



GAPING HOLE, courtesy of blocks by halfback Matt Higgs, left, and guard Jim Johnson, right, on Kevin Wigfield, gives

Clearfield's Pat Davis lots of running room after taking handoff from QB Chris Demi. At right, Davis leans into Philipsburg-

Osceola's Mark Wood (40) after eluding Jerry Motter (35). Mountie Tom Simler (73) slips off a block to assist.



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# Davis' 215 Yards, Four TDs Power Bison Win

**By FRED KAVELAK**  
Progress Sports Editor

Post-game banter in the Clearfield coaches room last night was centered on Pat Davis, the Bisons' great fullback who had just done a one-man wrecking job on Philipsburg-Osceola's defense.

One of Coach Kevin Karrs' assistants mentioned how fine a linebacker the powerful senior could be.

Karrs and his other aides concurred.

However, there's little chance the 5-11, 180-pounder will get the opportunity to play defense this year—for two very good reasons.

First, Steve Williams and Nick Santinoceto, who got a starting nod after coming off the injury list, give the Bisons a tough tandem in there, with Matt Higgs a solid backup and Eric Rowles also available.

More importantly, Davis is just too valuable on offense to risk possible injury.

He's the kind you don't replace. You just find a successor.

Davis, whose jet-like takeoff and quick cutting ability make him a threat to break the big play at any time, was brilliant against the Mounties as the Bisons, rebounding from their lone setback in six games, rolled to a 27-13 victory.

In 28 carries, Davis rambled for 215 yards and four touchdowns, including a 55-yarder. He also rushed for the two points after his initial TD for a 26-point night.

His 6-game totals are 117 carries for 669 yards, a 5.72 average. He's amassed 80 points.

All of which reflects the tremendous blocking being done by the Clearfield offensive line and other backs.

"Pat's an excellent football player," Karrs said. "He's quick. He's strong. And he's a smart runner."

Higgs also benefitted from that good blocking to run for 56 yards in 12 trips, his best varsity performance and most pleasing to Karrs.

"I'm really happy for Matt. He ran well, and that's what we need, somebody to take some pressure off Pat."

Karrs praised all of his blockers. "I don't want to take anything away from Pat or Matt, but there were some really big holes out there tonight."

This Progress Trophy game, in which Clearfield prevented P-O from claiming honors for 1977 and became a favorite to retain the big award for the second year the way Curwensville is playing right now, was a strange one.

Clearfield easily could have been sitting on a 4 touchdown lead at halftime instead of

taking a 21-13 advantage into intermission.

The Mounties, decided underdogs for what always is a hard-fought clash, were very high emotionally and capitalized on alert defensive play for their points.

Dan Carpin's leaping pass interception and Jon Guillard's deft pickup of a Clearfield fumble kept the crowd of more than 3,000 fans around for more fireworks in the last two quarters, but the Bisons resorted to ball control, using more than 73 minutes to march 73 yards for the clinching TD.

The running of Davis and Higgs propelled the Bisons toward paydirt on the first series of the game, but Carpin cut in front of Chris Demi's receiver for his pass theft at the P-O-22 and exhibited fine broken field running before he was hauled down at the C-16.

Guillard, who had 76 yards in 16 carries to account for more than half of P-O's offense, barreled into the Bison line three consecutive times and deposited the ball in the end zone on a 1-yard plunge with just 3:42 gone. Kevin Wigfield's soccer-style placement was tipped by a Bison but was plenty strong and gave the Mounties a surprising 7-0 lead.

A little over two minutes later, the Bisons were in front

8-7. Davis exploded over right guard for 17 yards. After Higgs got six on a sweep right, Davis shook free for a 40-yard jaunt, Mountie Mark Wood preventing a TD with a diving tackle.

On the next play, Davis blasted over the right side for a 9-yard touchdown. He hit the same spot for the two extra points.

Clearfield remained in control of the game for the next 12 minutes.

Davis brought the Bison fans to their feet with a 55-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter, pulling out of a tackler's grasp near the P-O-35 and outspurring two other Mounties. Frank Beers' placement was wide to the left, the score remaining 14-7.

A pass interference call against the Bisons gave the Mounties a first at their 42 but, on second down, Ron Zaino and Tom Rockwell stripped the ball from Denny Carpin on a sack, and Jim Johnson scooped it up for a six-yard return.

Six running plays gave the Bisons another score, Davis plowing over the left side of his line for the last 4 yards and Beers' converting his first varsity extra point to set the count at 21-7 with 9:58 left in the half.

