

Mules, Rams Score Impressive

Bedford Juggernaut Crushes Weak Montpelier, Ohio, 38-6

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MONTPELIER, OHIO—The Bedford steamroller was on the loose again here Friday night.

The football machine that has won 26 games and lost only three in the last four seasons pushed Montpelier into the ground of their own field with scarcely a bump as it went over, giving the Ohio team a 38-6 football lesson.

Montpelier fans are wishing they had put a detour sign on the road to the stadium now that the rampaging Mules, who were supposed to be "down" this year, scored five times in the first half and coasted with reserves in the second stanza.

Practically the whole team was driving the multiple-gear monster, but George Rollman twice, Nelson Osenbaugh twice, Jerry Kronk, and Ron Hamman pushed the gas pedal that carried the device into pay dirt six times during the course of the evening. And it was quarterback and Co-Captain Steve Markos who triggered all the power with clever ball handling and accurate passing.

The Mules, who might better change their name to something mechanical, have tallied 93 points in four outings—to 18 for the combined opposition. All this from a country school that has only a few boys in the upper three grades.

The game was decided when Bedford lineman blocked the first three punts Montpelier tried, but only merciful substitution saved the home team from an even bigger humiliation.

Hamman wasted no time in getting the machine in high gear when he blocked Montpelier's initial boot and recovered on the Ohio club's 20. Three plays later George Rollman followed the monster into pay dirt from the one-yard stripe. Nelson Osenbaugh ran for the extra point.

A breakdown in the defensive half of the mechanism allowed the Ohioans to march to the Bedford 21, a little later but some quick repairs permitted the Mules to take over on downs and grind 79 yards for their second score. A 31-yard pass from Markos to Hamman was the longest gain, and Rollman hammered over from the four. Kronk added the point.

Clayton Moon got into the punt-blocking act shortly after with an 18-yard pass from Markos to Osenbaugh cashing the opportunity.

The fifth touchdown of the initial 24 minutes saw Markos toss a 10-yard screen pass to Nelson Osenbaugh to cap a 55-yard drive. The half ended and Montpelier went to get its tank traps.

With inexperienced engineers, the roller coughed and sputtered after intermission but got enough gas to permit a five-yard touchdown pass from Markos to Hamman.

The tackle chart showed Ron Boehme, Neils Hansen, Kopeczynski and Kent Kubitz as defensive leaders, while the blocking of Moon and Howard Hofbauer was outstanding. Co-Captain Ed Russell, bothered by injuries, did not put on his work clothes and Howard Elf was hurt the first time he carried the ball. Tom Monroe also was injured.

The Mules made 18 first downs to Montpelier's five.

BEDFORD RURAL 38
Ends—Brandeberry, Geldeadn, Hamman, R. Scott, Williamson, J. Rollman, Monroe, W. Markos.
Tackles—Hofbauer, I. Malchiff, Smith.
Guards—Boehme, Hansen, Kopeczynski, Wingate, Morris, Moon, L. Malchiff.
Centers—Sheppard, LaVoy.
Backs—G. Rollman, N. Osenbaugh, S. Markos, Left, Kubitz, Kronk, Elf.

MONTPELIER, OHIO 6
Ends—Crowe, Hendricks, Martin, Shepard, Boardner, Zelger.
Tackles—Harrington, Sumner, Sleesman, Siddle.
Guards—Garen, C. Beck, Ferraro, Raff.
Centers—Smith, Blue.
Backs—Steniko, D. Beck, Houk, Vonalt, Bumb, Shaull, Wisman, Scott, Oliver.

Score by Periods:
Bedford 14 11 4 0—38
Montpelier 0 0 0 0—0
Touchdowns—G. Rollman 2, N. Osenbaugh 2, Kronk, Hamman.
Points After Touchdowns—N. Osenbaugh (run), Kronk (run).



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ARM IS RIGHT — Co-Captain Steve Markos passed for three touchdowns Friday night as Bedford Rural walloped Montpelier, Ohio, 38-6.