

# Blairsville wins size battle, spoils Dragons' homecoming 21-12

By Mike Knepp Sports Correspondent

**PURCHASE LINE** — It was a battle of size against size on homecoming night at the Berry T. Madill Athletic Field last night when two pretty big teams got together — host Purchase Line and Blairsville.

But, much to the dismay of the home crowd, the visiting size wore down the home size and the result was a 21-12 victory for the Bobcats on the Dragons' homecoming night.

Red Dragons coach Jim Price echoed this sentiment afterward.

"We thought we could wear them down. But, I don't know I think that it came back to haunt them, they kind of wore us down," he said.

In particular, it was the big Bobcats offensive line that helped unleash a big power back Sam Iezzi that seemed to tip the scales in favor of Blairsville.

Iezzi rumbled for 179 yards on 29 carries, often carrying Dragons defenders along with him as he made the most of every carry. In particular, he had carries of 29 and 18 yards to set up Blairsville's first touchdown and a nice 31-yard run around the right side of the

Red Dragons defense for the Bobcats' final score to give him the shot in the arm that it needed.

"Well, Sam played with a little bit of an injury tonight and he had to step it up," Bobcats coach Ab Detorre said. "He's a big, powerful back but he will tell the people up front (the offensive line) that they did a great job."

Even though Blairsville was able to put together most of the sustained drives of the game, the Purchase Line defense was able to stop them on many occasions and the offense was able to come up with a few big plays to keep the game close for a while.

The first quarter was scoreless as both teams moved the ball few a first downs but ended up exchanging the football on punts for the most part. Purchase Line did get a break with 8:25 remaining in the stanza when a 63-yard TD run by Iezzi was nullified due to an illegal procedure penalty against the Bobcats. But as the period ended, Iezzi ripped off a few nice runs to help get Blairsville down to the Dragons 6-yard line.

The Bobcats used just two

plays to score as Iezzi crossed the goal line with a run up the middle on second-and-goal from the 1. Jess Houser's kick closed the scoring in the first half at 7-0.

The Dragons offense never crossed midfield in the second quarter, but the defense came up big as the middle of the line blocked a 33 yard Houser field goal attempt with 2:33 left to end the final scoring threat of the first half.

To open the second half, Dragon's kicker Matt Falisec launched the kickoff to Blairsville's Eric Elliot who returned the ball 8 yards before fumbling and having the Purchase Line junior Bill Spencer recover the ball at the Bobcats 31.

From there, the Dragons offense didn't seem to be going anywhere as a clipping penalty sandwiched between 6-yard runs by Chad Dishong and Nick Russell and an incomplete pass combined to give them a fourth-and-19 at the Blairsville 40.

Enter the Red Dragons air attack.

Air attack? Well, for the game the Dragons only completed four passes, but those

passes accounted for 117 yards and one of them accounted for one TD and the other set up Purchase Line's only other score.

On the next play, the Red Dragons faithful went wild as quarterback Sean Cassidy pitched to Dishong who passed to wide open Doug Vabinder 25 yards downfield behind the Bobcats defense. Vabinder then scampered into the end zone for the score to put the Dragons on the board. The two point conversion try fell incomplete. Purchase Line trailed 7-6.

"We came up and got the kickoff in the third quarter and I thought, this is it! It was there for a little bit, but we let it slip away from us," coach Price said of this critical moment in the game.

On the ensuing drive, the Bobcats did their part to make sure that things didn't slip away from them as they drove the ball 70 yards on 10 plays. The drive was capped by a 15-yard quick hit pass over the middle from Blairsville's quarterback Marcus Persichetti to Houser who broke three

tackles to score, making it 14-6. Houser had a good night on both sides of the ball as he led his team in tackles and made big blocks all night to help spring the Bobcats running game around the ends.

