



LOOKING AHEAD TO WEEK 2

**Midview at Amherst,
Friday, 7:30 p.m.,
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The rivals both got off to fast starts in the season openers Friday night — in opposite fashion.

The Comets went to Elyria High and handed the Pioneers a 52-34 loss.

Shane Bockey and Brandon Morgan each rushed for 100 yards for Amherst, while Andrew Eliopoulos threw for 168 yards and four touchdowns in his first varsity start. The Comets scored seven touchdowns and totaled 473 yards.

Meanwhile, the Middies hosted Warrensville Heights and sent the always tough Tigers home with an 8-7 defeat.

Midview scored early and made the 2-point conversion, then held the talented Tigers to one score.

Midview got the best of Amherst last season in Week 2, winning 20-6. The victory helped propel the Middies to an 8-2 record, while the Comets struggled to an uncharacteristic 4-6.

Other games of interest in Week 2: Elyria Catholic at Southview; Wellington at Avon and Vermilion at Clearview.



**ADMIRAL KING 30
TOLEDO START 21**

Mistakes can't stop Admirals

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The Chronicle-Telegram

LORAIN — Admiral King looked little like the senior-laden team thought by many to have a legitimate shot at the Lake Erie League Erie division crown and a playoff berth.

The Admirals tallied just 186 yards of offense, had 17 penalties — for a staggering 125 yards — and allowed Toledo Start tailback Troy Bell to rush for 225 yards on 24 carries.

And for a night, none of that mattered.

Thanks to an opportunistic defense and a words-can't-describe night from senior Chris Kimbro, the Admirals won their first season opener since 2000, 30-21 over the Spartans on Friday night.

"We were undisciplined," said Admiral King coach Mark Campo. "We made too many mental mistakes and let them hang around too long. But we fought hard enough and made enough plays to win the game."

For the pivotal stretch, fast-forward to early in the third quarter after Bell put the Spartans up 14-8 on a 58-yard touchdown run. Start forced Admiral King to punt after three plays, but Admiral King's Michael Taylor strip-sacked Start quarterback Aaron Newman on the ensuing possession.

Adrian Casey, the Admirals' standout center in basketball, ran in from 15 yards — "It looked like a fast break, only I wasn't in basketball," he said of the open field ahead of him — to put the Admirals back in front.

After quarterback Chad Hall's 2-point conversion gave Admiral King a 16-14 lead, the defense stood tall, forcing a three-and-out. This time, Kimbro made the big play. He fielded Newman's punt at his 40, zig-zagged at midfield and wriggled out of a tackle at the Start 35 on his way to the end zone. Newcomer Vincent Lee added the 2-point conversion, and just like that, the Admirals led by 10.

"We were excited. It had been so long since we played last season, and we wanted to win the first game for the first time in eight years," said Kimbro, who also ran back one of his two interceptions for a touchdown, only to have the score called back on an illegal block away from the action. "We had our ups and downs last year, so we wanted to start this season on a high note."

The Admirals sprinted to a 4-1 mark last season, but lost their playoff opportunity with a three-game losing streak. And if this year's playoff aspirations are to come true, the little things, Campo admitted, must improve. The Admirals averaged 4.2 yards per play, lost two fumbles — and did you hear about the penalties? "We have to do a better job," Campo said. "We opened some holes, but we have to be more consistent, and I think we have to be a little more physical and take care of the football. The penalties killed us."

Those two fumbles, both in the first half and after Spartan turnovers, were especially costly. After Kimbro's interception return was negated, Start recovered a bad snap on the next play. Later, after Kimbro returned a punt 68 yards to set up the Admirals' lone first-half score — a 10-yard run and a 2-point conversion by senior Anthony Harrison — Admiral King's Quentin Watson forced a fumble and Miles Jones recovered at Start's 36. Again Start recovered a mishandled snap on the ensuing play.

HERO HONORED: Lorain City Schools officials raised a new flag in the north end zone of George Daniel Stadium and dedicated it to 2004 Admiral King graduate Eric Barnes. Barnes, who played baseball for the Admirals for three years, joined the Air Force in 2005 and was killed in April 2007. Members of Barnes' family joined attorney Bryan Koury for the ceremony.

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Midview quarterback Brett Whitesel throws a pass after being flushed from the pocket Friday night.