Guillard and Jerry Motter battered away on P-O's next series to move the ball to the

C-35, but two passes fell incomplete, and the Bisons took possession.

Davis appeared to have enough forward progress to move the sticks on third down, but the spot by the official had the Bisons a few inches shy.

Karrs had confidence Davis could get the first down, but he didn't figure on Demi bobbling the snap. The ball popped free at the C-41, Guillard didn't seem to slow down as he bent to pick up the pigskin, and he had nothing but white stripes ahead on a touchdown dash.

The PAT pass was broken up by Tom Rodgers, keeping Clearfield in front 21-13.

The Bisons came right back with a thrust to the P-O-12, and Demi had a first down on a rollout right but lost the ball, Wood recovering at the three for the Mounties.

"I was pleased the way we came right back and moved the ball both times they scored," Karrs remarked. "These kids stayed together when a couple of things went against them."

"I don't know what caused the mistakes, the fact we're playing so many juniors or just overanxiousness, but we hung in there. That was a good plus."

Clearfield thwarted P-O's hopes for a second half comeback by controlling the ball

most of the third quarter, initiating its final TD drive with 4:37 left and eating up 3:01 of the last period with a 16-play, 73-yard thrust. Davis carried 10 times, slamming across the goal line for his fourth TD from 6 yards away. The PAT option failed.

After the teams traded fumbles, Rockwell recovering for the Bisons and Mike Bezilla for the Mounties, the visitors paraded to the C-26.

Denny Carpin hit Neal Johns for a 15-yard completion, but the ball squirted free and Williams recovered at the 11.

P-O regained possession with a minute to go, but a second down pass was picked off by Williams, who'll probably be called "Glue Fingers" now. Prior to that play, he answered to "No Hands."

The Mounties, with star runner Ron "Buck" Petroski watching from the sidelines because of a broken collar bone, slipped to 1-5 under first-year coach Denny Baumgardner, an assistant under Karrs the last two years.

"We had some kids who

played really well, and they all gave 100 per cent," said the Mountie boss. "It was important to the kids to see how well they could do without Petroski. They've depended on him so much the last two seasons."

"If anything pleased me, it was that the kids didn't give up, even when the clock was winding down and we were two touchdowns behind."

"Clearfield has a real good team. There was a lot of good hitting out there. That's why the ball was popping loose."

"They did what they had to do in the second half. They controlled the ball."

"The kids gave all they had and sometimes that's not enough against a good team, so we have to regroup and start looking up for Tyronne."

The Mounties travel to Tyrone next Friday.

Clearfield will be home again for one of its toughest assignments of the season as Lock Haven, also 5-1, comes calling.

**PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA**

Ends—Wood, Johnson  
Tackles—Munichick, Simler  
Guards—K. Wigfield, D. Wigfield  
Center—Socaki  
Backs—Denny Carpin, Dan Carpin, Motter, Guillard