The Dragons offense began to show some signs of wear and tear under the pressure of the big Blairsville defensive front as the Purchase Line rushing game ground nearly to a halt in the third and fourth quarters and, after a Dragons fumble at their own 45, the Bobcats recovered and proceeded to cash in three plays later on Iezzi's 31-yard TD run to make the score 21-6 with 7:29 remaining.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Dragons took over at their own 24. On the second play from scrimmage the hometown crowd got to see another exciting Dragons play from the air. On second down from the 30, Cassidy dropped back and uncorked a bomb toward Vabinder who was racing down the field past the midfield stripe.

The senior wideout showed excellent concentration and snagged the pass after a Bob-

cats defender tipped the ball and raced down the field before being tripped down at the Blairsville 1 on the 69 yard play.

On the next play, Dishong powered into the end zone for the touchdown. But, on an all-important two-point conversion try, Cassidy hit Dishong on a short pass but the Dragons senior was stopped one yard shy of the goal line to keep the score at 21-12 and the Dragons down by more than one score with just 5:54 remaining.

On the following kickoff, Falisec kicked a scuibber that was recovered by Iezzi. From then on, the Bobcats were able to run out the clock after a few futile Dragons possessions.

"Back to the drawing board. We're ready for Bishop Carroll," coach Price said. "I always tell the guys, enjoy the wins on Friday night because Saturday morning is the beginning of a new week and I tell them the same thing about this. It's a loss and we all hate it, but let's just put it behind us and try to go from there."

The Dragons host Bishop Carroll next Friday, kickoff is set for 7:30 at Purchase Line.

## Week Six Results

<b>Friday's Scores</b>
<b>Progressland</b>
Clearfield 54, P-O 6
DuBois 42, St. Marys 0
Claysburg-Kimmel 19, West Branch 12
Moshannon Valley 27, No. Bedford 22
Penns Valley 26, Glendale 14
Blairsville 21, Purchase Line 12
<b>Bradford 9</b>
Brookville 34, Bradford 12
Greenville 30, Punxsutawney 6
Smethport 28, Otto-Eldred 0
A-C Valley 16, Karns City 7
Coudersport 21, Cameron County 14
Eisenhower 19, Kaneo 10
Monteale 19, Keystone 19
Redbank Valley 14, Brockway 13
Shannock Valley 25, Clarion-Limestone 20
Union-Rimersburg 22, Clarion 13
<b>District 6</b>