Midview D saves day

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EATON TWP. — For two teams expected to light up the scoreboard this year, it was a decidedly defensive affair between Midview and Warrensville Heights at Adelsberg Stadium on Friday night — one that ended in thrilling fashion.

The Middies scored a first-quarter touchdown, then had to hold on the rest of the way to get an 8-7 win over the Tigers. Warrensville Heights, the defending Lake Erie League Erie Division champs, drove 82 yards in the game's final moments before a botched field goal with three seconds left ended the comeback bid.

"That was an ugly win, but a win is a win and I'm pleased to come up with any win on opening night," said Midview coach Bill Albright, whose team is coming off an 8-2 regular-season record and a playoff appearance last season. "We committed so many penalties. You can't do that. We've got to become more disciplined."

Midview was flagged nine times for 57 yards, but had to overcome much more than penalties to get by Warrensville Heights, namely the

combination of quarterback Ryan Young and receiver Denario Gray.

Gray, who caught 18 touchdown passes and accounted for more than 1,000 yards receiving last year, produced a mammoth debut to his senior season, hauling in 14 passes for a whopping 170 yards and a touchdown. His 30-yard reception and ensuing point-after brought the Tigers to within a point with a little over three minutes remaining in the opening half.

But as good as Gray was, he also had a hand in hurting the Tigers, dropping a pair of deep balls that would have gone for big plays, if not touchdowns.

Midview avoided the big play for the majority of the night, and while the Middle defense did allow yardage (238), it rarely surrendered points.

"Defensively, we held to the challenge," Albright said. "We stood up to the challenge. But we've got to get better."

Midview's new primary spread offense showed signs of effectiveness throughout the night, but paid off just once on the Middies' lone scoring drive at the end of the

opening quarter. Mixing in the pass behind junior quarterback Brett Whitesel, Midview drove 60 yards on its third possession and cashed in on an 11-yard TD pass from Whitesel to sophomore tight end Tony Petrosky.

Midview spent the majority of the second half in survival mode, trying to keep the potent Warrensville Heights offense from striking. It nearly did on the game's final drive, but after the Tigers bypassed a shot at the end zone in favor of a field-goal attempt on second-and-1 from the Middle 16-yard-line, a low snap was never handled, with Midview defenders pouncing on the holder as the clock expired.

"I was just happy they didn't get the big play," said Whitesel, who was on the field as a linebacker for the final drive. "They had some chances deep (during the game), but we kept them in front for the most part and held them off."

THEY MEET AGAIN: The Middies and Tigers met for just the second time. The previous meeting was in 1955, with Midview prevailing 12-6.

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KEYSTONE

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it up with another pitchout score from 6 yards out early in the second. The 5-foot-7 junior finished with three touchdowns and 127 yards on just six carries.

While Reid was piling up his yardage outside, fullback Kyle Smith carried the load inside for 108 yards on 19 carries.

"We try to start by going inside and outside to create options," Reid said of the Wildcat offense. "That way, they have to cover both Kyle and me."

Smith agreed, but added something.

"It all begins with the offensive line," he said. "They blocked everyone today. I was

a little nervous tonight but with the way they blocked we were rolling right from the beginning."

While the offense was rolling, the Keystone defense stymied Monroeville, holding it to just 22 yards and no first downs in the first half.

"We had a lot of work to do on defense after a scrimmage two weeks ago," Clarico said. "But it has come a long way since then."

The Keystone offense closed out its first-half scoring with two drives that set up 33- and 23-yard field goals by junior Scott Beverage.

The Eagles finally began to move in the third quarter, bulling over the middle for first-down runs of 10 and 6 yards but the Wildcats adjusted and shut down the

drive. After taking possession at its 31, Keystone marched 69 yards in five plays with Reid capping it with another sprint around the right side for a score, this one from 43 yards.

Clarico might have understood that there were some doubts about his young Wildcats, but he doesn't have many.

"We lost a lot but we have hungry, talented players to take their place," he said.

BIG EDGE: The Keystone Wildcats outgained Monroeville 171-19 in the first half and held a 13-0 edge in first downs over the first two quarters. Meanwhile the Wildcats gave up 40 yards in penalties.

