

Cats Pound Panthers To Please Color Day Throng

Kirk Melson Fuses 26-0 Win; Cats Undeclared In 5 Starts

By Bob Van Tine
Kearney High's gridiron band of opportunists capitalized on a pair of early breaks, then marched on to a 26-0 conquest of a scrappy Norfolk Panthers outfit at Foster Field here Friday night. The fray was a Big Ten interdivisional affair, the win Kearney's first - ever at home against NIS.

The Bearcats hit - jinks, touched off by the recovery of a Norfolk fumble and an eighth "Jercho" (stolen pass) feat for 49, thrilled a banner Color Day crowd.

Once they warmed up to the task, Bearcats ruled the roost. Final figures show the Cats unleashed a 405-yard offensive, gaining 298 yards by land and 110 more via the sky lanes. Norfolk managed only 126, 59 of it in the first half. All the Panther yardage was on the ground.

Kirk Melson, line-shattering fullback, led the scoring fireworks with a pair of touchdowns.

The triumph kept state-ranked Kearney High among the undefeated, running its 1986 string to five and assuring a fourth straight "winning season." It also reduced Norfolk's series lead to 3-2. The '86 Panthers, tougher than their record indicates, dropped a fourth verdict in five outings.

Heller Dazzles Again
While Melson led the parade, high - sleeping, Tom Heller fired up the attack as he ripped off more than 100 yards for a fourth straight week. Although scoring but once, the Big Ten Conference point leader made his presence felt.

Terry Fairfield and speed merchant Jon Cole teamed with Melson and Heller in the land and air fireworks as Kearney's highly versatile and volatile backfield kept the dazed Panthers off stride and uncertain as to where to look for the next punch.

Favorite target for Fairfield Friday was rangy Tay Tolleson. Tolleson made some nifty receptions and was denied a touchdown on one occasion by just three yards.

Mike Cullen split the uprights twice for a state of offensive laurels.

Shout Defense!
Kearney's stout defense turned back two serious threats, one inside the five, while posting a third shutout in five games. Tolleson was the ringleader, making 11 stops. Solid support came from the likes of Karl Melson and Norm Curtright, the Cats cracker - jack linebackers; Rod Swanson, Terry Peterson, Randy Nelson and John Cullen. Tolleson sweetened his all-around showing with a neat 42-0 average on two punts.

Norfolk's attack headlined the running of Jack Baldwin, 58 yards in eight carries and the speedy quarterbacking of Rick Wilson. Wilson's faking on the belly series baffled the Cats, particularly in the opening 100 yards. Aaron Volkman punched up 30 yards in 11 tries for the losers.

Busiest defenders were Mike Ciesler (15 tackles) and Wilson, an all-around marvel (11). Jim Wull and Don Strate were other Panther standouts, contributing eight stops each to the NIS defense.

Norfolk Big Meets Tolly
Norfolk won the toss, elected to receive and dealt the Bearcats fits with their "belly series" in early mulling. Led by Wilson and Baldwin, Norfolk moved the pigskin from its own 26 to the Cats 38 where a fumble, grabbed by Tolleson, ended the bid.

