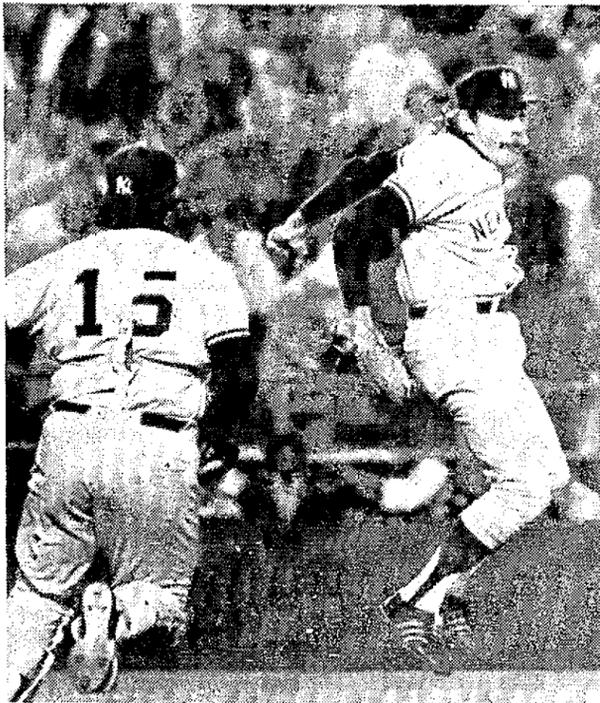
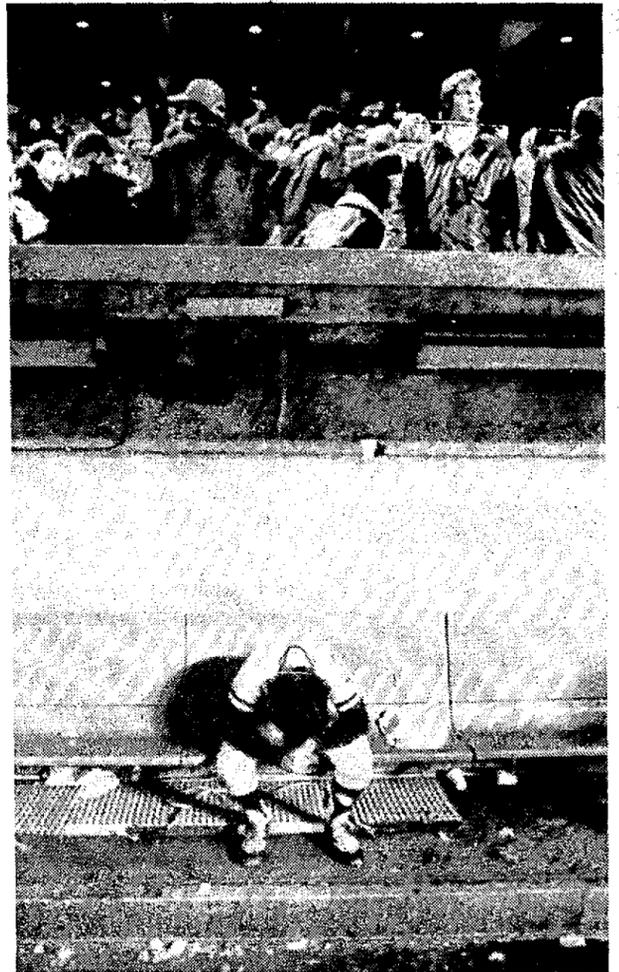


The thrill of victory



Sparky Lyle jumps for joy and Thurman Munson (15) joins celebration after Yankees beat Royals to win American League pennant.

The agony of defeat



Fred Patek of Royals is all alone after hitting into double play to end game Sunday. Playoff story on Page 22.

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'Toughest kids were going to win'

Marple Newtown sacks Ridley

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RIDLEY TOWNSHIP — Bob Kenig played football as an offensive and defensive lineman for Coach Lou Bonder at Marple Newtown High School in the early 1960s.

He even played on a team that beat Ridley Township High in 1962, and he was infuriated when the newspaper headline in the Daily Times read, "Ridley falls to unbeaten foe."

"I wanted to see Marple Newtown in that headline and I'd like to see Marple's name in Monday's headline, too," said Kenig Saturday after he had coached Marple Newtown High to a 14-6 Central League victory over Ridley.