Huntingdon 40, Bald Eagle Area 28
Indian Valley 28, Bellefonte 0
Tyrone 14, Central 10
Lock Haven 36, Lewisdown 14
Mount Union 29, Bellwood-Antis 29, tie
Everett 61, Southern Huntingdon 12
Hollidaysburg 24, State College 21
Altoona 31, Red Land 10
Home-Center 25, Northern Cambria 6
Windber 27, Conemaugh Valley 13
Meyersdale 40, Shade 12
Conemaugh Township 37, Berlin 28
Bishop McCort 31, Somers 13
Central Cambria 20, Cambria Heights 8
Forest Hills 29, Ligonier Valley 7
Westmont 61, Chestnut Ridge 20
<b>Other Scores</b>
Baldwin 21, Mt. Lebanon 14
Beaver Falls 53, Hopewell 16
Belle Vernon 36, Southmoreland 0
Beth-Center 57, Bentworth 14
Blackhawk 34, Ellwood City 7
Brentwood 14, South Fayette 0
Canevin 28, Burgetstown 7
Canon-McMillan 29, Bethel Park 14
Center 17, Riverside 7
Chartiers Valley 15, Waynesburg 0
Clairton 40, Leechburg 0
Cochran 33, Union City 13
Conneaut Lake 13, Saegertown 6
Connellsville 27, Laurel Highlands 7
Deer Lakes 7, Freeport 0
East Allegheny 42, Charleroi 19
Elizabeth Forward 13, Youth 11
Erle Strong Vincent 35, Erie McDowell 21
Fort Cherry 41, Northgate 14
Fort LeBoeuf 14, Fairview 9
Franklin 27, Warren 28
Franklin Regional 7, Valley 0
Frazier 27, Carmichaels 19
Freedom 21, Mohawk 6
Gateway 22, Fox Chapel 20
Hampden 45, Kittanning 14
Harbor Creek 14, Carry 6
Hickory 30, Mercer 0
Jeannette 28, South Allegheny 6
Johnstown 20, Albert Gallatin 18
Keystone Oaks 20, Peters Township 20
Kiski Area 15, Plum 13
Knoch 43, Highlands 13
Lakeview 28, Conneaut Valley 18
Latrobe 24, Mt. Pleasant 18
Laurel 10, Aliquippa 7
Mapletown 14, California 6
Maplewood 34, Cambridge Springs 21
Mars 21, Apollo-Ridge 0
McKeesport 27, Central Catholic 0
Meadville 35, Reynolds 28
Monaca 28, Farrell 26
Monessen 36, Jefferson-Morgan 15
Mount 42, West Allegheny 7
Moon 6, Beaver 0
Neshannock 30, Cornell 28
New Castle 12, Indiana 9
North Allegheny 15, Butler 8
Northwestern 21, Girard 12
Oil City 28, Titusville 0
Peabody 36, Oliver 0
Penn-Trafford 7, Norwin 6
Perry 19, Langley 12
Pine-Richland 28, Ford City 0
Recheater 38, Union 8
Seneca 40, North East 7
Seneca Valley 31, Ambridge 2
Shaler 42, North Hills 13
Sharon 44, Slippery Rock 0
Sharpsville 14, West Greene 12
South Park 34, Thomas Jefferson 28
Strong Vincent 35, McDowell 20
Trinity 36, Uniontown 0
Upper St. Clair 31, Ringold 10
Washington 60, Sto-Box 8
West Middlesex 35, Southington (Ohio) 0
Western Beaver 44, Avella 26
Wilmington 27, Grove City 8