But, the generous Cats gave



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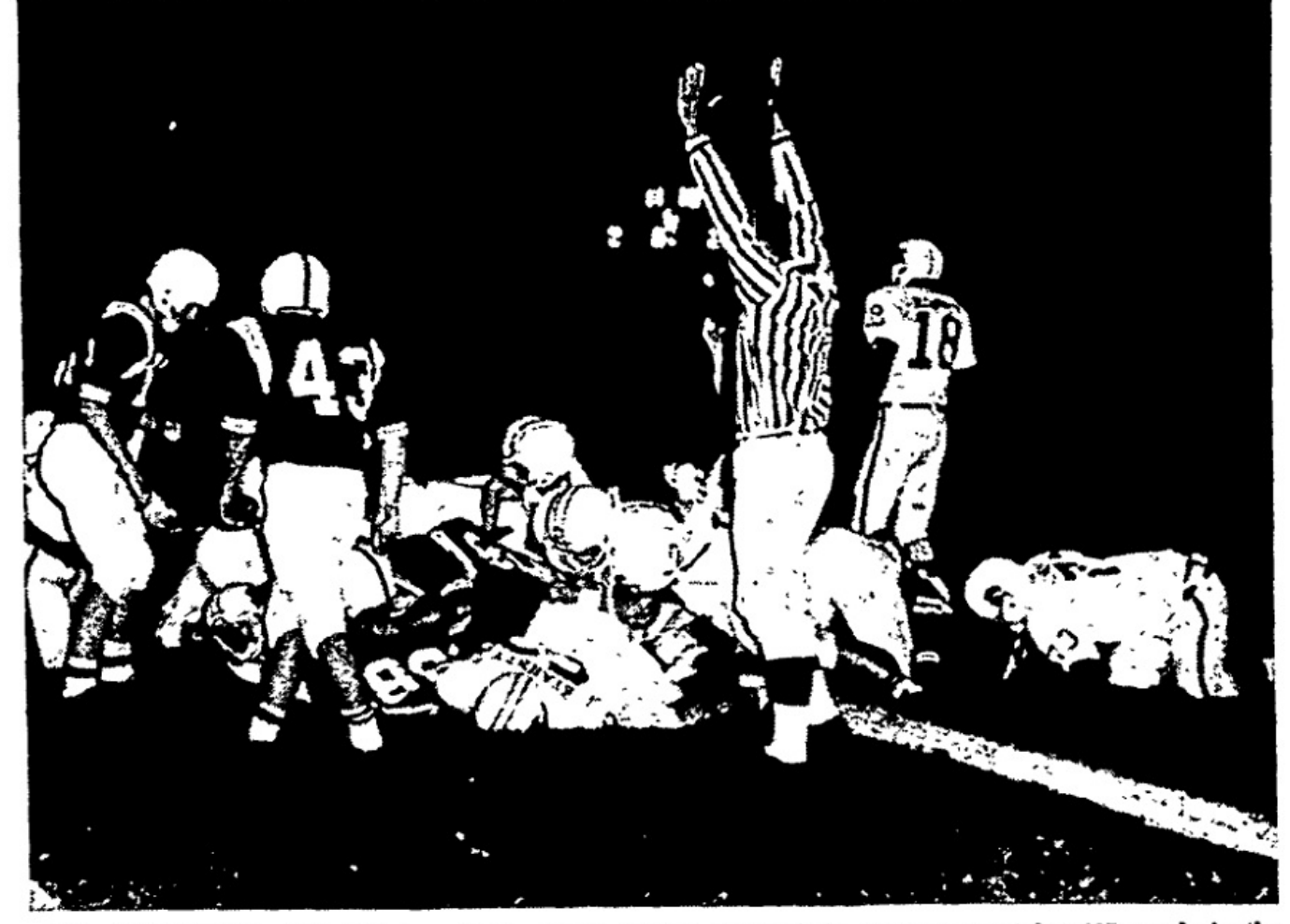
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Tech, Westside Wood River Romp; Fremont, Stings Loup City Southeast Stung

By The Associated Press
Omaha Tech and Omaha Westside, the No. 1 and 2 teams in this week's Associated Press Top Ten, won handily in the football wars Friday night.

Tech handled Creighton Prep, an early season top contender, 40 - 20, and Westside blanketed Bishop Ryan 27-0.

After that, though, the going got a little complicated for the leading teams.

Abraham Lincoln of Council Bluffs, for years a "breather" for the Omaha area teams, ruined Omaha Benson's homecoming 27-14. The Lynx line opened holes at will as the Iowa team grabbed an overwhelming 276-58 rushing advantage.

Kelly Comer with a 67-yard sideline ramble for a touchdown, sparked the first half assault as the Lynx went to rest leading 14-0.

Pius Blanks Tigers
Lincoln Pius X, rated No. 2 this week, shut out seventh-ranked Fremont 19-0 as it compiled 248 yards rushing to Fremont's 69.

Kearney used two early breaks - a recovered fumble and an intercepted pass - to score early, then kept the pressure on as the Bears claimed a 26-0 victory over Norfolk. Lincoln Northeast handed Bealies its first defeat 38-14 while Lincoln Southeast bowed to a scrappy Bellevue team 20 - 0.

Friday in a league affair, Wood River is idle until Friday October 21 when the Eagles have a non-league date at Fullerton.

