

Bedell Runs Through Mud, Haze and Bridgeport



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A Muddy Loss

Bridgeport Beats Trojans, 7-6

By ED TAGGERT

Defying the elements that grounded all air travel in this part of the country, the Bridgeport Dragons used a 12-yard pass play to defeat Pottstown, 7-6, on soggy Franklin field Saturday afternoon.

The loss was a bitter pill for the Trojans who proved to be high class mudders throughout the game, only to see victory fade in the gloomy, dying minutes.

After driving 55 yards for a third period touchdown by Jim Kirk Pottstown appeared headed for a certain victory — one they needed for a winning season. But a Trojan fumble recovered by the Dragons with five and half minutes remaining in the game proved to be the turning point.

With quarterback Joey Pinkovitch completing three passes in the succeeding 38-yard drive the Dragons tied the score one minute and forty-eight seconds before the final whistle.

When Pottstown had missed its point after touchdown nobody was too concerned, but now it caused a crisis. End Bob Phillipuy slugged a muddy foot against the ball for a head center conversion and Bridgeport evened its season record at 4-4.

The Trojans made a spirited comeback trying to win their fourth game of the year, but passing attempts were smothered before quarterback Kirk could throw

and a fourth defeat went into the PHS record book.

A statistical picture of the game makes it difficult to believe the Trojans lost. Coach Heeb Meyers saw his club combine offense and defense to probably the highest degree of any effort this season.

JACK BECHTEL was a steady winner through the middle of the bridgeport line all afternoon. During the second half fullback Howie Bedell started slipping around the ends, picking up two gains of 16 yards and another for 20.

The Trojans moved for their touchdown the first time they gained possession of the ball in the third quarter. Pinkovitch punted to the Pottstown 30, where Bill Kerr gathered it in. He advanced about five yards and then turned around as he was hit and handed off to Bedell, who ran another five.

Starting on the 40, Bechtel banged the middle for gains of five and four yards. Kerr moved just over the 50 for a first down.

Bedell reached over left tackle for six and Bechtel cracked the center for five more and another first. Staying exclusively on the ground, Bedell and Bechtel added one yard advances, and then Howie went outside, around left end for 16 yards down to Bridgeport's 17.

Bechtel again dove into the line for three yards and the Dragons were all set up for Kirk's tricky touchdown maneuver.

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Collegville Defeats Schwenksville, 26-0, For Season's 1st Win

Defending Little Four champ Collegville assured itself of at least undisputed possession of third place Saturday by becoming the fifth team this year to blank Schwenksville, downing the Bluebirds, 26-0, at the losers' mud pie bakery.

Bill Yeagle tallied three times in runs of at least 20 yards in length to pace the Cois to their first victory of the year against five defeats and two ties, with a game yet remaining on the schedule.

Schwenksville ended its card with an 0-5 mark and didn't score at all throughout the season.

CLARKE INJURED

In the last quarter at Schwenksville Saturday, Collegville tackle Leroy Clarke was removed from the game suffering a brain concussion and admitted to Memorial hospital. Semi-conscious when brought into the hospital, Clarke regained full consciousness yesterday and was said to have been in "good condition," last night.

After C-T ran up a 19-0 lead early in the second period, coach Bob Hackman substituted freely and wound up with every member of his squad playing at least five minutes of the fray against the out-manned Schwenks.

Yeagle tallied his first TD on the Cois' second play from scrimmage, working off tackle for 53 yards. Gerry Hefelinger circled right end for the extra point.

LATER in the first period Yeagle went for 30 yards, for another tally outflanking the left side of the Birds' line and taking advantage of key blocks by quarterback Fran McManus and end Jerry Hefelinger.

Jake Douglass, the C-T fullback, shot right up the middle for 55 yards and the Colonels' third TD, in the second period.

A 20 yard reverse by Yeagle in the third period accounted for the final six-pointer with Gerry H. again providing the PAT, this time on a drop kick.

Schwenksville never really threatened, never getting by the C-T 40, and crossing midfield but twice as rain and the improved C-T line combined to hold the losers' offense in check throughout.

