

Bisons Spoil Warriors Quest for a Perfect Season

By Brian Carson

LEWISTOWN – During a typical high school football season, games come and go with little thought or fanfare, but every once in a while one will be played that people will talk about for years and years to come.

An older generation will tell a younger what happened, with some exaggeration of course, and replay the significance of the event.

On a chilly Friday night at Mitchell Field, one such occasion transpired as Clearfield played a game for the ages.

Because on the night of October, 12th, 2007, the Bisons ended Indian Valley and its hopes for an undefeated season with a stunning 19-13 victory.

An old cliché says games are played on the field not on paper and now Tim Janocko and his squad are the poster children for that statement.

Clearfield broke a 13-13 tie in the fourth quarter when Jarrin Campman connected with Drew Hipps from 21-yards out for the game winner with 2:11 left in regulation.

With the victory, the Bisons improved to 4-3 on the season and 1-2 in the Mountain Athletic Conference Large School Division. Indian Valley dropped to 6-1 with the loss and 3-1 in conference play.

Hipps out-leaped IV defender Jay Hartman to snag the game-winning pass in the corner of the endzone. When the dust settled, the Bisons had scored 19 unanswered points after falling behind 13-0.

“Everybody got there money’s worth here tonight. What a super, super effort by our kids. Indian Valley is a great team,” said Janocko. “Our defense played a great game. Coach Campman, our defensive coordinator, called an excellent game.”

The much maligned Clearfield defense held the Warrior offense to just 13 points and kept them out of the endzone, limiting Indian Valley to just 139 yards in the first half.

“Our defense played a great football game. Indian Valley has an explosive offense and for the most part, we held them in check,” stated Janocko.

After a scoreless first half, the Warriors jumped out to a 13-0 lead when Jay Hartman ran 21 yards for a score with Morgan Barger connecting on the PAT.

A short, three-yard TD run by Thad Rosenberry looked like the opening IV needed to remain perfect on the season.

“It’s just one of those things. We get into a mindset where we hurt ourselves,” said Indian Valley head coach Gawen Stoker. “We didn’t get any pressure on the quarterback at all in the second half. No defensive back can cover a guy for more than four seconds and because we didn’t get any pressure, we didn’t get much pass rush.

“Let’s face it. Being undefeated is something special. I like the pressure of being undefeated,” said Stoker. “We had to make it good and create some special plays. Unfortunately, we had some problems doing that in the second half.

“Football doesn’t build character it exposes it and we’ll find out how much character we have.”

Clearfield started its comeback victory with a one-yard run by Jerrin Campman with 3:35 to go in the third period. Campman’s score capped an 8-play, 65-yard drive that was keyed by two 21 yard passes to Hipps and David Ryan.

Hipps scored the first of his two touchdowns when Campman hit the wideout from 13 yards out for the score. The kick failed and the score read 13-13 heading into the fourth quarter.

In the final frame, Indian Valley drove down to the Bisons 6-yard line, but failed to score on four plays. A one-yard run and three incomplete passes ended the drive for the Warriors.

From there, Clearfield made a last ditch effort by going on a 7-play, 93-yard drive for the game winner with 2:11 left on the clock.

A 27-yard run by Toby Young and 15 and 23-yard passes to Ryan spurred on the Clearfield drive.

“We knew we’ve been improving every week and we felt like we had a shot. We knew it would be a tall order coming to this stadium during homecoming and try to get a win,” Janocko said. “But the kids rose to the occasion.

“We switched some things up in the second half to mix it up and some of those worked. It was a great night for high school football.”

Young rushed for 75 yards and Ryan had five grabs for 92 yards to lead the Bisons. Tailback Thad Rosenberry rushed for 186 yards to lead the Warrior offense.

Clearfield hosts St. Mary’s and Indian Valley travels to Tyrone on Friday.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Clearfield 0 0 13 6 - 19
Indian Valley 0 0 13 0 - 13

Third Quarter

IV-Hartman 21 run (Barger kick), 11:03.
IV-Rosenberry 3 run (kick blocked), 6:48.
C-Campman 1 run (Herrington kick), 3:35.
C-Hipps 13 pass from Campman (kick blocked), 2:13.