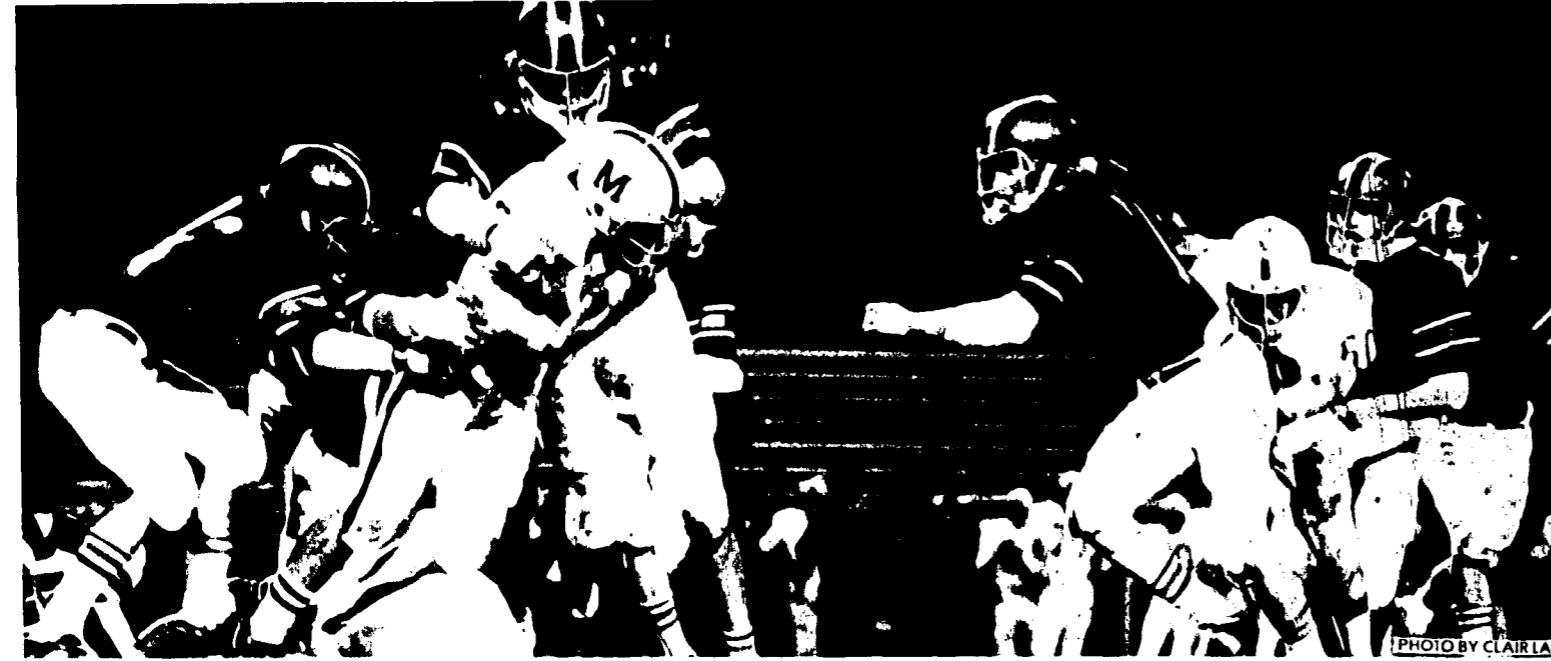
**PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA**

Ends—Bezilla, Mooney, G. Sidarick, McQuillen, Muir, Hughes, Czar, Rybert, Frank, Rudy, S. Sidarick, Alver

**CLEARFIELD**

Ends—Butler, Rodgers  
Tackles—Lansberry, Bowman  
Guards—Smith, Johnson  
Center—Howles  
Backs—Demi, Higgs, Pollock, Davis  
Subs—Zaino, Altemus, Matines, Rockwell, Williams, Billotte, Murray, Nelson, Rodgers, Lanjin, Beers, Harper, Mays, Santinoceto, B. Michaels, Anderson

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SCRAMBLING DEFENSE by Clearfield held P-O to 138 yards, and this play shows how the Bisons hustle to the ball. Jim Johnson

(77) holds up the Mountie runner. Dean Altemus (42) is helping keep him in place. And Tom Rockwell is about to deliver the

final blow from behind. Rushing in at the right is Frank Maines.

**By JERRY STEWART**  
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FLINTON — For the second time in as many meetings the Glendale Vikings and Berlin-Brothers Valley came away from their head-to-head clash without determining a winner.

Last year the Vikes journeyed to Berlin and fought the Mountaineers to a scoreless standoff in a driving rain-fall.

Last night Glendale and the Mounties deadlocked at 7-7 on Dr. Roy F. Baker Field.

The Vikings weren't without their chances, however, as three last-quarter field goal attempts failed to connect.

One shot, however, came very, very close to being three points as Terry Peacock's kick from 27 yards out hit the left upright and fell into the end zone for nothing.

John Lloyd, Glendale's long time coach who has seen his Vikes play in two tie ballgames this season, just shook his head after the incredible string of bad luck that plagued his Blue-and-Gold squad in the final quarter.

The Vikes controlled the ball for all but five plays in the final eight-and-half minutes of the game and still couldn't get any points on the board.

"It was a tough one to lose," Lloyd sighed after the Vikes dropped to 3-2. "We made one mistake and it cost us. Our only fumble set up Berlin's touchdown."

The way Glendale's offense moved the ball on the first

drive of the game, it looked like the Vikings were in for a big night.

Jose Delorme returned the opening kickoff 20 yards to the Viking 39 and 13 plays later Glendale had a 7-0 lead.

Jaymie Rydholm, making his first start as varsity quarterback, completed two passes for 16 yards and Mark McCartney, who led all runners with 93 yards in the game, bulled his way for 36 yards on seven carries to fuel the march.

Capping off the drive at the 6:49 mark was Rydholm on a 3-yard plunge behind center Denny Cherish and guards Rick Smith and Dan Garman. Peacock tacked on the PAT to give Glendale an early 7-0 lead.

After a couple of punts, a Viking fumble late in the quarter was recovered by Berlin's Rob Cugini on the Glendale 34.

