

# SPORTS

# Ohio trips West Virginia, 14-6

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A quick, hard-hitting defense, led by Bellaire's Mark Doyle, Martins Ferry's Rich Duncan and Steubenville's John Downard, set up one Ohio score and limited West Virginia to 22 rushing yards as the Buckeyes posted a 14-6 win in the 15th annual OVAC Charity All-Star game at Harding Stadium in Steubenville Saturday night.

Coach Sam Fornasaglio's coaches captured the brawl-ridden contest before a crowd of nearly 8,500, a big boost over the past few mid-summer classics. Ohio also boosted its record over its cross-river foe to 7 since the OVAC assumed sponsorship in 1972. Overall, the Buckeyes hold a 23-18 edge since the series started in 1940.

With the Ohio offense sputtering at times against the big West Virginia defense, it was the Buckeye defensive unit that eyed the win and gained most of the praise from Fornasaglio following the contest.

"I said earlier that we would need to out-quick them (West Virginia's offense)," Fornasaglio said. "That's why we brought in

so many linebackers. These guys played a great game.

"They have an outstanding team, as you can see by the score. But we've got an outstanding group of kids and we got the breaks and won the game.

"We had the plays, but we just couldn't make them," he said referring to his offense's sub-par performance. "I was trying to set up some big plays, getting the ball to our quick kids, but it just didn't work."

Ohio got on the board for the first time in the second quarter, but the scoring series was set up by a blocked punt by Beallsville's versatile Ric Faust. Big defensive plays by Steubenville Central's Todd Dugan and Doyle, forced the Mountaineers into a punting situation. Faust rushed in from the left side to block Shawn Straughn's punt and then recovered the ball on the WV nine.

Cadiz High's flashy Eric Peterson managed just one yard on two carries for Ohio to move the ball to eight as the first frame ended. On the first play of the second quarter, Wintersville Dean Ferguson completed his first pass of the game with an eight-yard toss to a wide-open

Dugan with 11:55 on the clock. Bridgeport's Bob Stevens booted the placement.

West Virginia was unable to get its offense in gear on the ensuing possession that resulted in a short Straughn punt. Starting from the Mountaineer 37, Ohio marched to its second score.

On the first play, Ferguson tossed a soft pass to Steubenville's Julius Shackelford. The Big Red flanker grabbed Ferguson's pass at the 13 despite fine coverage. Peterson carried for nine yards, Bellaire's Scott Blumling rushed twice getting four yards and the second Ohio TD with 8:23 on the clock. Stevens again booted the PAT.

West Virginia put together its most serious scoring threat of the first half following the second Ohio score. Starting from their 27 after a 22-yd. kickoff return by Oak Glen's John Fucy, the Mountaineers gained 18 yards on a pass from Mark Moore (Magnolia) to Ray Miller (John Marshall) and 18 more by Brooke's Rich Ceglie. Downard and Duncan teamed on a six-yard sack of Moore, but the QB came back with a 10-yard pass to Terrell Burnworth of Weirton Madonna.

Later in the drive, Moore escaped the Ohio pass rush throw a 23-yard gainer to Weston's John Ziniach at the five. But the Ohio defense, which included a sack by Wintersville Darrell Jackson, forced the Mountaineers into a 22-yard field goal try by BD's Dan Bal that was just wide.

Neither team could put its offensive game together in the second half as Downard, East Liverpool's Carl Perry and Cadiz' Todd Atkins sparked the Ohio defense.

In the fourth frame, Ohio thwarted two West Virginia scoring chances. Scott Clairville's Scott Filicky caught and recovered a West Virginia fumble and later in the segment Union Local's V. Moore intercepted a Mountaineer pass at the Ohio 18.

West Virginia finally scored with 43 second remaining, capping a 57-yard drive with a five-yard scoring pass from Moore Miller. The pass for the twopointer missed.

Ohio rushed for 76 yards and passed for 46 stripes as the Buckeye signal-caller Ferguson and St. Johns' P Dimmick completed just four 20 passes. The winners garnered seven first downs, were penalized 10 times for 57 yards and regained their only fumble.

West Virginia managed just 27 yards on the ground, but was relatively successful in the air, completing 11 of 23 passes for 121 yards. They had 10 fumble downs, lost both fumbles and were set back 20 yards via foulinfractions.

Martins Ferry's Tony Ro was the Ohio's top rusher with 17 yards on eight carries, while Peterson was held to 17 yards on nine tries. The game's top rusher was Ceglie with 33 yards in six tries. Summary:

Ohio	0	14	0	0
W.Va.	0	0	0	6

Ohio — Todd Dugan, eight-yard pass from D. Ferguson. Bob Stevens kick.  
Ohio — Scott Blumling, one-yard run.  
Stevens kick.  
W. Va. — Ray Miller, five-yard pass from M. Moore. Pass failed.  
Attendance — 8500 (est.)