-1 with a 23-19 win at the expense of the New

Orleans Saints. Coach Tommy Hundspeth's team was beaten by the Chicago Bears, 30-20, in its opener.

Quarterback Greg Landry's touchdown passes of 20 and 23 yards to Charlie Sanders and J.D. Hill, led the Lions over the Saints. Tight end Sanders broke Gail Goddill's club record for career receptions with his touchdown grab, the 326th catch of his 10-year career.

The Eagles returned from their loss to the Rams with proof-positive that Joe Namath is alive and well in Los Angeles.

Namath completed 12 of 23 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns and his defensive counterparts shut down everything the Eagles attempted. So effective was the swarming Los Angeles defense that the Birds managed to cross midfield only twice in the game.

The Birds' ineffective offense is the major reason why the Eagles are at least seven-point underdogs Sunday.

"I don't think we played up to our capability," Vermeil said. "The Rams are a good team but I think we would battle them a

little better than we did. I think we were excited all week about coming out to play the Rams but maybe because they're so physically strong that they made us look weaker than we are."

Jaworski, an ex-Ram acquired by the Eagles in a deal for tight end Charlie Young, struggled against his former teammates. He completed 13 of 29 passes for 99 yards and three interceptions.

"I know we're a better team than we showed but it's hard for me to say a lot of good things after the way we played," Jaworski said. "We've got to find a way to get a little bit better and get ready for the Lions."

• The Eagles and Lions have met 19 times in a long NFL series that began in 1934. Each team has won nine times and there was a 13-13 tie in 1954. The Eagles have won the last three meetings 12-0 in 1968, 23-20 in 1971 and 28-17 in 1974.

• Lions' linebacker Garth Ten Napel and Eagles' reserve tight end Richard Osborne were teammates at Texas A&M.

Ridley, Fords tie

RIDLEY TOWNSHIP — One of the Central League soccer coaches who most emphatically favors playing overtime in league matches is Jack Preston of Ridley.

Twice this week, Preston's Raiders had defeated teams rated in the Philadelphia Suburban Soccer Coaches Association's Top 20.

Both games were won in overtime. Both games were non-league contests.

Friday, Jack Preston came up with another solid argument for overtime when Ridley and Haverford played a scoreless tie. Central League regulations prohibit overtime in League matches.

Haverford is rated fifth in the Top 20, five notches higher than Great Valley and 15 places ahead of Nether Providence, the two teams Ridley defeated in overtime this week.

"I'm proud of our kids," said Preston. "They played an excellent game today. Both teams did."

"We really wanted to win this game because it was our league opener and Haverford was highly rated before the season began."

As Preston was quick to point out, both teams had chances to win the game.

Early in the game, Haverford's Dave McCanney hit the crossbar with a hard shot from about 15 yards in front of the goal.

Ridley then pressed the attack and Alan Smith pushed a shot past Haverford goalie Steve Brown which Fords' fullback Mike Anderson headed over the top of the net with a leaping save.

"I thought that ball was in, then all of a sudden I saw a head appear and keep the ball out," Preston sighed.

Ell Lutz, Haverford's leading player, got off a hard drive midway through the second quarter which Ridley goalie Greg Pecko grabbed on a diving stop.

Lutz was a marked man the entire game.

"I told my team, 'He can't be open,'" Preston explained.

George Edmund replaced Pecko in the Ridley goal for the second half and played well.

"Both goalies are so even I've got to give them both playing time, Preston said. "And George is a junior so I want him playing so he'll be ready next year."

"He (Edmund) transferred from Haverford and really wanted to play this game. I decided not to start him because I felt it might give them (Haverford) too much of a psychological lift."

As the final minutes of the game moved along, each side had scoring opportunities that were thwarted.

"The fullbacks for both teams played well," Preston said.

Ridley, which should get some consideration in the Top 20 voting this week, visits defending league and district champion Penncrest Tuesday afternoon.

Penncrest is another team rated among the Top 20.

"I think we'll have a very close race in the league this year," Preston predicted.

There may even be a tie for first place and the season will have to go overtime.

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