Cugini, who roams between quarterback and halfback for the Mounties, broke off a 23-yard run to the Glendale 9 and three plays later the Berlin senior tossed an 8-yard touchdown pass out of the shotgun formation to Larry Hankinson. Tim Landis kicked the PAT with 11:10 to play in the first half.

Those two early scoring drives amounted to all the scoring as the Viking defense yielded little more and the Glendale offense failed to come up with the big play.

Berlin never penetrated the Glendale 30 the remainder of the game as three Mountie possessions were stopped by interceptions, two by Frank Tiesi and one by Delorme, and another was ended by Perry McCartney's fumble recovery.

The Vikes came up 196 yards total offense, including Rydholm's 10-for-21 night for 57 yards, but they too were held outside the opposition's 30 until late in the game.

Glendale's first field goal effort was set up by Delorme's kamikaze punt return of 10 yards that put the Vikes just across the 50.

Tough yardage running by fullback Rich Lender sparked the Vikings to a first-and-ten 4-yard loss by Cugini and Lloyd called timeout.

Blake Lightner, who's seen little action this season due to injuries, was called on to attempt a 35-yard field goal but his boot out of Lender's hands sailed wide to the left with 5:24 to go in the game.

Tiesi got Glendale another chance as he picked off a Cugini aerial and stepped out of bounds on the Berlin 40. Strong running by McCartney again moved the Vikes inside the 20 but once more the Mountie defense stiffened.

Lloyd was faced with a fourth-and-six at the 10 this time and again he sent in the field goal team, with Peacock lining up to do the honors.

Peacock's boot appeared to

**GLENDALE**

Ends—Henry, Kaufman  
Tackles—Lalonde, P. McCartney  
Guards—Garman, Smith  
Center—Cherish  
Backs—Rydholm, M. McCartney, Delorme, Lender  
Subs—Lightner, Loyo, Master, Peacock, Fyves, Queen, Shonn, Dick, Cree, Kirby, Kruse, Mulhollen, Noel, Tissi, Willis

**BERLIN**

Ends—Cugini 11-28, Weightly 8-32, Fischer 1-9, Walker 3-7, Werner 1-3, Woullard 4-minus 2, Glendale—McCartney 23-93, Lender 7-39, Delorme 5-4, Lightner 1-3, Rydholm 5-0

**Pass Receiving**

Berlin—Cugini 3-24, Hankinson 1-8, Weightly 1-3, Fischer 1-minus 1, Glendale—Determe 3-21, McCartney 3-15, Henry 2-13, Kaufman 1-10, Lender 1-minus 2

# Warriors (T)rude to Trojans

**By ANDY PETKAC**  
Progress Staff Writer

MOUNT UNION — "Does Trude always run like that?" a Huntingdon sports writer asked West Branch Warrior Head Coach Gene Ropchok following the Warriors 21-7 victory over the Mount Union Trojans last night.

"You bet he does," replied the smiling Ropchok.

The Warrior boss had plenty to be happy about, since his junior fullback John "J.R." Trude had just finished ripping apart the Trojan defense for 145 yards on 28 carries.

"That Dobo really balances your attack with the passing threat," the sports writer continued and Ropchok agreed, as he recalled senior quarterback Larry Dobo's five passes for 93 yards on the night.

"And the penalties?" the sports writer asked and Ropchok shook his head, recalling the 15 times yellow flags flew, costing the Warriors a total of 145 yards.

"Well, let's just say we made costly mistakes on our part sometimes, but we didn't get any breaks at all," the Warrior boss said.

West Branch fans didn't like the penalty barrage and they let the officials know it. As the 145th yard was stepped off against the Warriors, a good deal of jeering and hooting came from the disgruntled fans.

Yet the flags that flew like autumn rain couldn't dampen the Warrior spirit, because the West Branch offense generated 227 yards rushing and 93 yards passing, while the defense forced three key interceptions and a clutch

fumble.

Warrior defender Bill Beveridge bagged two of those interceptions, while John Zelenky hauled in the third and Trude pounced on the Trojan fumble. All four defensive efforts stopped Mount Union drives in Warrior territory.

"Our defense did an outstanding job, and the entire offensive line really moved people out for the backs," Ropchok said.

West Branch tailback Mark Folmar took some of the pressure off Trude, as he scrambled for 44 yards on eight carries, and wingback Stu Kirk pitched in 26 yards on three carries.

Defensive standout Zelenky also was the leading pass receiver on the night, as he hauled in three Dobo passes for 58 yards. One of those receptions was a 32 yard TD pass early in the second quarter.

