

Trojans Hold Devils to Tie; Jonas



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TAYLORITE TRAVELS: Stan Olexy, Taylor halfback, enters touchdown territory late in the first quarter against the Blue Devils of Old Forge. Olexy scored on a wide sweep from four yards out. Pursuing Olexy is Frank Peperno, Old Forge halfback. The teams battled to a 6-6 stalemate.

Old Forge TD at Finish; West Crushes Dunmore

**Bob Ghiagiarelli Goes Over for Blue Devils—
Olexy Registers for Taylor in 6-6 Battle—
Donnie Clinches LC Scoring Title with 112**

Old Forge's Blue Devils, Lackawanna Conference champions, closed with a crushing ground attack to stave off defeat yesterday. The gridders of Coach Elio Ghiagiarelli, nevertheless, had to settle for a 6-6 stalemate in a bristling battle with the neighboring Trojans of Taylor.

Some 4,000 braved the crispy weather at Taylor Stadium which was conspicuous by the absence of goal posts. Just when and how and by whom the uprights had been lifted is a puzzle still to be solved.

Taylor and Old Forge met for the 18th time since their grid started in 1939 and neither shows an edge in the number of victories. Each has won eight times and the other two ended in stalemates. The previous deadlock occurred in 1950 and the score then—s identical to yesterday's.

Rated a slight edge in pregame calculations, the Old Forgers were forced to muster all the offensive weapons at their command in the closing minutes to earn an even break.

Starting from their own 33, the Devils stuck to terra firma most of the way and ground out the remaining yardage for their only score. Bob Ghiagiarelli, a nephew of the Old Forge coach who parked the advance with bruising line smashes, went over from two yards out with less than a half minute to go.

Bob, however, was stopped on his plunge—what else with no goal posts around—for the extra point.

Taylor on Defense

Taylor, on the defense most of the time in the second half during which it failed to register a first down, thwarted several Old Forge scoring threats with brilliant line play, led by John Batcha.

The Trojans of Coach Bob Peese could have recorded an upset had it braced down the stretch at the constant battering by Ghiagiarelli took its toll. Ghiagiarelli was a human battering ram if there ever was one.

Stymied in their first scoring opportunity by a charged-up Old

Versatile Donnie Jonas will be on lips of many scholastic grid fans for years to come.

Donnie, the clever signal caller, passer, kicker and running demagogue of the West Scranton Invaders put on an amazing performance yesterday afternoon in spearheading the West Siders to a 32-6 conquest of oft-beaten Dunmore's Crimson Tide.

He awed the crowd of 4,500 at Dunmore High Stadium by scoring all of the Invaders points. He scampered for five touchdowns and kicked the two extra points quite an afternoon's work in any scholastic football game.

Jonas registered on jaunts of 40, 29, 24, six and four to boost his season scoring total to 112 points, the best in the Lackawanna Conference. He could have further humiliated the Bucktowners had Coach Sammy Donato elected to keep him in action more than he did. Donnie sat out most of the second half as West Scranton subs took over.

West Scranton finished the campaign with four wins, three losses and two ties, while Dunmore, going through its most dismal season in years, recorded only one success in nine games. In the series against the Bucks, the West Siders hold a 7-4 edge in victories while two games ended in deadlocks.

With Tom Murname, Steve Duricko and Fran Rosato pacing the way, the West Siders moved 72 yards on 11 plays for their first TD. Jonas finished the drive with a 24-yard smash through the middle. Jonas missed the extra-point try.

Take to Air

After hitting Murname and Rosato with bullet-like passes, Jonas went the remaining four yards for the second TD before the first quarter ended.

The third TD came early in the second period when Jonas sped 29 yards, climaxing a 59-yard march. He kicked the extra point to put West ahead, 19-0.

A lateral from Duricko produced the fourth touchdown mo