(Sunderland kick), 1:56
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>
C-Dahlm 90 interception P (kick blocked), 11:28
<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>
Total First Downs 9
19-13 Rushes-Yards 29-(14)
12-18 Passes-Com-Att-Int 7-27-6
17 Passing Yards 70-6
37-284 Total Plays-Yards 56-56
2-2 Fumbles-Lost 5-2
3-33 Punts-Average 6-30
6-40 Penalties-Yards 2-16
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>
<b>Rushing</b>
Clearfield-Kunselman 4-10, Dixon 2-7, Miller 4-5, Solls 3-3, Gibson 2-3, Wisor 1-2, Gormont 1-(2), Adams 1-(6), Kroell 1-(9), P-O-Vaughn 4-20, Balney 9-11, Long 2-11, Merryman 3-2, Rose 1-2, Kephart 1-(2), Martin 1-(7), Steward 6-(39), Minarchick 2-(12)
<b>Passing</b>
Clearfield-Kroell 12-of-16, 271 yds., 7 TDs, 1 Int.; Adams 0-of-2
P-O-Steward 3-of-13, 46 yds., 5 Int.; Minarchick 4-of-12, 24 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.; Martin 0-of-2
<b>Receiving</b>
Clearfield-Gibson 5-141, Wilson 2-58, Dixon 3-57, Ogdan 1-22, Kunselman 1-(7)
P-O-Rose 2-42, Armmerman 2-19, Jones 1-6, Balney 1-3, Switala 1-0
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<b>MO VALLEY 27</b>
<b>NO. BEDFORD 22</b>
<b>Score By Quarters</b>
N. Bedford.....8 0 6 2-22
Mo Valley.....14 7 0 6-27
<b>First Quarter</b>
NB-Heck run (Zimmerman pass from Sipes), 4:46
MV-Latosky 3 run (Johnston pass from Hawkins), 8:59
MV-Pennington 9 interception return (kick failed), 10:23
<b>Second Quarter</b>
MV-Hawkins 6 run (Latosky kick), 5:10
<b>Third Quarter</b>
NB-Heck 1 run (Brown pass from Sipes), 4:38
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>
NB-Heck 1 run (pass failed), 5:09
MV-Latosky 5 run (pass failed), 9:46
<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>
15 Total First Downs 15
37-138 Rushes-Yards 45-188
10-23-2 Passes-Com-Att-Int 5-10-1
55-688 Total Plays-Yards 55-239
2-0 Fumbles-Lost 0-0
1-40 Punts-Average 2-23
3-37 Penalties-Yards 4-38
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>
<b>Rushing</b>
N. Bedford-Heck 20-89, Zimmerman 10-44, Van Horn 1-12, Nastasi 1-7, Brown 3-2, Sipes 2-(36)
Mo. Valley-Latosky 18-103, Hawkins 17-48, Keith 11-34, Johns 1-5
<b>Passing</b>
N. Bedford-Sipes 10-of-23, 150 yards, 2 Int.
Mo Valley-Hawkins 5-of-10, 51 yards, 1 Int.
<b>Receiving</b>
N. Bedford-Frederick 4-78, Brown 3-55, Nastasi 3-29
Mo Valley-Matia 3-32, Shaffer 1-12, Johns 1-7
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<b>DUBOIS 42</b>
<b>ST. MARYS 0</b>
<b>Score By Quarters</b>
DuBois.....7 14 14 7-42
St. Marys.....0 0 0 0-0
<b>First Quarter</b>
D-Perry 1 run (Bowser kick), 15:1
<b>Second Quarter</b>
D-Lingle 21 pass from Kail (Bowser kick), 6:28
D-Smiley 40 pass from Kail (Bowser kick), 11:25
<b>Third Quarter</b>
D-Perry 26 run (Bowser kick), 8:48
D-Kennis 10 pass from Kail (Bowser kick), 4:13
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>
D-Pirraglia 15 run (Bowser kick), 11:38
<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>
SM Total First Downs 8
43-338 Rushes-Yards 28-63
4-9-0 Passes-Com-Att-Int 4-12-3
80 Passing Yards 99
52-418 Total Plays-Yards 37-138
1-1 Fumbles-Lost 2-2
1-29 Punts-Average 2-32
11-111 Penalties-Yards 1-5
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>
<b>Rushing</b>
DuBois-Nightingale 6-31, Perry 10-84, Plazenski 3-4, Smiley 11-134, Kail 2-0, Pirraglia 6-48, Aughenbaugh 1-3, Bennett 2-15, Kohn 1-21, Weber 1-(2)
St. Marys-Petrucelli 3-21, Boyum 7-24, Taylor 3-(1), Mullaney 9-11, Manuz 3-4, Bennett 3-2, Rippey 1-(3)
<b>Passing</b>
DuBois-Kail 4-of-7, 80 yds., 3 TD; McCloskey 0-of-2
St. Marys-Mullaney 4-of-12, 99 yds., 3 Int.
<b>Receiving</b>
DuBois-Lingle 1-24, Smiley 1-40, Kennis 2-16
St. Marys-J. Beimel 3-78, T. Beimel 1-20

