

Thurston QB Sparkles In 31-0 Victory

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An overtime defeat in prep football is hard for any coach to swallow, and for first year Thurston High Coach Don Reel that task had to be twice as tough in the overtime opening loss to Churchill.

"It was really tough to lose it that way," commented Reel, whose squad picked itself up for game No. 2 and crushed Romulus, 31-0. "We decided to play a complete football game."

The "complete" game could well have been labeled Gary D'Ascenzo day as the Eagle quarterback accounted for the 31 points in tossing four touchdown passes, converting four extra points and booting a 37-yard field goal.

"You couldn't say enough about Gary's performance," said Reel, who also commented that his squad sliced the penalty yardage from 100 yards against Churchill to only 40 against Romulus.

The Eagles, who open their Northwest League campaign Saturday with Oak Park at home at 2 p.m., scored the first time they had the ball.

Thurston linebacker Dave Smith pounced on a Romulus fumble on their 30 and six plays later. D'Ascenzo tossed a 10-yard scoring pass to Ray Ivey. The quarterback converted and it was 7-0.

The next time Thurston gained control, it took them

only three plays to score with D'Ascenzo combining with John Ray for a 35-yard six-point play. The kick was good and it stood 14-0 after one quarter.

Thurston's second quarter scoring drive started on its own 25 with a D'Ascenzo to Tom Dowdy 23-yard swing pass capping a march with D'Ascenzo splitting the up-rights at 21-0.

The second half saw Reel change his game plan.

"I gave Gary the team," commented Reel, who usually calls the plays from the sidelines.

On a third down and from his own 17, D'Ascenzo hit Dowdy on a screen pass and the Eagle receiver broke a tackle and sprinted 83 yards to another six points and a 28-0 margin.

A 37-yard field goal by Thurston's "Mr. Everything" clinaxed the Eagle assault, D'Ascenzo finishing with all 31 points to his credit.

Thurston mustered nine first downs to four by Romulus and outstruck them, 143 to 40. The Eagle aerial game netted 186 yards with D'Ascenzo hitting on five of seven. Two for five and 19 yards was the air story for Romulus.



PASS DEFENSE was one of the Franklin keys to its 7-0 victory over city rival Stevenson. Here Jim Casey (45) and Joe Pollard (24) of

Franklin bat a pass and Stevenson receiver away. (Photo by Doug Johnson)

Last Minute Pass Ruins RU Hopes -- Again

Visions of the 1968 prep football season where Redford Union went 1-7 must be haunting head Panther Coach Bob Atkins.

It was Atkins' rookie season RU lost its opener to Stevenson and fell to Allen Park, 21-15. Both came on two pass plays in the final minute of play.

"Our kids don't know how to finish a ball game," commented Atkins who is the

first to realize that RU hasn't won a game at Allen Park since 1962. "We have played two good games but stand 0-2."

A 46 yard toss from Dave Smith to Scott O'Grady set up the first RU score with Smith taking it in from two yards out. George Willard converted and RU had the lead, 7-0, for about 15 seconds.

Followed was an Atkins' first.

Mark Carnavan hauled in the following kickoff for Allen Park and was off to the races with a 92 yard scoring romp. The kick was good and

it was tied at seven all.

"This was the first time I have ever had any kind of a kick returned for a touchdown against me," stated Atkins.

An RU fumble on its own 35 paved the way for the Parkers second score with Carnavan taking it in from 13 yards out. The conversion was good and with eight minutes remaining in the contest, Allen Park was up, 14-7.

After an exchange of punts, RU quarterback Smith sprinted 46 yards to paydirt and made good a two-point conversion on a screen pass

to O'Grady. With 2:45 remaining, RU was back on top, 15-14.

But all it took was two Allen Park passes. Bert Beane hit Tom Rinaa on a 50 yarder, the kick was wide but the lead was in the hands of the Parkers and RU had let another game slip away.

RU collected 11 first downs and rushed for 201 yards and totaled 109 in the air on five of seven passes. Allen Park mustered seven first downs, rushed for 117 yards and hit on four of 11 passes for 117 yards, 73 of those coming off their last offensive play.

Belleville Dumps Bulldogs, 7-0

"We did a lot of things well but just couldn't score," commented Coach Gley Goode after his Bentley Bulldogs went down to defeat at the hands of Belleville, 7-0.

"After looking at the game films, we just should have won."

"This had to be the best Belleville football team I have ever seen," added the Bulldog mentor who has Plymouth Salem on tap at home this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Bentley pushed to the Belleville seven yard line early in the final quarter only to have Bentley intercept a pass on the three.

