

Maxwell 'Perks' In 15-7 Elyria Victory

By BOY WILLIAM
 As Maxwell, a thoroughly fitting bell of a running back, and an alert and aggressive Elyria defense raised the high hopes of an unmoderate football season with a 15-7 victory in a rugged Buckeye Conference game before an estimated 10,000 fans at Harmon stadium Friday night.

The three-quarterback Maxwell broke the Little Giants back with a brilliant demonstration of running and the alert Pioneer defense did what many thought was almost impossible, held the talented, elite offense to just one touchdown and blanked the Little Giants for more than 40 minutes after putting a first quarter score.

"Our (Elyria's) great kid look over against their two great kids. A happy Elyria head coach Bill Barton said after the contest in looking back at the performance of Maxwell and his defense's work against Elyria's Tom Leggett and Bob Lyle. "Let's face it, there were three great kids out on the field today," Barton said.

It, it was Maxwell who stole the show.

The 157-180 pound Maxwell ultrathrough through and sprinted past the Elite defense for a set total of 273 yards in 30 cracks at the line, scoring 14 of Elyria's 15 points.

He came up with several key runs, highlighted by a 7 yard touchdown dash and a 17 yard dash to the four yard line to set up the Pioneer's first score when it appeared from mid-way into the Elyria march.

Maxwell scooted away from at least three tacklers who appeared to have him pinned in for a loss on the third-down play which gained 14 yards in the second quarter. The Pioneer needed just a little more than 14 yards for the first down on the next play. Only play after Maxwell went three yards into the end zone for the score. Maxwell then added the extra points on a run, which appeared to have been stopped short of the goal line, but the official's pencil raised above his head put Elyria ahead 8-0.

The first Elyria touchdown came with first string quarterback John Cassin on the bench and Junior Bruce McCarty directing the attack.

Cassin was hurt after passing ten yards to the line on a second and 11 play. But McCarty, who Barton said had gained considerable experience in Elyria's early in-season victories, took right over. In his first completed pass which would have been good for a first down, but Ross was guilty of interference and the Pioneer accepted the 13 yard penalty instead of the gain on the pass.

That gave Elyria a first down on the Ross 32 yard line.

The Pioneer came to a first down on the 14 yard Maxwell was thrown for a loss and Maxwell was stopped for a one-yard gain. On the next play, Maxwell came up with his sparkling run when it appeared he was trapped for a loss. Elyria was on its way to a score.

Maxwell's three-yard touchdown run came with 7:54 left in the half. His second TD came just about four minutes later.

The speedy Maxwell gave Elyria some breathing room when he scored the Ross defense and went 78 yards for a touchdown. Jerry Richardson booted the extra point that put Elyria eight points ahead with about three minutes left in the half.

The long dash by Maxwell kept a strike alive for the Elyria offense. He has had at least one touchdown run of 50 yards or more in every game he has played this season.

While Maxwell was getting the Pioneer's best points, the Elyria defense was turning in an exceptional performance. Leggett to 40 yards and Bob Lyle to 80 yards and the entire offense to 100 yards—passing and rushing. For some reason that told would not be told, but for the Little Giants' offense is extremely low.

"That's the best we've played on defense," Barton said after the contest. "If the Pioneer had done anything different defensively to stop the Giants, the Elyria offense responded." "We just played better than they had previously."

With two backs like Leggett and Lyle you have to try to cut off their running game. We tried to shut out their outside stuff and had in sort of let the passing go. We were just more patient in the defensive backfield, but go. We have three men injured in the defensive backfield, but the hole that was in there did a job. I thought they might pass more," Barton said.

Ross high head coach Chuck Shaif looking back on the game in the locker room, admitted that maybe the Little Giant could have gone to the air more, but pointed out a number of reasons why they didn't.

"We were getting a lot of pressure on our passes," Shaif pointed. "The Giants were hurt at times when they did try to go to the air on some of the Elyria defenses. We lost and lost on the Elyria 44. Loup was fed just off the fingertips of Chuck Cook and changed the down situation to second and one and the Giants were unable to pick up the first down in spite of the good punt return. Later Loup was tackled for a 17 yard loss on a first-down pass play.

"I know we had to control the football to keep it away from Maxwell," Shaif said in explaining the Ross plan to try rarely held field position to draw his ball."

Shaif had praise for the Pioneer defense. "They seemed to be everywhere. We ran the counter and they were there."

But, while the Pioneer seemed to have destroyed the hopes of the Little Giants for a perfect season, they did not turn the Ross image as an excellent football team.

For weeks, in fact, it looked like the Giants might have matters under control.

Bob Lyle returned the opening kickoff of 47 yards and would not be stopped attempting to avoid the last tackle.

From the Elyria 40 yard line, the Giants moved the ball with an 80 yard march on the Pioneer 10 to just over five at about the five yard line and Shumaker found the end zone with a treacherous Leggett kick made the score 7-0 with 12:19 to go in the first quarter.