<b>Standings</b>
<b>District 9 Quad A League</b>
Conf. Ovrll
W L T W L T
CLFD.....3 0 0 6 0 0
Brookville.....3 1 0 4 2 0
Punxsutawney.....2 1 0 2 4 0
DUBOIS.....1 2 0 1 5 0
St. Marys.....2 1 0 5 1 0
Bradford.....0 3 1 0 5 1
<b>Big 8</b>
Conf. Ovrll
W L T W L T
Tyrone.....4 1 0 4 1 0
Central.....2 1 1 4 1 1
Indian Valley.....1 1 2 3 1
BEA.....2 1 0 4 0 0
Huntingdon.....2 3 0 3 3 0
Lewistown.....1 2 0 1 5 0
Bellefonte.....1 3 0 1 5 0
P-O.....1 3 0 1 5 0

### Inter-County Conference

<b>NORTH DIVISION</b>
Div. Ovrll
W L T W L T
CURWENS...3 0 0 4 0 0
W. BRANCH 2 1 0 3 2 1
Penns Valley 2 1 0 3 3 0
GLENDALE 0 3 0 1 5 0
MO VALLEY 0 3 0 3 3 0

### Claysburg 19 WEST BRANCH 12

<b>Score By Quarters</b>
Claysburg.....8 7 6 0-19
West Branch.....6 0 0 6-12
<b>First Quarter</b>
CK-Weise 14 run (run failed), 3:19
WB-Bickel 14 pass from Johnson (kick failed), 5:24
<b>Second Quarter</b>
CK-Weise 3 run (Justin Dodson kick), 3:38
<b>Third Quarter</b>
CK-Burket 1 run (kick failed), 7:19
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>
WB-Kephart 25 run (kick failed), 3:02
<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>
15 Total First Downs 12
59-328 Rushes-Yards 32-149
18-40 Passes-Com-Att-Int 9-17-1
123 Passing Yards 113
58-352 Total Plays-Yards 48-262
1-1 Fumbles-Lost 3-2
3-35 Punts-Average 2-38
6-41 Penalties-Yards 4-47
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>
<b>Rushing</b>
Claysburg-Kimmel-Weise 25-221, Burket 20-87, Ridenour 3-15, Ligenfelder 2
West Branch-Kephart 16-122, Hubler 11-39, Johnson 4-(15), Team 1-3
<b>Passing</b>
Claysburg-Kimmel-Ridenour 1-0-f, 24 yds.
West Branch-Johnson 9-0-f, 113 yds., 1 TD, 1 Int.; Kephart 0-0-f, 1 Int.
<b>Receiving</b>
Claysburg-Kimmel-Mock 1-24
West Branch-Kephart 1-50, Bickel 3-45, Vallalla 2-14, Brown 1-8, Kindeberger 1-4, Hubler 1-(8)

### Appalachian Conference

<b>NORTH DIVISION</b>
Conf. Ovrll
W L T W L T
H. Center.....8 0 0 6 0 0
Blairsville.....4 1 1 4 1 1
N. Cambria.....4 2 0 4 2 0
Laurel Valley.....3 1 1 3 1 1
P. LINE.....3 3 0 3 3 0
M. Center.....2 3 0 2 3 0
S. Hunt'ndon.....1 1 0 1 5 0
Wburg.....0 2 0 0 4 1
J. Valley.....0 3 0 1 4 0
<b>SOUTH DIVISION</b>
Conf. Ovrll
W L T W L T
Portage.....5 0 0 5 0 0
Windber.....5 0 1 5 0 1
Ferndale.....4 1 0 4 1 0
Con. Valley.....4 2 0 4 2 0
Meyersdale.....4 2 0 4 2 0
Con. Twp.....3 2 1 3 2 1
Berlin.....1 5 0 1 5 0
Blacklick V.....1 4 0 1 4 0
North Star.....0 5 0 0 5 0
Shade.....0 6 0 0 6 0

### Allegheny Conference

<b>NORTH DIVISION</b>
Conf. Ovrll
W L T W L T
H. Center.....8 0 0 6 0 0
Blairsville.....4 1 1 4 1 1
N. Cambria.....4 2 0 4 2 0
Laurel Valley.....3 1 1 3 1 1
P. LINE.....3 3 0 3 3 0
M. Center.....2 3 0 2 3 0
S. Hunt'ndon.....1 1 0 1 5 0
Wburg.....0 2 0 0 4 1
J. Valley.....0 3 0 1 4 0
<b>SOUTH DIVISION</b>
Conf. Ovrll
W L T W L T
Portage.....5 0 0 5 0 0
Windber.....5 0 1 5 0 1
Ferndale.....4 1 0 4 1 0
Con. Valley.....4 2 0 4 2 0
Meyersdale.....4 2 0 4 2 0
Con. Twp.....3 2 1 3 2 1
Berlin.....1 5 0 1 5 0
Blacklick V.....1 4 0 1 4 0
North Star.....0 5 0 0 5 0
Shade.....0 6 0 0 6 0