LINEUPS
Collegville
Schwenksville

ENDS: J. Hefelinger, Harrington, Walner, Hales, Bedeman, Wortz, Rambo.
TACKLES: Heidel, Clarke, Rosser, Hartzel, Johnson, Thompson, Young.
GUARDS: Godshall, Reif, Roeger, Kane, Jamison, Rietler, Fritz, Horvath, Buchman, Brown, Scheuren.
CENTERS: Litka, Mandracchia, Galt, Juhls.
BACKS: McManus, Yeagle, G. Hefelinger, Douglass, Korszniak, Opperman, Schwenksville.
ENDS: Reifschneider, Kopp, Wenzel.
TACKLES: McCoy, Sheppard, V. Kratz.
GUARDS: Bittner, Stone, Monville.
CENTER: Hartzel.
BACKS: Newrock, Walters, Robbins, Fisher, Loughery.

Score by periods:
Collegville 12 8 7 0-26
Schwenksville 0 0 0 0-0
Collegville scoring: Touchdowns—Yeagle 3, Douglass. Points after touchdown—3, Douglass. Points after touchdown—G. Hefelinger 2 (run, dropkick).

LONG KICKOFF RETURN BY JUNIATA
Player Paves Way to Ursinus Loss

An 81-yard return of the second half kickoff by Vince Piazza set up the game's only score Saturday at Collegville as Juniata college edged Ursinus, 7-0, for its sixth straight win of the year.

Piazza got down to the Bear 14 on his return, and after Tom McNeal and Tony Segalovich had alternated to place it on the one, McNeal bucked over for the touchdown. Segalovich added the extra point on a line plunge.

Orin Houser's blocking of a Wildcat punt on the 10 in the second quarter put Ray Gurnzyski's Grizzlies in excellent scoring position, but they could get no farther than the Juniata seven.

The Bears got rolling again in the final period when Dick Glock and Paul Neborak completed passes to Ben Malken to get to the winners' 30 yard line. Glock's next heave, however, was cut short by Piazza on his 25 to snap off Ursinus' final chance.

Fumbles Hurt Upper Perk in Loss, 19-6, to Emmaus Eleven on Muddy Field

A corps of duck-footed Emmaus backs took advantage of two Upper Perkiomen fumbles Saturday afternoon to clinch a 19-6 win over the Yellow Jackets on the Perkiomen Prep field.

The visitors, who pinned the second straight loss of the season on UP, recovered two bobbles by Perk quarterback Terry Fetterman on the hosts' 40 and 38, respectively, and turned both into touchdowns.

Quarterback Rollie Houseknecht of the victors actually supplied his club with all the points it needed in less than 15 seconds of the first period. He returned the opening kickoff 81 yards for a six-pointer and then booted the conversion from placement.

Upper Perk roared back, driving 48 yards after Garry Hummel had returned the kickoff from his 35 to two yards across the border. The Jackets drove for three first downs in the day's longest sustained drive, with Del Fritz slithering over from two yards out to cap the drive. Hummel's dive for the PAT failed, however.

The hosts controlled the ball pretty well for the remainder of the first half and were moving in several instances after intermission only to have fumbles drop sand in the already muddy offensive machine parts.

In the third period, a Perk loose ball recovered on its 40 by Emmaus, which drove for its second score, with fullback Dick Wiedner splashing into the end zone from the two.

A recovered fumble on the UP 38 in the final period set up the victors' final tally, which came on a Houseknecht to Ed McGinley pass good for five yards.

THIS WAS the second straight year that Emmaus has beaten the Yellow Jackets, and was the victors' seventh win against a loss and a tie.

Upper Perk is now 4-3 for the year and has one game remaining, that with Boyertown on Thanksgiving.

LINEUPS
Emmaus
Upper Perk

ENDS: C. Weller, Haines, McGinley, Schwab.
TACKLES: Rahn, Volk, George, Anderson.
GUARDS: Polster, Hillegas, David.
CENTERS: Schiffrer, DeSch.
BACKS: Houseknecht, Cope, Fink, R. Wiedner, Feather, Buss, Dennis, Howerter, Miller.