Franklin Edges Stevenson, 7-0

Belleville broke the scoreless deadlock after an exchange of punts in that final 12 minutes. A 55-yard drive in seven plays all Belleville needed with Perry Dingman taking it in from seven yards out.

The point after was good and Belleville had all it needed.

Belleville collected 12 first downs to eight by Bentley which rushed for 100 yards and passed for 93 on five of nine attempts.

Bruce Boudack paced the Bulldogs with 33 yards in eight carries.

a 74 yard explosion by Greg Battistone late in the fourth quarter was all Livonia Franklin needed to nip city rival Stevenson, 7-0.

It was Franklin's second win and set the stage for the Northwest opener with John Glenn on Saturday.

Stevenson slipped to a 1-1 mark after its opening RU triumph.

The defensive struggle between Franklin and Stevenson went to the offense after an exchange of punts in the fourth period with Franklin taking over on its own 24.

The first play from scrimmage saw Dan Quinn burst for two yards up the middle. Battistone then exploded off

left tackle, Randy Epley threw a key block, and Battistone was off on a 74 yard romp which saw him break four tackles.

Dan Quinn made good the conversion and that was all the Patriots needed for victory.

"Six kids had the angle on him but just failed to bring him down," stated Stevenson Coach Jack Reardon.

Stevenson collected eight first downs to seven by Franklin with Franklin rushing the edge in the holding game, 152 yards to 107.

The aerial attack saw Franklin hit on three of 13 for 40 yards and Stevenson two of 14 for 41 yards.

John Glenn Downs Franklin Harriers

Westland John Glenn broke into the cross country win

Prep Schedule

FRIDAY'S GAMES	
PLYMOUTH SALEM at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.	CHURCHILL at WL Western, 8 p.m.
W. Bloomfield at CLARENCEVILLE, 8 p.m.	Farrington at LUTHERAN WEST, 8 p.m.
HARRISON at Waterford Mott, 8 p.m.	N. FARRINGTON at GC East, 8 p.m.
QC WEST at Kennedy, 8 p.m.	Plymouth Canton at NORTHVILLE, 8 p.m.
BELLEVILLE at Redford Union, 8 p.m.	Berkley at SOUTHFIELD, 8 p.m.
LATHRUP at Groves, 8 p.m.	
SATURDAY'S GAMES	
John Glenn at FRANKLIN, 2 p.m.	Portlanc N. at STEVENSON, 2 p.m.
Oak Park at THURSTON, 2 p.m.	ST. AGATHA at Conception, 2:30 p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAME	
Shrine vs BORGESSE at Thurston, 2:30 p.m.	
*Probable Winners in Bold Face Type (Prep Prediction Record, 21-9)	

Prep Results

Canton 27, Ann Arbor 13	Thurston 31, Romulus 0
Churchill 26, John Glenn 0	Belleville 7, Bentley 0
Northville 27, Clarenceville 0	W. Bloomfield 14, Farrington 0
GC East 47, First Central 14	N. Farrington 27, WL Central 0
Eastford 14, Salem 7	Allen Park 21, RU 15
Southfield 24, Waterford 7	Ferrisville 28, Lathrup 0
Harrison 40, Groves 0	Franklin 7, Stevenson 0
St. Agatha 33, Holy Cross 14	LD 26, Borgesse 21

Glenn's Jeff Andrews captured first place honors with a time of 15:57. Next came two Franklin harriers in Russ Genter at 16:14 and Doug Schaffer at 16:18. Ted Miller of Glenn finished fourth and tied the old mark of 16:20.

Fifth was Al Harris of Glenn at 16:24.

Churchill Wins, 26-0

Eleven straight and going strong has to be the cry of Churchill High's gridiron squad.

The 73 unit has picked up right where the 72 squad left off. Churchill was 9-0 in '72 and allowed just 20 points.

Churchill won its season opener over Thurston in overtime, 14-7 and blanked Westland John Glenn, 26-0.

The Chargers first test in defeating their Western Six crown will come this Friday night against Walled Lake Western with the contest being played at Walled Lake Central High at 8 p.m.

The shutout over Glenn was a complete defensive effort with Churchill allowing Glenn just eight yards rushing and 12 in the air.

It was Glenn's second blanking of the season. First year Coach Lloyd Carr has to be wondering what it must feel like to write down a score on his statistics board.

Churchill rushed for 179 yards and passed for 17 on two of seven passes with Matt Foster grinding out 91 yards in 23 carries, and scoring one touchdown on a one yard plunge.

Charger quarterback Mark Roncoli scored two touchdowns on identical one yard spurts with Al Leirstein tallying the other on a 54 yard punt return.

Leirstein added two conversions.

Churchill's defense came up with three blocked punts, two by Marty Bay and one by Bill Anderson.

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