The Warriors started their first possession of the night at their own 18, but the drive stalled at the WB 16 after 35 penalty yards—a clip, a personal foul and an offsides call—made it fourth-and-24 deep in West Branch territory.

Zelenky boomed a 49-yard punt, and the Trojan offense generated minus-one yard on its first possession of the night. Following a Mount Union punt, the Warriors took over at their own 11.

On Trude's and Folmar's legs, and with a key 25-yard pass from Dobo to end Mark Panik, the Warriors ate up the remaining 5:17 in the first quarter as they marched down to the Mount Union 17.

At the 17, a flying yellow flag streaked through the air, and the Warriors found themselves first-and-22 at the Trojan 32 courtesy of a holding call.

The first quarter ended with that penalty, but on the first play of the second quarter, Dobo hit Zelenky on a fly pattern at the five, and the West Branch end hit paydirt for the initial West Branch score. WB kicker Greg Andrews booted the extra point, so the score went to 7-0 with 11:53 left in the half.

West Branch was called offsides on the next kickoff, and they received another offsides penalty during the Mount Union drive that carried the Trojans from their own 38 to the WB 27.

In the Warrior secondary at the WB 10, Zelenky picked off a Trojan pass and returned it to the West Branch 35, only to have the return nullified by a clipping penalty that occurred after the interception.

The clip brought the Warriors back to their own 20, where they started their second TD drive of the night. Folmar chipped in a fine 10-yard run to start the drive, and Dobo hit Stu Kirk on a 15-yard pass near mid-field.

Trude owned 34 of the 80 yards in that 13-play march, and the Warrior fullback carried it on a one-yard plunge with 1:41 left in the half. Andrews' kick was good, so the Warriors jumped out to a 14-0 lead.

However, the Trojans sprung back to mount a scoring threat late in the first half as they marched to the Warrior 38. On the next play, the ball squirted loose from

quarterback Jim Goodman's hands, and Warrior Trude fell on the fumble at the WB 24.

The Trojans came out fired up in the second half, taking the opening kickoff and marching from their 26 to the WB 38, where Warrior defender Beveridge picked off his first interception and returned it to the Mount Union 43.

On five plays the Warrior ground attack moved the ball to the Mount Union 15, where quarterback Dobo lost a fumble. The following Trojan drive also stalled, so after a punt the Warriors had the ball on their own 49.

Trude and Folmar moved the ball to the Trojan 28, where a clipping penalty set the drive back 15 yards. But Trude rallied with an eight-yard run, and Dobo hit Zelenky on a crossing pattern for a 21-yard pass that took West Branch down to the Mount Union 15.

From there, Trude hammered through the Trojan line on six carries, taking the ball in from the one with 10:36 left in the fourth quarter. Andrews added the extra point, so the score went to 21-0.

Mount Union's Eric Golden took Andrew's following kickoff and streaked 24 yards downfield with it to set up the Trojan's TD drive at their own 40.

The Trojans moved the ball to the WB 10, where halfback Morris Helton, who was the Trojan rushing leader with 40 yards on nine carries, hit the endzone on a 10 yard scamper. Mike Harven booted the extra point, so the score went to 21-7, where it stayed for the remaining 6:26 minutes left in the game.

**WEST BRANCH**

Ends—Panik, Zelenky  
Tackles—Bell, Anderson  
Guards—Beveridge, Fye  
Center—McDowell  
Backs—Dobo, Trude, Kirk, Folmar  
Subs—Wick, Kardooley, Shirkey, Andrews, Renoe, Conal, Grieslick, Huh, Barger, Sabal, White, Rolland, Hubler, Little, Cantolina, Lindemuth, Jones, Baumgardner, Evans, Turley and Panik

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# Beavers Shut Out Altoona

DUBOIS — The Dubois Beavers pulled off a squeaker last evening, defeating the Altoona Mountain Lions 7-0 at Mansell Stadium to raise their season log to 5-1.

Jeff Heath was the main offensive weapon for the Beavers, a squad that racked up 246 yards rushing compared to Altoona's 51. Heath carried 16 times for 164 and scored the winners' lone touchdown.

That score came on the first play of the fourth quarter as Heath rambled 21 yards to cap a 50-yard, 10-play drive for the game's only six-pointer. Reliable Dave Nihol booted the extra-point for the 7-0 bulge.

The Beavers threatened one more, driving late in the fourth quarter and ending up on the A-13 as time ran out.

The Beavers are now bracing for the stretch in their schedule, starting with a road trip to Williamsport next Friday.

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