Upper Perkiomen
ENDS: Miklosovic, Miller.
TACKLES: Gutley, Olson.
GUARDS: Berz, Conrad, Yokl.
CENTERS: Brunner.
BACKS: Fetterman, Shelly, Leonard, Hummel, Fritz.

Score by periods:
Emmaus 7 0 0 0-19
Upper Perkiomen 6 0 0 0-6
Emmaus scoring: Touchdowns—Houseknecht, R. Wiedner, McGinley. Point after touchdown—Houseknecht (placement).
Upper Perkiomen scoring: Touchdown—Fritz.

Neshaminy Hands Royersford Second Loss of Season, 18-6

Neshaminy's Ken Kauffman personally turned a couple of near-touchdowns by Royersford into six-pointers of his own Saturday in sparking the host Langhorne eleven to its eighth straight victory against a loss, downing the Eagles, 18-6.

A Ford fumble on the Neshaminy 30-yard line late in the first period saved the home force once and two plays later Kauffman, a speedy halfback who had the tacklers slipping off his muddy uniforms, galloped 74 yards off tackle for a touchdown.

In the third stanza, he virtually turned the same trick, speeding 94 yards on the same play after the Fords had driven down to the foe four only to lose the ball on downs.

Lou Alexander's seven yard punt late in the second period set up the victors' other score. His kick went out of bounds on his own 32 and four plays later quarterback Lou Maurer circled end for 18 yards and the TD just before the end of the half.

Royersford made its lone count in the final period, driving 49 yards. Gary Grater reeled off 40 of them to the foe nine to put his team in business. A couple of plays later, with the Fords working from the three, Grater muffed the hand-off from Alexander and the ball squirted into the end zone, where fullback Hen Wojton covered it up for six points.

ROYERSFORD ran up 14 first downs to its foe's five and out-gained them both on the ground and in the air. The Eagles rolled up 264 net, overland and 75 more passing as compared to 195 and 15 for Neshaminy.

The defeat for Royersford marked the first defeat at the hands of Saturday's foes in a three-year-old series, as well as the stopper of a five-game win skein. Royersford now has a 7-2 mark for the season.

LINEUPS
Royersford
Neshaminy

ENDS: Quinn, Troutwine.
TACKLES: Wolfe, Rogers.
GUARDS: Tyson, Greenswatt, Horner, R. Dinocent, Hunter.
CENTERS: N. Dinocent.
BACKS: Alexander, Miller, Grater, Wojton, Kahl, Fry, Strunk, Neshaminy.

ENDS: Hofman, Lex.
TACKLES: Lauther, E. Latham.
GUARDS: Hessler, Peite.
CENTERS: Cloak.
BACKS: Maurer, Kaufman, Brodie, G. Latham.

Score by periods:
Royersford 0 0 0 0-0
Neshaminy 6 6 0 0-18

THE LONGHORNS will meet seventh-rated Tennessee, which was picked Friday and made the selectors happy the next day by flattening Florida, 26-12, with the help of Andy Kozar. The big full-back bulled over for two touchdowns before suffering a fractured pelvis.

The Rose Bowl picture will at least be clarified next Saturday. Fourth-ranked UCLA meets fifth-rated Southern California to determine the Pacific Coast representative and the Big 10's champion may or may not emerge from the sorting out of four teams in three different games.

Several sets of ties can result from the scramble, and Big 10 officials are hoping the champion can be determined on the field

Practice Games For House League Planned Tonight

Practice games for teams entered in the YMCA Senior house league, will be held tonight, the first starting at 7:15 o'clock.

The Eagles and Scorpions will meet in the opening contest, with the Senior Hi-Y and Cardinals slated for the second game about 8:15.

All basketball players interested in joining any of the teams should report for practice and sign the roster. If enough men are interested, "Y" athletic director, Len Berhardt says more teams may be formed.

Pottstown High's Howie Bedell (carrying the ball and wearing the mask in both pictures) digs into the muddy Franklin field turf for short gains in a losing cause against Bridgeport. No further identification is possible, other than the players with the stripe down the middle of their helmets are from Bridgeport. About 350 fans sat through the rain to watch the Trojans, led by Bedell and Jack Bechtel outplay the Dragons, only to lose late in the game, 7-6.