"I started playing football for Marple Newtown when I was 17. I'm 31 now and for all these years I have dreamed of this day," said Kenig, whose 5-0 Tigers had just disposed of their third straight undefeated foe.

The Tigers had knocked Haverford and Lower Merion into the loss column the two weeks before.

"All my life, I've heard about the Ridley Mystique," said Kenig. "As I said before this game, there's no such thing. I said the toughest kids were going to win this game and that's exactly what happened."

"The Ridley Mystique or the Green Mystique or whatever they call it is dead. You can quote me on that," said Kenig, who sort of reminds you of the new kid in town whose first endeavor is to search out the school bully and knock his block off.

"I have to admit that some teams have been intimidated by the Green Mystique, but not our kids. In the fourth quarter, Ridley blocked a punt and had a chance to score and tie the game."

"Our kids could have collapsed, but they didn't. They got tougher than ever and they stopped them. They were not intimidated by the so-called Green Mystique," Kenig declared.

Kenig was referring to that time in the fourth period when with 3:09 to play, Ridley's Wade Heverly blocked a

punt to set the Green Raiders up with a first down on the MN 25.

The Green Raiders needed a TD and two-point conversion to tie.

The Ridley crowd, which far outnumbered MN's loyal, was going wild.

But on first down, the Tigers' Scott Lehman nailed Tim Rodden for a seven yard loss. Then Quarterback Joe Keegan, who had passed for 180 yards in the game, threw an aerial that Jock Peterson intercepted and returned 16 yards to wipe out Ridley's hopes.

The Tigers came up with more than one great defensive play. Many more.

Marple's 6-2 defense simply over-powered the Green Raiders' pass protection.

Keegan was sacked an incredible 11 times for an incredible 81 yards in losses.

It was a great display of defense.

But the MN pass rush wasn't the only great display of defense.

On Ridley's first possession of the game, the Green Raiders drove from their own 15 to a first down on the MN 4½ yard line.

They didn't score. Four times they tried to give No. 1 running back Matt Grossi the narrow bit of daylight he needed and four times they failed. Grossi picked up two, then one, then nothing, then Joe Wenner, Joe Nutley and Lehman stopped him for a yard loss and the Tigers took over on their own 3.

The Ridley defense was tough too.

It took a perfectly-executed flea flicker play to break the Green Meanies. It came with 2:39 left in the first half.

Split end Steve Tatios dropped back, caught a perfectly-thrown lateral pass from Peterson, then unloaded a perfect 30-yard pass to tight end Craig Wolf, who ran another 29 yards to complete a 59-yard TD play.

"We've had that play at Marple ever since I can remember," said Tatios, who despite what he might have looked like on the play, has never been a

quarterback.

"I have always loved to throw the football. I do it a lot, even though my primary job is catching it," said Tatios, who was leveled by Ridley's Tom Malone a split second after he threw.

MN's second touchdown, which came early in the fourth period, featured a classic job of quarterbacking by Peterson.

He ate up most of the 45-yard drive on a 33-yard run off the option. It gave the Tigers a first down on the Ridley 12.

After a two-yard loss, Peterson took it to the 5 on the same play. He kept it again and went to the 2 where he was hit hard, but kept his feet and pitched back to trailing back Ed Mirra, who took it in for the score.

Ridley got back into the game by driving 70 yards midway in the fourth period.

The big play was a short pass from Keegan to Grossi, who ran 55 yards before being knocked out of bounds on the MN one.

Key blocks by John Carter and Jim Crowley helped get him there.

Keegan scored on the next play, but Keegan's pass try for a two-point conversion failed.

The Green Raiders tried an onside kick, but MN's Tom Calvert recovered it on the MN 44 with 5:39 to play.

The Green Raiders' John Butsin sacked Peterson for a nine yard loss and a five yard delay of game penalty set the Tigers back to their 31. On the next play, Heverly blocked Tim Moore's punt to give the Green one last chance.

The Green Raiders didn't capitalize as they have so many times in similar situations.

MARPLE 0 7 0 7 — 14
RIDLEY 0 0 0 6 — 6
M — Wolf 59 pass from Tatios (Lehman kick)
M — Mirra 1 run (Lehman kick)
R — Keegan 1 run (pass failed).