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AMHERST

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ball effectively when you have a quarterback who can throw the ball effectively. He's a very calm guy. He sees the field. I thought he played about as well as he can play."

Give Elyria credit for not quitting. The Pioneers proved to be pretty potent offensively themselves with quarterback Dan Poskocil finding his favorite target D.J. Hallauer for 153 of his 190 yards passing. Elyria started in a shotgun, no-huddle offense but couldn't move the ball on the ground until a switch to a double-tight end formation found some running room. It was too little, too late.

"Yeah, maybe he could have pounded (Amherst) a little bit

more," coach Steve Hamilton said. "Once we started that, we kind of rolled."

"I was proud of them the way they kept fighting. You score 34 points against an Amherst team, you're doing pretty well. Offensively we did some nice things out there. Defensively, we have some inexperience at inside linebacker. Those kids played hard, but it's just frustrating."

The Pioneers came into Friday without their top running threat and kicker. Junior speedster Lyndon Anderson and kicker Tim Jones were out of action due to illnesses.

BIG NUMBERS: Poskocil's 190 yards passing and Hallauer's 153 receiving were both pretty high up on Elyria's all-time charts. Poskocil checks in at seventh all time in single-game passing while Hallauer moves into fourth.

ROUNDUP

Southview snaps skid

SANDUSKY — Losers no more.

Aaron Serrano had 15 carries for 56 yards and scored both touchdowns for Southview as the Saints snapped a 31-game losing streak with a 14-12 victory over Sandusky on Friday night.

Serrano opened the scoring with his 1-yard touchdown run to give the Saints a 6-0 half-time lead.

After the Blue Streaks tied the game in the third quarter, Serrano ran 3 yards for his second touchdown. Teammate Ricky Earl added an all-important 2-point conversion run as Sandusky later scored on an 11-yard pass play but failed to score any conversion points.

Oberlin 36, Sts. John & Paul 14

ASHTABULA — Devin Martin had 29 carries for 347 yards and scored four touchdowns on runs of 14, 91, 5 and 11 yards for the Phoenix.

The Phoenix had 461 rushing yards as the winners had a total offense of 513 yards.

The Phoenix held Ashtabula Sts. John & Paul to 137 yards of total offense, including just 35 rushing.

Lutheran West 40, Fairview 21

FAIRVIEW PARK — Paul Fackler had two short touchdown runs and also threw touchdown passes of 37 yards to Sam Lemke and 30 yards to Stephon Seton to lead the Longhorns. C.D. Schneider and Mike Holick each had a 12-yard TD run for the winners.

Cuyahoga Heights 40, Columbia 12

COLUMBIA STATION — Freshman Brandon Heindinger scored on a 1-yard run for the first touchdown for the Raiders.

Teammate Billy Freedson added a 1-yard TD run on the game's last play.

Western Reserve 46, Black River 12

COLLINS — Jake O'Connor scored Black River's first touchdown on a 78-yard kick return, and teammate Matt Hunsucker caught a 9-yard TD pass from Talon Wood in the fourth quarter.

Avon Lake 38, Maple Heights 26

MAPLE HEIGHTS — Mike Mansnerus had 15 carries for 183 yards and scored four touchdowns to lead the Shoremen.

Mansnerus opened the scoring with a 48-yard touchdown run and added TD runs of 48, 36 and 13 in the second half.

The Shoremen had a total of 223 rushing yards to go along with 75 passing yards, giving them 298 yards of total offense.

Dan Ohlemacher of the Shoremen had five PAT kicks and also booted a 42-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Huron 20, Vermilion 6

HURON — The Tigers scored 20 unanswered points after Justin Turner and Tim Clark of the Sailors hooked up on a 3-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring in the first quarter.

North Olmsted 27, Valley Forge 6

NORTH OLMSTED — Jordan Hoppel had eight carries for 77 yards and one touchdown and also caught three passes for 57 yards and two more touchdowns for the Eagles.

Hoppel also completed one pass for 6 yards as the winners had 182 rushing yards and 113 passing yards for a total offense of 295 yards.

Parma 34, Midpark 28

PARMA — The Redmen led 20-7 at halftime before holding off Midpark's second-half comeback, including three touchdowns in the third quarter.

Highland 40, Rocky River 14

MEDINA — The Hornets scored all of their points in the first three quarter before the Pirates scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.