

# Churchill Battles WL Western To 8-8 Deadlock

By ARTEE

In a game marked by numerous fumbles, intercepted passes and a series of penalties that proved costly to both teams, Livonia Churchill and Walled Lake Western battled to an 8-8 tie Friday on the Churchill gridiron.

By some strange happenstance, each team scored a touchdown and each pinned an opponent in the end zone for a safety.

Churchill's Chargers appeared to have an 8-6 victory in hand until they ran into several penalties with less than three minutes on the

clock that forced them back to the six yard line.

Mick Crom, who had punted twice on the series of downs and saw the ball called back each time and Churchill penalized dropped back into the end zone on the third try. But this time he fumbled the pass from center and was downed for the safety that knotted the count, 8-6.

It mattered little that Roy Henriksson intercepted a Laker pass on the Churchill 28 on the second play after Walled Lake had taken a punt from Crom to the Churchill 41.

JERRY OLJACE led a Charger march that netted a

first down on the Churchill 39. Two plays later Crom passed to Fullback Jack Hachigian for a first down on the 42. Then Brian Sherman fired a long one to Bruce Van Wagner on the Laker 33 but the ball came back and Churchill was penalized 15 for clipping to the Churchill 36.

With two minutes remaining, two passes failed and then another 15 yarder for clipping moved the ball back to the Churchill 21. Sherman broke loose for 12 but Crom had to punt and booted out on the Laker 44. The game ended with the Lakers on the Churchill 45.

Actually it was Crom who started Churchill on the road to

the touchdown when he intercepted a Chuck Vander Roest pass at midfield and returned it to the Laker 34.

Oljace failed to gain in three thrusts and Sherman whipped a pass to Gary Leirstein on the Laker 7. Oljace was stopped by Tackie and Combs after a two yard gain and then Crom found a big hole at guard and sped into the end zone. Sherman's placement for the touchdown point was blocked but Churchill held a 6-0 edge with the clock showing six minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

THE LAKERS came storming back after the kickoff and marched yards for the tying

touchdown when he passed from Vander Roest to End Mary Geary for nine. Vander Roest tried to pass, found all receivers covered and raced around left end to the Churchill 25 before he was hauled down by Hachigian. The play was good for 23 yards.

Denny Viers picked up five. Vander Roest lost five when nailed by Churchill's Tom Gering. Vander Roest hit Keith Heathcock for nine and Jim Evans lunged through guard for a first down on the 14 as the first period ended with Churchill in front, 6-0.

Paul Christian tried right end and was stopped by Jim

Reynolds. Crom batted down a pass in the end zone and then Walled Lake drew a 15-yard penalty for clipping that moved the ball back to the Churchill 30.

Vander Roest faded back and whipped a long pass down the middle into the arms of Christian for the touchdown with two minutes gone in the second quarter. Christian circled end for the two pointer but the Lakers were offside. A pass for the second attempt failed and the score was knotted, 6-6.

Then it was the Chargers' turn and they came driving back to put the ball on the Laker half-yard line with four

minutes to play. On fourth down with the half yard to go, Evan Smith fumbled and Ron Snook recovered for the Lakers on the two. Christian was dropped for no gain on the first play and then he was tackled in the end zone for a safety by Reynolds and Mickey Gooding, giving the Chargers an 8-6 margin.

WALLED LAKE was knocking on the goal door early in the third period when Viers recovered a fumble by Smith on the Churchill 40. Christian broke into the open around left end and darted down to the Charger 25.

An offside penalty set back Walled Lake and Churchill took

over on its 27 after Crom batted down a fourth down pass in the end zone.

The Lakers were on the march again after Crom punted out on the Laker 47 but the drive ended when Henriksson intercepted a pass on the Churchill 44.

Oljace sped around end for a first down on the Laker 31 to open the final period. But Smith fumbled and Frank Marotta recovered for Walled Lake on the 20.

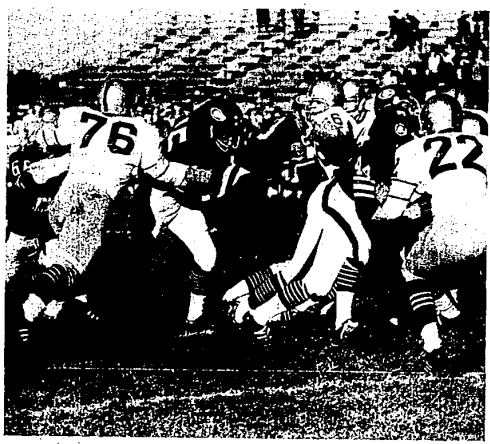
Vander Roest found Christian open for a long pass on the Churchill 32 where Crom made the tackle. Vander Roest hit Christian again on the 19 but Evans fumbled and recovered for a loss of five and Jim Watson intercepted a Vander Roest heave on the 10 and raced back to the 20 to end the threat.

THEN CAME the series of punts and penalties that set up the Walled Lake safety. Crom punted on fourth down to Christian but Churchill was in motion and the ball went back to the Livonia 11.

Crom punted a second time to Christian who was tackled after signaling for a fair catch and the penalty put the ball on the Churchill 31.

Crom went into the end zone for a third punt but this time he fumbled and was downed in the end zone for the game tying safety.