TD on last play beats Royals

Groome lowers boom on Upper Darby

By DICK BOWMAN
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SPRINGFIELD — "Last week, we couldn't get John (Pauling) to throw the ball to Frank Groome. Today, all he could see was number 10," stated Springfield High coach Rick Taylor.

Groome caught only one pass in last week's 13-12 victory over Haverford, but Saturday he was Pauling's favorite target, pulling in 10 passes for 142 yards and both of Springfield's touchdowns in a 13-6 thriller over Upper Darby.

A Hollywood script writer couldn't have written a more exciting ending.

Coach Taylor may just be receiving a few offers from some of the studios for the nifty script he wrote Saturday morning. Even if they don't offer him a job as a writer, he's sure to be hired as a make-up artist. The reason for this is that Mike Marone, regarded as Springfield's best receiver, was sidelined with a muscle pull.

"Usually Mike is double-covered by the defense, which allows one of our other receivers to break free or at least to be covered on a one-on-one situation," explained Taylor. "We didn't want Upper Darby to know that he wasn't playing, so we had him switch jerseys with his backup, Tim Kulsik."

Kulsik played his roll perfectly, drawing Royal defenders like bees to honey, which set the stage for an aerial attack that hasn't been seen since the invasion of Pearl Harbor.

The game began in spectacular fashion as Groome returned the kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown, only to have it called back because of a clipping penalty. Upper Darby, playing its first game after a teachers' strike, quickly settled down, and on its second possession blasted 47 yards on just five plays, scoring on a four-yard run by Mike Savini.

Springfield linebacker Howard Phillips later forced an Upper Darby punt when he sacked

quarterback Scott Hadfield for an 11-yard loss on third down. Springfield took over at the Upper Darby 32, where the Pauling to Groome duo began its act.

Pauling hit Groome for an 11-yard gain and later for a nine-yard score, tying the game, 6-6.

At the half, smart money would have been on Upper Darby to win the game. Its defense had held Springfield to just 13 yards rushing and 51 yards passing. The Royals, meanwhile, had rushed for 82 yards and passed for 26 despite being penalized 90 yards.

But neither team could score in the third period. Then, midway through the fourth quarter, Pauling began his aerial bombardment, hitting seven of nine passes for 100 yards.

With less than two minutes to play, Springfield's Groome faked a punt and tossed a pass to Greg Stevenson for 40 yards and an apparent touchdown. But a flag was thrown. There was a holding penalty, negating the touchdown. Springfield then punted the ball.

With 1:27 remaining, Stevenson

intercepted a Hadfield pass to give Springfield the ball on the Upper Darby 41. Springfield, however, was forced to punt again.

Then, with 24 seconds left, Stevenson picked off another pass, giving Springfield the ball on the UD 34. Pauling hit back George Schmidt with a quick sideline pass that Schmidt car-

ried out of bounds with 11 seconds remaining.

A pass interference call on the next play moved the ball to the 19. With just five seconds left and all the Cougar receivers flying into the endzone, Pauling faded back and fired a bullet into the waiting hands of — who else? — Frank Groome.

Lex leads Millersville

MILLERSVILLE — Former Sun Valley High great Carmen Lex continued his brilliant play for Millersville State College Saturday, scoring two touchdowns and passing for another to pace his team to a 35-6 win over visiting Mansfield.

Army edges Villanova

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Villanova University played its best game of the season, but came out on the short end of a 34-32 score against Army here Saturday.

Villanova had more first downs (26-24), more plays (90-69), more yards rushing (297-176), but fewer points than Army, which rallied behind the passing of Leamon Hall, who completed 17 of 26 passes for 221 yards and two touchdowns. Hall also ran for two other touchdowns. Villanova's record slipped to 1-4. Army is 3-2.

"We just told them all to be sure they were in the endzone," said Taylor, after Groome's touchdown gave Springfield the 13-6 win. "Frank was just doing a simple hook, and once again they had Kulsik double-covered."

Quite a script by Taylor, but best-acting laurels went to Tim Kulsik.

Villanova doubles team undefeated

VILLANOVA — Mary Jo Williams of Haverford has teamed with Janice Saurman of Avalon, N.J. to win five straight doubles matches for Villanova University's women's tennis team.

The Williams-Saurman duo has dropped but one set enroute to its successful start.

Villanova's team is 4-1 with a four-game winning streak.

The Wildcats lost to Franklin & Marshall, then reeled off wins over Bryn Mawr, Widener, Delaware County Community College and Rosemont.