### Summaries

<b>CLEARFIELD 64</b>
<b>P'BURG-OSCEOLA 6</b>
<b>Score By Quarters</b>
Clearfield.....34 7 13 0-54
P'Burg-Osceola.....0 0 0 0-0
<b>First Quarter</b>
C-Gibson 6 pass from Kroell (kick failed), 2:30
C-Gibson 25 pass from Kroell (Gibson pass from Kroell), 4:40
C-Wilson 49 pass from Kroell (Sunderland kick), 7:09
C-Ogden 22 pass from Kroell (kick blocked), 8:48
C-Dahlm 19 pass from Kroell (Sunderland kick), 10:40
<b>Second Quarter</b>
C-Dahlm 17 pass from Kroell (Sunderland kick), 6:19
P-Ammerman 10 pass from Minarchick (pass failed), 12:00
<b>Third Quarter</b>
C-Dahlm 42 pass from Kroell

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

<b>Progressland</b>
Curwensville at Bishop Guilfoyle, 7:30 p.m.
<b>District 9</b>
Johnsonburg at Elk County

## Beavers find win column, 42-0

ST. MARYS - DuBois broke into the win column last night by manhandling St. Marys 42-0 at Dutch Country Stadium in a District 9 showdown.

The Beavers (1-5) piled up 418 yards of total offense - 338 of those coming on the ground.

Jessie Perry got DuBois on the board late in the first quarter on a 1-yard plunge. Kevin Bowser added the PAT to give the Beavers a 7-0 lead.

It would be no closer as the Beavers got two touchdown passes from quarterback Tim Kail in the second quarter to take a 21-0 lead at the half.

Kail hooked up with Matt Lingle on a 21-yard strike for the first score, and Chris Smiley on a 40 yarder with 1:25 remaining in the first half.

On the game, Kail was 4-of-7 for 80 yards and three touchdown passes.

Perry went in from 26 yards out just three minutes into the second half to up the lead to 28-0.

Greg Kennis hauled in the final Kail scoring pass, a 10 yarder, four minutes later to up the advantage to 35-0 at the end of the third quarter.

Tim Pirraglia's 15-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter set the final.

Smiley led the DuBois ground assault with 134 yards on 11 carries. Perry chipped in with 84 yards on 10 carries in dropping the Dutch to 0-5-1.

DuBois also was penalized 11 times for 111 yards.

The Beavers travel to Bradford next Friday.

## Vikings fall at Penns Valley, 26-14

SPRING MILLS - Penns Valley's Todd Brooks ran for 199 yards and three touchdowns as the Rams defeated Glendale 26-14 last night at Spring Mills.

The Rams (3-3) racked up 282 yards and four touchdowns as they sent the Vikings to their fifth straight loss (1-5).

Brooks got his team on the board in the first quarter as he went in from 13 yards out. John Horner added the extra point for a 7-0 Penns Valley lead.

Glendale took an 8-0 lead early in the second half on Bill

Dubler's 4-yard run. Paul McClellan, who led Glendale on the ground with 89 yards on 11 carries, ran in the two-point conversion.

Brooks added touchdowns of 30 and 7 yards before the half to give the Rams a 20-8 advantage at the break.

The Vikings scored the only points of the third quarter when Jason Wagner hooked up with McClellan for a 52-yard scoring strike. The run failed leaving Glendale trailing 20-14. McClellan also was the Vikings'

top receiver with seven catches for 92 yards.

Wagner was 8-of-18 for 98 yards and a touchdown on the game. He was also picked off twice.