Ross then managed to stop Elyria and began to move again. After getting one first down the Little Giants appeared to have another on an excellent third-down run by Don Moore, but the ball was placed just short of the first down and Ross punted. Bob Brevlinick, who had an excellent night punting, booted the ball dead on the Elyria 20. Brevlinick averaged over 40 yards per punt on seven punts, with two going into the end zone. Only two of the punts were returned.

Maxwell broke loose for 27 yards on the first play of the drive and Elyria was on its way to its first score.

The Little Giants were not far behind at the contest after Maxwell's two touchdowns, but they hurt themselves with penalties when they got into the defensive backfield and then Dave Griffin hurt them with a bouncing punt when it appeared Ross might be getting momentum going.

In the fourth period, the Little Giant had the Pioneer in a fourth and five situation at the Elyria 20. Griffin, however, bounced a driving punt that went over the head of the receiver Mike Powell and when Powell finally managed to pick the ball up and run and ran. The Giants were back on their own four yard line. The play covered 18 yards and put the Pioneer ahead 15-7 and they never really managed to get out of the punt was to the good spectacular when it is considered that all of their other points went down in the yard.

The second Friday TD was also on a four-yard pass. But Lou McClint had the honor. He also added the two points PAT. Lorenz closed the scoring when Joe Conners threw to Dan Ingraham for the six points and a successful kick for PAT followed.

Friday held only a 237-239 advantage in total offense. Blue Castle threw a one-yard pass to Trevor Butler in the final 10 seconds to nail down Mansfield's first Conference win in two years. Joe Weber added the extra points which wasn't needed.

Admiral King had 14 punt returns. Mansfield closed the game to 30-14 in the third quarter before adding 13 points in the final 12 minutes.

Two of the Admiral King scores came on passes from Don Fritz to Carlin Carter for eight and seven yards.

Mansfield prepared for its trip to Elyria next week by handling the under-manned Pioneer in fairly easy fashion.

With Mike Anonovich, Leaver Leo Schaefer, to be stands the Blue Stripes rolled in a 20-0 ballgame lead.

Sandusky moved in its first scrimmage play following the opening kickoff when fullback Clarence Wooten rambled 30 yards through the middle of the Marine line for six points.

It was the only score for the Blue Stripes in the first period. Sandusky added 12 more in the second 15 minutes.

Sandusky headed to head to 21-0 in the fourth quarter before Marine struck for two scores. One Priority TD came on an 18-yard run by Tom Ross and the other on a one-yard pass by Homer McCaffrey.

Blue Stripes quarterback Bob Jackson threw for two touchdowns. Scott May was on the receiving end of two scoring passes for 21 and 20 yards. The other six points went to light and Barry Glass.

Sandusky was hit for 12 penalties totaling 150 yards. The Blue Stripes were charged with seven penalties.

Ross and Sandusky are now tied for third place in the league standings with 5 marks. Lorenz and Mansfield check in at 3-3 while Admiral King and Marine are still searching for their first win after three starts.

Overall, Elyria is the only suburban team. The Pioneer has its consecutive wins. Fremont and Findlay are 1-1 with Sandusky at 0-2 and Mansfield 2-3. Lorenz and Admiral King are 1-4 and Marine 0-4.

Next week's games include: Lorenz at Ross, Sandusky at Elyria, Marine at Admiral King and Mansfield at Findlay.



TROUBLED TIMES—Ross cheerleaders Joe Hanover and Leslie Bucher watch action on the field during the second half of last night's game with Elyria at Harmon Stadium. The Little Giant cheerleaders' faces are the picture of concern as they watch their club fall to the Pioneer. 157-180 Photo By Larry Soltz



Elyria's Maxwell darts through hole in Fremont Ross defense.

Little Giants leader: John Weir (54), Mike Beaker (20), Ted Krellick (79), Andy Saly (75), Bob Brevlinick (61) and Chuck Cook (68)

Little Giant, Pioneer Defenses Stand Out

Two high-powered offenses met at Harmon stadium Friday night, but it was a pair of rough defensive lines that stood out as the Elyria Pioneer defeated Ross High's Little Giants, 15-7, in a battle of substance.

The two teams had averaged 40 points apiece in their first five games, but they managed a total of just 23 Friday night.

"We were getting people there," but missing tacklers. They were going to hit their heads down on it. But he's a real good player and he lives a lot of it."

Shaif praised his defense and his players for what they did for their effort and said, "if we would have played in the first half as we did in the second half, we would have won, S.C."

Barton, meanwhile, was pleased by the one score. "Ross High's

A Cup Of Maxwell

Elyria		Ross	
Yds	TDs	Yds	TDs
Maxwell	14	Lynn	1
Leggett	1	Lynn	1
Lyle	0	Lynn	0
Lynn	0	Lynn	0
Cook	0	Lynn	0
Richardson	0	Lynn	0
Cassin	0	Lynn	0
McCarty	0	Lynn	0
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