Big Red Explodes
Grand Island was five yards away from paydirt when the first half ended and 12 yards away at the final gun.

Aurora breezed to a 71 - 0 shutout over Fullerton, the second week in a row that Aurora had broken 70 points in a foot-

Kimball kept its winning streak going, blanking Gordon 22-0. Scotchbluff, sparked by Steve Huber's four TD's, whipped McCook 53-12, and Juniata, unbeaten and unscored upon, kept its record clean with a 38-0 conquest of Roseland.

Virginia Water, England (AP) Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player squared off today in the final of the World Match Play Tournament and both were nervous.

Player, the defending champion, snared a Lannerman pass for his score and Lindgren ran for his six-pointer. Soucie hit four placement shots.

There is a \$14,000 first prize at stake in today's 36-hole final over the 9,997 yards par 36-38. 74 Went explosions in the final.

In a battle of the champions Friday Player eliminated Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa., 2 and 1.

Nicklaus knocked out Casper, the U.S. Open champion from San Diego, 1 and 1.

Casper was six down at the end of 18 holes and pulled back in a thrilling recovery in the afternoon round. But he lost the decisive last one at the 35th.

Friday's Fights
By The Associated Press
MELBOURNE, Australia - Johnny Famechon, 128½, Australia, outpointed Dos Santos, 124, Brazil, 10.

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Dodgers Hopeful That History Does Repeat

BALTIMORE (AP) — This business of history repeating itself is something the Los Angeles Dodgers fervently trust will prove true today as they go into the third game of the World Series against the Baltimore Orioles.

A year ago lefty Claude Osteen pitched the Dodgers out of a two-game losing predicament with the Minnesota Twins at Minneapolis-St. Paul and the club went on to win the Series in seven.

Osteen was Manager Walter Alston's choice this afternoon against righthander Wally Bunker.

Congress named "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem on March 3, 1931.

Oxford Thwarts Stars Best-Ever Offensive In 53-26 Sizzler; Zwickl, Murphy Shine

Cheaper by the dozen! That's how the touchdowns came in a football donnybrook between the Kearney Catholic High Stars and state - rated (Class C) Oxford High at Oxford Friday night.

The Cards unfurled an eight-TD barrage to blunt one of the finest offensive shows in KCHS history and make off with the win, 53-26.

Don Kaup, a brother of An-ge-lope, passing wizard Neil Kaup, had a hand in five of Oxford's eight touchdowns as he scored once and passed the four more, hitting Steve Trenchard, Rodney Petersen, Mark Lueking, Don Pless, Lueking added two more touchdowns on ground goals and Petersen got a second six - pointer, using the land route.

The Stars, who set a school record with 553 yards, got superlative performance from Don Zwickl, John Murphy and Phil Freeling. Zwickl got two of the four Stars touchdowns and Murphy and Freeling one each.

A pair of streaks were extended in the wild melee. Oxford, unbeaten to date, ran its string to five. Kearney Catholic, still win shopping, saw its 56 spin hit five.

Best Showing Of '86
Star rooters report the final score to be deceiving and credit their club with its finest job of the campaign. Zwickl, a speedster, exploded for 100 yards, believed to be a school rushing record (single game).

Murphy hit on 13 of 27 passes for 205 yards and, in his aerial duel with Kaup, came out the winner. Freeling nabbed 6 out-

Lex Uses Late Wallop To Shell Swedes

Lexington parlayed two-touchdown explosions in the first and fourth quarters into a 26-12 win over Gothenburg in a Southwest Conference scrap at Gothenburg Friday night.

The first period blitz stalled the Minute Men to a 13-0 lead and the last quarter fireworks boosted a shaky one-point lead to a healthy 14.

Lexington atop the SWC ladder, boosted its league mark to 4-0 and season record to 4-1. Gothenburg, suffering through one of its most dismal campaigns in a decade, faded to readings of 0-3 (SWC) and 1-4 (all outings).

Two Outbursts Enough
The early margin was fashioned on a 29-yard gallop by Nick Loughran and a six - yard blast by Dan Dammeli, closing out a 32 - yard march. Frank Chapman added a conversion corner (placement).

