

# 18 Seconds Left: RU Aerial Cops Comeback 'From Dead'

What thrills any coach most is to see his team come back. Not to quit.

The Redford Union high footballers might have done that — quit — last Friday night.

They hadn't won a game this season. They were 0-4 in the Suburban Six League and now they were trailing Belleville, 18-0, in the second quarter.

Belleville likewise had an 0-4 record going into the game, the windup of the league season.

Coach Bob Atkins of RU must have said something. Whatever he did, or whatever the players said among themselves it worked.

MAYBE IT was the matter of spool pride. But in the end, in one of the most dramatic finishes to any high school game played in Michigan this season, Redford Union emerged the winner, 20-18.

There were 18 seconds left when Gary Bevington on a fourth down situation found Rick Kenyon waiting in the end zone for the game's winning pass.

Kenyon actually had company. Two Belleville defenders tried to encircle him. But he reached up to make the grab and save the night for Redford Union.

Redford Union had come a long way back in the winning drive after halting a Belleville threat which would have put the game out of reach for the Tomshippers.

BEVINGTON'S passes highlighted the payoff march. He hit Chris Baron and Kenyon and along the way he twice connected in do-or-die fourth down situations as he fought the clock and the tough Belleville team at the same time.

During the evening, the RU quarterback had clicked on 10

of 24 passes for 138 yards. Belleville scored once in the first quarter and twice in the second to set its big 18-0 advantage. Joe Yocum was the man RU couldn't stop in the first half. He went over from one and the three and passed for a third TD.

Then RU took an about face. Starting on its own 21, the Tomshippers moved on the running of Bob Planchik and the aerials of Bevington to score when Bevington shot an 18-yarder to Kenyon.

Halftime came with RU trailing, 16-7.

IN THE THIRD period, RU marched again -- from its own 32. Planchik, Mike Dross and Booker carried and Dross shot over from the two.

So now the score was 18-14 and it set the stage for the slambang finish that few will forget around RU for a long time to come.

The season ends Friday when

RU plays against Thurston. Or maybe one should say that when the season begins for RU and Thurston.

It's always the very special game of all on the schedule. The Township title rides on the outcome.

RU undoubtedly will be the underdog. But with the new heart gained by what happened in the game with Belleville, RU's chances can't be diminished.

The form sheet will mean nothing at RU Friday night.

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FROM THE FIRST series of plays when Michigan held the Gophers to three yards in three downs and forced them to punt, the Wolverines dominated the game and rolled up a 30 to 0 margin in the first half.

With Dennis Brown, the fiery little quarterback from Lincoln Park, firing bullet-like passes into the arms of his receivers and Captain Ron Johnson piling up yardage on the ground, Michigan put on a real show.

In what was termed near perfect play the Wolverines gained 289 yards, recovered a fumbled punt,

and had a 40-yard ruckback of a punt, intercepted two passes, blocked a punt, scored four touchdowns and kicked two field goals in the first half.

It was what Wally Weber, Michigan's famed Wizard of Words, called "the most resourceful football of the season."

Only the previous week the Gophers beat Michigan State, 14-13, and entered the game decked with Michigan and Ohio State for the Big Ten lead. This didn't bother the Wolverines, who are fast welding into one of the best teams Michigan has had in some time.

IN FACT, SO BADLY were the Gophers outplayed that Michigan virtually emptied its bench in the second half. All told, 62 wearers of the Maize and Blue saw action and Coach Bump Elliott had an opportunity to evaluate many of the players for the future.

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## U-M Smells Roses After Gopher Victory

By W. W. EDGAR

A strong scent of roses permeated the atmosphere over the Michigan Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Even the most hardened critics—the veteran scouts from the other universities—detected it and agreed that the manner in which the Wolverines crushed the Golden Gophers of Minnesota, 33 to 20, stamped them in a team that could win the Big Ten championship and then go on to the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

"I never have seen a team improve so much in one month," one of the veteran scouts admitted. He has watched Michigan in each of its games thus far and he confessed the Wolverines have made a believer out of him.

"I saw them against California in the opener and while California has an outstanding team, Michigan showed nothing and with little hope of improving," he explained.

"The following week against Duke they were flat and against Navy, another third rate team, they were only a little better."

"THE GAME WITH Michigan State a week ago was a much different story," he went on, "but I was inclined to rate it as one of those things that happen in college football when a bunch of young fellows get inspired."

"But today," he pointed out, "they were all that a good team should be. . . fast . . . aggressive . . . alert opportunists—and they could go all the way."

This was high praise, indeed, as there are still four games on the schedule—Northwestern, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio State—and it isn't customary to talk about the Rose Bowl at this stage of the season.

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## RU, Farmington Preps Capture Regional Runs

Overseas area high school cross country athletes hauled in honors in Saturday's state Class A regional and now go forth for more laurels in the state meet at Ypsilanti next Saturday.

Redford Union, already the champs of the Suburban Six

League, won the team crown at Cass Benton Park and produced the individual winner in Bob Junk.

Meanwhile, at Bloomfield Hills, Larry Williams, of Farmington sped to individual honors with North Farmington's Rick Randall second.

Based on the state qualifying regulations, the first two teams from each regional qualify for the state meet, plus any finishing in the top 15.

As a result, Redford Union will send its team to Ypsilanti, while seven others from area schools will vie on an individual basis.

JUNK'S WINNING time at Cass Benton was 10:48 as RU scored 58 points to Ann Arbor Pioneer's 98. Franklin was third with 135 and Wayne Memorial fourth with 141.

Down the line came Plymouth with 239, Thurston 250, Garden

City West 277, Garden City East 282, Stevenson 295, Bentley 307 and Glenn 330.

Dennis Keeney (Wirtz), Doug Savich, (11th), and Bill Kuhn (12th) and Greg LeRoux (27th) rounded out the winning Redford Union team.

Randy Tipton of Thurston was fourth, Dave Collins of Franklin 11th, Dick Goep of Plymouth 12th, Doug Kurtzy of Stevenson 13th and Mark Viskochil of Plymouth 15th in qualifying for the state meet.

In addition to Collins, Jim Kostava, Jack Clark, Kurt Miller and John Peillard ran for Franklin. Doug Deer, John Hopkins and Tom Harrison ran with Goep and Viskochil for Plymouth.

CHRIS MORDEN, running 22nd, topped Bentley, while other entries were Mike McChie, John Cox, Gary Spiller and Rick Deyo.

Pat Tapper led Garden City East's entry of Vince Brubach, Herb Somers, Clark Paulin and Herb Tabeger. Don Anderson was seventeenth overall to pace Garden City West who sent forth Dave Conley, Steve Wilcox, Tod Burton and Larry Peart.

For Glenn, Dick Dittmar was 51st, followed by Al Lamoureux, Steve LeBaron, Norm Morris and Walt Clark.

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## Late TDs Don't Help Sorrows

The scoring came too late for Our Lady of Sorrows in the final game of the season Sunday.

Sorrows tallied three times in the last period, but it did no good as Ferndale St. James coasted to a 40-21 victory and into the Catholic League's Second Division playoffs.

Actually, St. James finished with the same record as Pontiac Catholic in the Northeast Division. Each team had a 6-1 mark. But since St. James had beaten Pontiac Catholic in actual play, that was the determining factor.

Jim Treolis scored twice on runs of 85 and 80 yards against Sorrows. Bob Nayart threw two touchdown passes for 35 yards to Garry Johnson. Carl Seidel ran for 35 yards and a TD and Fred Dobbs tallied after recovering a fumble to bring St. James its first title since 1965.

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