Fourth Quarter

C-Hipps 21 pass from Campman (kick failed), 2:11.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Clearfield-Young 12-75, D. Morgan 5-7, Hipps 1-4, J. Campman 20-2, I. Morgan 1- (minus 1). Indian Valley-Rosenberry 14-186, Romig 6-68, Kratzer 2-1, Hartman 5-50, Team 1- (minus 11).
PASSING: Clearfield-J. Campman 15-26-204-0. Indian Valley-Kratzer 6-27-65-1.
RECEIVING: Clearfield-Ryan 5-92, Hipps 4-54, Hryn 3-26, T. Campman 2-22, Young 1-10. Indian Valley-Hartman 3-23, Long 2-19, Romig 1-23.
INTERCEPTIONS: Clearfield-J. Campman. Indian Valley-None.

TEAM STATISTICS

	C	IV
First downs	13	13
Yards rushing	40-87	29-295
Passing (comp.-att.-int.)	15-26-0	6-27-1
Yards passing	204	65
Total yards	291	360
Fumbles lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	5-65	8-55
Punts-avg.	5-29.4	3-32.7

Around District 6:

Tyrone 14, P-O 13

Halfback Shayne Tate threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Levi Reihart with just under 16 seconds remaining to push Tyrone's regular season unbeaten streak to 30 games and its home regular-season unbeaten streak to 22. The Golden Eagles remained unbeaten on the season at 7-0, while the Mounties fell to 5-2 on the year.

Bellefonte 31, Lewistown 0

The Red Raiders, known for their aerial attack, took it to the ground, rushing for 207 yards for the shutout victory over the Panthers (1-6). Greg Benscoter ran for 108 yards and a score to lead the Bellefonte (5-2) ground attack. Red Raider QB Ryan Poorman was 7-of-11 for 136 yards and two TDs.

Bishop McCort 31, Johnstown 21

The Crushers limited Trojans running back Antwuan Reed to 42 rushing yards on 18 carries. Reed, who averaged 196.7 yards a game through six weeks, had only 12 at halftime, as Bishop McCort improved to 6-1 on the season. Johnstown fell to 4-3 on the year. Jordan DeFrances was 18-of-29 for 288 yards, while Eric Lowery rushed for 110 yards and three scores to lead the Crimson Crushers.

Penns Valley 35, Mount Union 0

Taylor Wingard rushed for 125 yards and three first-half touchdowns as the Rams posted an Inter-County Conference interdivisional win. It was Penns Valley's fourth shutout of the season as they ran their overall record to 6-1. The Ram defense held the Trojans (1-6) to just 158 yards of total offense.

Central Mountain 27, Huntingdon 13

Matt Overdorf ran for 256 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Wildcats (3-4) to victory over the Bearcats (2-5). Andy Young led the Huntingdon offense with 93 yards rushing and a score.

Altoona 28, Cedar Cliff 14

A.J. Alexander rushed for 219 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Mountain Lions (5-1) past the Colts (2-5) in Mid-Penn Commonwealth action. Altoona out-gained Cedar Cliff by a 425-144 margin.

Hollidaysburg 28, Bradford 7

The Golden Tiger defense rose to the occasion and held the vaunted Owls rushing attack to only 93 yards in the non-conference victory. Hollidaysburg

(6-1) was led by the running of Brad Nocek (113 yards and 1 TD) and the hands of Justin Gildea (6-99-3) in knocking off previously undefeated Bradford (6-1). Patrick Smith returned from injury to pass for 204 yards for the Golden Tigers.

Bishop Guilfoyle 14, Central Cambria 7

Chris Brown was 9-of-11 for 158 yards and two touchdowns, while Logan McDannell finished with four receptions for 85 yards and two scores as the Marauders (4-3) pulled off the Laurel Highlands upset over the Red Devils (5-2) on Friday.

Portage 14, Windber 0

Mike Sinosky ran for 134 yards and two touchdowns to lead the undefeated Mustangs (7-0) to the big WestPAC victory over the Ramblers (5-2). Portage held Windber to just 74 yards rushing and 21 passing. Portage gained 245 total yards against a Rambler defense that had given up only 140 yards a game.