Gothenburg fought back in the middle periods, scoring in the second on a nine - yard pass from Mark Kline to Digman Dean and in the third chapter on a 75-yard punt return spearheaded by Doug Swanson. Point after touchdown tries failed, leaving Lex with a 13-12 lead as the rivals turned the corner.

The Minute Men took charge and unleashed a pair of long scoring drives to wrap up the victory. Dan Dammeli closed out the first one, a 60 - yard hand in the seven touchdowns, march and Dammeli capped the second one, covering 42 yards. Cranford went five yards for his touchdown and Dammeli shot for his second six - pointer of the game. Chapman added a bonus tally (placement).

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Ravenna Wallops Gibbon

The Ravenna Bluejays' bid for the Lou - Platte Conference championship and a perfect season record gained momentum in Gibbon Friday night as the red - not Jays mauled Gibbon's Bulls, 49-0, in a Lou - Platte encounter.

The victory was the fifth straight for unbeaten Ravenna and its third in league play. Winless Gibbon was handed a fifth straight licking and fourth in the third game of the World Series against the Baltimore Orioles.

Ravenna got its offensive firepower from Hal Ridgway, Rich Slickney, Dave Pokorney and Jeff Reynolds triggered a tough - 60 - yards defense, one that kept the Bulls attack throttled throughout the fray.

Ravenna hosts tough Burwell in a showdown for the Lou-Platte Conference lead (both are unbeaten in league warfare) Friday. Gibbon visits Loup City in a game that also has a bearing on the Lou - Platte standings.

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Wood River Stings Loup City

A two - touchdown explosion in the second quarter swept the Wood River Eagles to a 31-13 triumph over Loup City in a Lou - Platte Conference mix at Wood River Friday night.

The swift - striking Eagles erased a 6-6 standoff on a seven-yard sweeper by Dan Collins, later chalked up an insurance touchdown on a Tom Wilkinson-Collins aerial gem that covered 49 yards.

The win boosted Wood River's league and season records to 3-1. Loup City skidded to marks of 0-3 (Lou - Platte) and 0 - 3-1 (season).

The Red Raiders drew first blood, taking an early 6-0 lead as a two - yard power play by Ken Kosmicki capped a 70-yard march. The Eagles used the long - range weapon to square matters, springing Greg Gewecke on a 55-yard sweep.

Then the second period heroics by Collins shoved the hosts on top, 19-6. Steve Phelan snared a Wilkinson pass for a bonus point after the first Collins TD.

Following a scoreless third quarter, Loup City sliced Wood River's lead to 29-13 as Tom Ritchie scored on a slant from the one and Ron Cox swung around end for the PAT.

The Eagles pushed the margin out-of - range again when Bill Fairbanks trapped Raider David Bass in the end zone for a safety.

All hands turned in good defensive jobs for the winners. Loup City entertains Gibbon Friday in a league affair. Wood River is idle until Friday October 21 when the Eagles have a non-league date at Fullerton.

Governor Armbro Cops Trot Prize

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — It takes three heads to wear this year's triple crown of trotting. Governor Armbro, once considered a bridesmaid, made it to the altar Friday when the pride of Ontario, Canada, won the \$33,800 first prize in the Kentucky Futurity, third gem in the crown.

With veteran driver Joe O'Brien joining the rein work, Governor Armbro finished 1½ lengths in front in the first heat and 1 length ahead in the second to wrap it up in quick time.

His victory, however, was almost overshadowed at the Lexington Farms when Bret Hanover set a world record for a pacer in a time trial.

Bret Hanover, driven by Frank Erwin, was timed in fractions of :27.45, :25.23, 1:34 and 1:33.34 to lower his own mile record set this year by two-fifths of a second.

Governor Armbro, owned by the Armstrong Brothers of Brampton, Ontario, long, slow move early in the race and cashed it in with a stretch run.

In the second heat, Governor Armbro came from far off the pace and closed outside two firing horses.

Gay Sam, owned by Samuel Colt of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, won the second heat and third in the second. The son of Sampson Hanover finished fourth in the overall standings.

Shatter Way, owned by Kurt Helberg of Mellerud, Sweden, was third in the standings after finishing fifth and second.

Polaris, winner of the Yonkers Futurity, the triple's first leg, was a disappointing sixth and seventh. Driver-trainer George Sholly said the colt "just didn't have it."

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