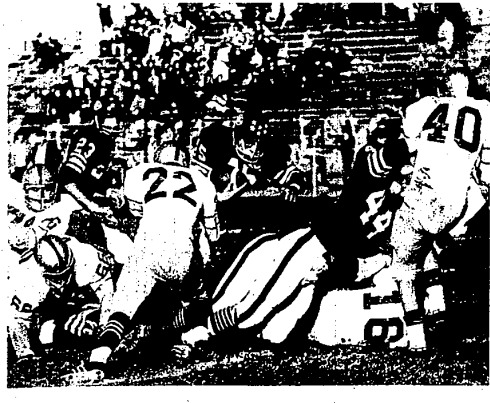
That was the end of the scoring although the Chargers had a drive going in the closing two minutes when a pair of clipping penalties sent them back deep in their own territory and forced a punting situation. Time ran out after two plays



VINCE WITEK, chief photographer of the Observer Newspapers, snapped a sequence of three pictures showing Mike Crom (45) scoring Churchill High's lone touchdown against Walled Lake Western. (Above) Blockers open hole for Mike to start his drive from the six yard line.



TWO LAKER linemen appear to have Mike stopped . . .



. . . But he dives through an opening to hit paydirt.

# Franklin Scores Late To Whip Glenn Again

By BOB MCCLELLAN

John Glenn's Rockets are still singing "The Impossible Dream" after losing a hard fought grid contest to Franklin, 13 to 6.

In its seven years of existence, the Westland squad has never beaten the Livonia school in football.

When the two teams shared the Northwest Suburban League title two years ago, the Pats managed to zap the Rockets. They did it again, this time on the Wayne Memorial High field, but not until late in the game.

THEN THEY struck quickly with halfback John Pippo scoring twice in four minutes in the fourth quarter on runs of 12 and 48 yards.

Tackle Dave Morrison kicked the extra point.

Glenn's only tally occurred midway in the second period when end John Lee intercepted quarterback John Casey's pass on the Franklin 25 and breezed into the end zone.

For most of the night it looked like Lee's marker might stand up.

Neither team displayed much of an offense in a ragged match that saw 175 yards in penalties assessed against the two squads.

In the first half the two teams made only six first downs and three of these resulted from major penalties.

The Pats' defense proved superior, however.

LEE, WHO IS also a basketball player for Glenn, opened the scoring with six minutes left to go in the half.

The nose handed junior picked off Casey's pass for Glenn's lone TD when the Franklin field general tried to pass on third down from his own 20.

Jim Craig, a tackle and one of Franklin's co-captains, blocked Glenn's attempt for the extra point.

The two squads slugged it out until the Pats got a drive going late in the third period.

Taking a punt on their 24, the Livonians started to roll.

PIIPPO and senior halfback Steve Floyd punched out good short yardage, Casey teamed up with junior halfback Mark Newman to complete a 25-yard pass and Newman ripped off a nine-yard gain to carry the ball to the Glenn 12.

Then Pippo zipped around right end for 12 yards to score.

With 9:46 left in the game, Morrison converted to put Franklin ahead, 7-6.

Four minutes later, the Pats took over a Glenn punt on their 44, moved it to the Rockets' 40 and unleased Pippo around right end and up the middle for his second TD.

Minutes later Franklin got the ball again and Pippo from Glenn's 47, scrambled down to the 20 but saw his run nullified by a clipping penalty assessed against one of his teammates.

Glenn's best sustained drive

started early in the second period when they took over a Patriot punt on their 26. Two 15-yard penalties against Franklin and a series of short gains by senior quarterback Daryl Demaray and senior halfback Charlie Young helped Glenn move the ball to the Franklin 35.

FAILING TO find a receiver open, Demaray zig-zagged to the 15 but was forced to punt when his run was called back for an illegal procedure penalty.

Casey's first three aeriels were intercepted and he completed only one for six, but

that was the big one for 25 yards that helped the Pats notch their first TD.

Demaray managed only one completion in seven passing attempts for 15 yards and suffered one theft.

The outcome pushed the Pats' season mark up to 3-2 and dropped the Rockets' down to 2-3.

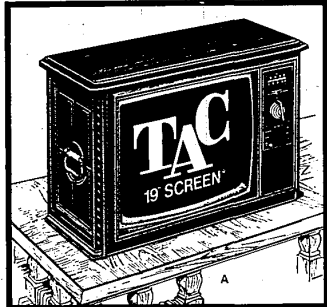
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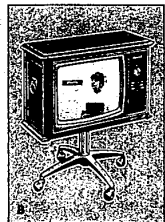
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## Borgess Crushed

Talk about your offensive shows. They put one on Saturday night when Gabriel Richard downed Bishop Borgess, 33-26.

Jim Rice and Jerry Sharon each scored twice for Borgess, but it wasn't enough.

Vince Liger led Richard when he raced 62 yards from scrimmage and later caught a 33-yard scoring pass from Dan Gaudette.

Tom Budzyn's 40-yard TD run also helped to ruin the night for Borgess.

### Ends Schoolcraft's Soccer Skein

The winning ways of Schoolcraft College's soccer team ended at six straight when Lorain County CC of Ohio blitzed the Livonians, 4-0.

Despite the loss Schoolcraft is still expected to be picked for the regional tournament to decide the team which will advance in the competition for the national title.

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