Spartans, Engineers good bets to finish seasons Undelected

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP)—Michigan State and Georgia Tech, the nation's ranking football powers, can sit back and yell "23 skiddoo" at the rest of the college grid teams.

Michigan State turned back the challenge of fired-up Notre Dame, 21-3, yesterday for its 23rd straight victory while Georgia Tech's 7-3 victory over Alabama gave the Sugar Bowl-bound Engineers 23 games in a row without defeat.

State, ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll for virtually the entire season, now must beat only Marquette, a four-time loser, for a perfect season's record. Second-ranked Georgia Tech has only weak Florida State and Georgia, an old but outclassed rival, on its slate.

The most persistent threat to their reign was wiped out when Mississippi outplayed and outscored third-ranked Maryland, 21-14, and jumped into the Sugar Bowl opposite Tech.

The Cotton Bowl also completed its Jan. 1 lineup as Texas scored twice in the last quarter for a 14-7 victory over Texas Christian and the Southwest conference championship. Texas, No. 9 in the poll, was sparked by Sophomore Bill Quinn for the second straight week.

Michigan opened Purdue, No. 10 in the poll, by a 21-10 score, coming from a 10-0 deficit, and is tied with Wisconsin, 37-14 victor over Indiana, for the Big 10 lead. Both have 4-1 records. Purdue is tied for second at 3-1-1 with Minnesota, which defeated Nebraska, 13-7. Next Saturday Minnesota plays at Wisconsin, Michigan at Ohio State and Indiana at Purdue. Michigan and Wisconsin could tie at 5-1, Purdue and Minnesota could tie at 4-1-1, Purdue and Wisconsin could tie at 4-1-1 and so on far into the night.

THE DAY'S results only served to put the squeeze on the Orange Bowl, which so far hasn't selected either of its contestants. Now there's no need to hurry, for the three other available major bowl places are filled.

Alabama, although beaten by Georgia Tech and Tennessee, is a possibility, along with Pittsburgh, Texas Christian, Syracuse and perhaps Tulsa or Houston. Pitt ran up a 48-6 score on North Carolina State, while Syracuse had to scramble for a 20-14 victory over old rival Colgate. Houston upset Baylor, a Southwest conference member, with a clear-cut 28-6 victory, and Tulsa outran Detroit, 62-21, on Friday night.

Oklahoma, No. 8 in the poll, moved towards its fifth straight Big Seven championship by clouting the erstwhile leader, Missouri, with seven touchdowns for a 47-7 victory.

Duke took the lead in the Southern conference with a 14-7 victory over Wake Forest and now must beat sub-par North Carolina to wrap up the title. North Caro-

lina ended an 11-game losing streak by downing South Carolina, 27-19.

Although beaten by Army, 14-13, as the Cadets scored with only 44 seconds to play, Penn retained its Ivy league lead. The Quakers must beat Cornell on Thanksgiving day.

PRINCETON won its sixth straight Big Three title—a record—by beating Yale, 27-21, as left-half Bob Unger passed for three touchdowns and Homer Smith ripped off a 93-yard touchdown run from scrimmage. Princeton took over second place in the league and will back into its third straight title if Cornell should upset Penn.

Jim Campagna topped Smith's return for yardage, however, as he galloped 96 yards with a kickoff return in Georgia's 13-7 victory over Auburn. Dick Nolan went 90 yards with a kickoff for one of Maryland's touchdowns in the loss to Mississippi.

Jack Parker set a new Southeastern conference scoring record by scoring one touchdown and kicking three extra points in Mississippi State's 33-14 rout of Louisiana State. That makes his total 106, bettering the old mark of 98 set by Steve Van Buren of LSU in 1943.

Area Girl Heads Team

Miss Nancy Herman, a graduate of the Douglassville High school of the past June, has been elected co-captain of the Freshman-Sophomore intramural field hockey team at East Stroudsburg State Teachers college.

In a series of games with the junior-senior team, Miss Herman's squad was victorious.

George Kell of the Boston Red Sox has batted over .300 for the past seven consecutive seasons.

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