Somerset 29, Bishop Carroll 7

Jordan Kauffman was 14-of-15 for 196 yards and three scores as the Golden Eagles improved to 5-2 on the season with a win over the Huskies (1-6). Garrett Breen, Kauffman's number one guy, caught five passes for 164 yards and three touchdowns.

Week Seven Results:

Bedford (Dist 5 AA 2-5-0) 48 Cambria Heights (Dist 6 AA 0-7-0) 16
Chestnut Ridge (Dist 5 AA 5-2-0) 21 Bellwood-Antis (Dist 6 A 4-3-0) 15
Conemaugh Township (Dist 5 A 4-3-0) 35 Conemaugh Valley (Dist 6 A 1-6-0) 0
Meyersdale (Dist 5 A 6-1-0) 52 Ferndale (Dist 6 A 2-5-0) 0
Northern Bedford (Dist 5 A 6-1-0) 29 Claysburg-Kimmel (Dist 6 A 1-6-0) 0
Altoona (Dist 6 AAAA 6-1-0) 28 Cedar Cliff (Dist 3 AAAA 2-5-0) 14
Bald Eagle Area (Dist 6 AA 1-6-0) 29 Central (Dist 6 AA 2-5-0) 14
Bellefonte (Dist 6 AAA 5-2-0) 31 Lewistown (Dist 6 AAA 1-6-0) 0
Bishop Guilfoyle (Dist 6 A 4-3-0) 14 Central Cambria (Dist 6 AA 5-2-0) 7
Bishop McCort (Dist 6 AA 6-1-0) 31 Johnstown (Dist 6 AAA 4-3-0) 21
Blairsville (Dist 6 A 4-3-0) 21 Northern Cambria (Dist 6 A 4-3-0) 19
Central Mountain (Dist 6 AAAA 3-4-0) 27 Huntingdon (Dist 6 AAA 2-5-0) 13
Forest Hills (Dist 6 AA 4-3-0) 10 Penn Cambria (Dist 6 AA 3-4-0) 8
Hollidaysburg (Dist 6 AAA 6-1-0) 28 Bradford (Dist 9 AAA 5-1-0) 7
Juniata Valley (Dist 6 A 4-3-0) 35 Glendale (Dist 6 A 3-4-0) 0
Ligonier Valley (Dist 6 A 7-0-0) 55 Marion Center (Dist 6 AA 2-5-0) 14
Penns Manor (Dist 6 A 3-4-0) 49 United (Dist 6 A 1-6-0) 35
Penns Valley (Dist 6 AA 6-1-0) 34 Mount Union (Dist 6 A 2-5-0) 0
Portage (Dist 6 A 7-0-0) 14 Windber (Dist 5 A 5-2-0) 0
Purchase Line (Dist 6 A 5-2-0) 20 Homer Center (Dist 6 A 3-4-0) 6
Somerset (Dist 6 AAA 5-2-0) 29 Bishop Carroll (Dist 6 A 1-6-0) 7

Southern Huntingdon (Dist 6 A 6-1-0) 42 Williamsburg (Dist 6 A 1-6-0) 13
State College (Dist 6 AAAA 4-3-0) 35 Williamsport (Dist 4 AAAA 0-7-0) 7
Tyrone (Dist 6 AA 7-0-0) 14 Philipsburg-Osceola (Dist 6 AA 5-2-0) 13
Clearfield (Dist 9 AAA 4-3-0) 19 Indian Valley (Dist 6 AAA 6-1-0) 13

Saturday's Games

Rockwood (Dist 5 A 4-3-0) 27 Blacklick Valley (Dist 6 A 4-3-0) 26
Laurel Valley (Dist 6 A 5-2-0) 27 Saltsburg (Dist 6 A 1-6-0) 0
Moshannon Valley (Dist 6 A 5-2-0) 37 West Branch (Dist 6 A 0-7-0) 0
Richland (Dist 6 AA 5-2-0) 34 Westmont-Hilltop (Dist 6 AA 3-4-0) 0