

Sports

Plymouth beats Wawasee, 23-7

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For the Plymouth Rockies, it was an early Christmas gift. For the Wawasee Warriors, it was another loss — tainted by turnovers.

All the Rockies had to do was cash in on a couple first quarter miscues — which they gladly did — to spoil the Warriors' homecoming game last Friday night, 23-7.

Plymouth raced to a shocking 20-lead in the first 12 minutes. Following a 59-yard touchdown run by Quarterback Dave Hoover on an option play, Wawasee fumbled two consecutive kick-offs, spurring a pair of scores for the Rockies.

Plymouth (3-2) recovered the first fumble at the Warrior 32 yard line. Six plays later, Hoover fired a 14-yard touchdown pass to Tailback Charlie Pinkerton. Wawasee soon fumbled the next kick, with the Rockies taking possession on the Warrior 32 once more. Plymouth responded when Chad Morlan scored on a nine-yard run, capping the short nine-play drive. Mark Moore followed two of the three scores with extra point kicks.

Moore added a 30-yard field goal in the third quarter, making it 23-0. This score was also sparked by a turnover since a Wawasee player was ruled to have touched the ball during a punt return.

"That first quarter killed us, just killed us," said Warrior Head Coach Myron Dickerson, whose team fell to 1-4. "We just took ourselves right out of the game, which we can't afford to do in the first 12 minutes. Now, I just think that we have to stress some



BREAKAWAY — After catching a short pass, Plymouth Tailback Charlie Pinkerton dashes past Wawasee's Steve Sturgill on this touchdown-scoring play in the first quarter. The Rockies beat the Warriors, 23-7 in last Friday's homecoming game. (Photo by Dave Straub)

of the basics again," he added.

On the other hand, Plymouth Coach Bill Nixon was "happy with the win," but reasoned that his team slacked off in the second half. "I guess we played fairly well," he said. "But you know me, I'm never satisfied with anything. I coach for performance, not just winning and on the performance end, we sure could have done a lot better."

Overall, the Plymouth netted 248 yards and nine first downs. In

addition, Linebacker Tom Wiers recovered all four Wawasee fumbles as well as playing an aggressive defense with his teammates.

The Warriors totaled 169 yards and eight first downs. Yet, field position was again poor since Wawasee had to march 80 yards for its only score, which came with 4:38 left in the contest. Brad Traviola hit Lance Lantz with a 29-yard touchdown strike following a pair of good running plays by Sophomore Mike Meek, who gained 34 yards on five carries.

"He ran the ball well for us," Dickerson said of Meek. "When we got our hands on the ball, we were able to run some traps and they worked well. But by then, we were down by three touchdowns and running the ball takes a lot of time, so we had to go to our passing game sooner. It's just so

tough when we put ourselves in a hole because it takes us right out of our game plan."

Traviola had a fair passing performance, completing seven of 15 tries for 97 yards and one touchdown. He was intercepted once.

"We did come back in the second half and won it," Dickerson explained. "But what does that count for? All four quarters count and winning a half really doesn't mean anything. Yet, we played half decent defense considering the holes they were put in...we still need work with our linebackers because pursuit is a problem with us. That 59-yard touchdown run proved it," he added.

Therefore, the Warriors will have something to prove next Friday as they play at Warsaw, which currently leads the Nor-

thern Lakes Conference with a 4-0 league record. The Tigers edged Goshen, 28-26 last Friday for their fourth straight win. Wawasee will try to end its four-game losing streak.

NLC Standings

Team	NLC All
Warsaw	4-0 4-1
NorthWood	3-1 4-1
Concord	3-1 3-2
Rochester	3-1 3-2
Plymouth	2-2 3-2
Goshen	1-3 2-3
Wawasee	1-4 1-4
Bremen	0-5 0-5

Friday's Results

Warsaw 28	Goshen 26
Rochester 28	NorthWood 21
Concord 43	Bremen 12
Plymouth 23	Wawasee 7

Next Friday's Games

Rochester at Goshen	8
Bremen at NorthWood	8
Concord at Plymouth	8
Wawasee at Warsaw	8



TIMELY HIT — Though Plymouth's Brett Starr (81) means well, he arrives a bit too late for his teammate, Charlie Pinkerton, as Wawasee's Travis Rieff sticks the tailback with a good hit. Yet, Pinkerton gained plenty of help on other plays as he rushed for 113 yards, sparking the Rockies' 23-7 win over the Warriors. (Photo by Dave Straub)



STILL HOPING — Cheerleading is tough when the home team is losing. However, Steff Swihart does her best to get Warrior fans to voice their support. (Photo by Dave Straub)



HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN — Brad Traviola and Christie Carmichael were crowned as Wawasee's 1985 Homecoming King and Queen during halftime festivities at Friday's football contest against Plymouth. The Warriors, however, lost the game, 23-7. (Photo by Dave Straub)

Bowling

County

Wawasee Service Center	18 2
Tux Shop	15 5
Fairmont Homes	14 6
McKee Shoes	13 7
Wawasee Bowl	12 8
Paul's U Lock It	12 8
Fay's Boat Service	11 9
Miller's Heating	11 9
Parker's Hybrids	10 10
Classic Formed Prod.	10 10
Ye Olde Pub	10 10
Cotton & Cotton Ins.	10 10
Kurly's Keglers	9 11
Visco Prod.	7 13
Lakeside Bait & Tackle	6 14
Danglers	5 15
Crown Corp.	5 15
Augsburger's	4 16
McKee Shoes: Paul's U Lock It	10 96
High team series: Kurly's Keglers	3055
400 series: C. Garner 626, K. Knisley 605	
500 series: R. Mathew 589, C. Farr 515, W. Stahly 557, D. Armbuster 511, C. Wogman 554, D. Blossen 511, C. Swihart 523, J. Kirkendorf 561, D. Likens 516, G. Lowe 521, W. Young 519, G. Smith 511, L. Welly 548, R. Riggins 551, R. Iolana 518, J. Morganthaler 539, L. Thwails 563, R. Thwails 542, D. Mayberry 513, J. Williams 527, R. Hibschman 527, K. Knisley 509, C. Morseau 500, G. Stone 581, M. Holley 533, L. Edwards 517	
200 games: R. Mathew 225, C. Garner 246, K. Knisley 234, 202, W. Stahly 215, 206, M. Zellinger 215, 202, C. Swihart 226, J. Kirkendorf 205, 202, R. Riggins 201, R. Thwails 214, 207, B. Knisley 205, C. Morseau 202, G. Stone 246	
100 games: J. Goshert 111, P. J. Weisler 123, A. Dull 114, C. Solina 126, H. Fancher 149, D. Fidler 126, E. Losee 142, S. Swihart 120, B. Barlman 131, B. Dutcher 143, E. Myers 143	
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