## Davis Throws for 232 Yards in 43-21 Romp

## )hio Overwhelms W.Va. Stars

By JOEDY McCREARY
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Ohlo quarterback Jose Davis
taught West Virginia coach Jim
Thomas and the rest of the Mountain
State's all-stars one of life's vital
lessons Sunday evening.
Leaving Davis any time at the end
of a half is leaving him too much
time.

time.

Seconds after West Virginia had pulled to within six points of their Buckeye State counterparts late in the first half, Davis connected on a 63-yard touchdown bomb to Ryan Caldwell with 46 ticks left before intermission to effectively put the 25th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic on ice.

## **Statistics**

First downs	WV.	Ohlo
Rustus-yards	4 .13	14
Passing	45-217 29	27-147
Comp-Art-Int	4-16-1	232 12-23-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-4	12 23-1
Punts	4:31	2 27
Fumbles-Lost Penatties-Yards	3.2	0.0
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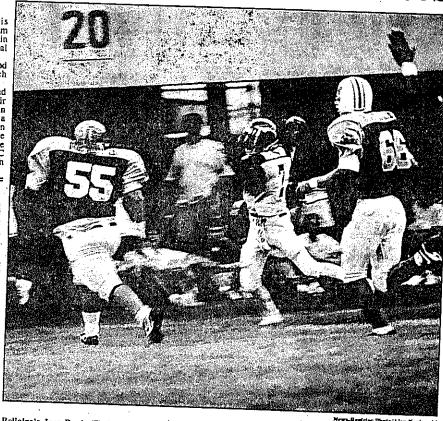
1G—West Virginia, McLean 4-12-1-29, 0-0 Ohio, Devis 12-23-1-232 VING—West VIrginia, Green 1-13, s 1-6; Devidaon 15, Ceglia 1-2, Ohio, 90; Caldwest 3-29, Holmes 2-15; Kinder worth 1-25, Jackson 1-1.

A prized Kent University recruit, Davis's 65-yard scoring strike to Buckeye Local's Dave Cornish less than two minutes into the third quarter essentially squelched whatever comeback hopes the Mountaineers may have entertained and Obje comeoack nopes the mountaineers may have entertained and Ohio coasted to a 43-21 win. It was the Buckeyes' second straight win in the series, which Ohio now leads, 14-

Ohio coach Eric Meek of Wellsville felt all along the play of the men in the trenches would decide who walked away with the 'W.'

the men in the trenches would decide who walked away with the "W" and it became apparent during the clash that the Buckeye blockers weren't about to let any Mountaineers close to Davis, who wasn't sacked all night.

"I said before the game it was very important that we do really well at the line of scrimmage," Meek noted, "because of all the big names we had at the skill positions. Games are won and lost at the line of scrimmage and I think our kids did a great job." According to Davis, the big plays were a result of West Virginia's conservative, packed-in defensive style.



Beliaire's Jose Davis (7) draws a bend on a receiver Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. West Virginia's as the stellar signolcalier scrambles out of the pocket Jed Hod (55) of Wheeling Central an Jacob Robinson for the Ohio All-Stars during Sunday's 25th annual (66) of Weirare in pursuit. Davis passed for 232 yards and three TDs in leading Ohio to a 43-21 win.

like every time we made a mistake, they were able to

or its success.

"Their explosiveness showed,"
Thomas said. "I think my kids played well overall but I look up on the scoreboard and they have 43 points. That's to their credit. They had the right plays at the right times. It seemed like every time we and the Buckeyes went back
to work, punctuating their
second possession of
the contest with a
19-yard Davis-toCampbell TD
toss, giving the
Ohioans a quick
14-0 lend.
It stayed that

TDs in leading Ohio to a 43-21 win. altempt into the end zone, pulling the Mountain Staters to within 14-8. However, disaster struck, and it struck quickly, when Davis found a streaking Caldwell down the left sideline with a 63-yard bomb just 86 seconds later to give the Buckeyes a 20-8 halfilme advantage.

Ohio kept a firm grip of the game's momentum as Davis barreled out of the locker room and hit Cornish with a picture-perfect 65-yard strike 75 seconds into the second half to pad the Buckeye advan-

octween and quarter back Brett McLean resulted in a fundament of the big play. We just what we needed to run to score and get it."

Those home-run touchdown tosses were enough to exasperate Thomas, who was nevertheless quick to credit Ohio's overwhelming then the corredit Ohio's coverwhelming then the coverage of the c Unfortunately for West Virginia, things would get worse before they ingo better.

On Vallantly trying to make something out of nothing on the ensuing kickoff, Davidson coughed up the pigskin to Schumacher at the West Virginia 30 but the Mountaineer defense stiffened, keeping Ohio out of the end zone and thwarting a 27-defense stiffened, keeping Ohio out of the end zone and thwarting a 27-defense stiffened, keeping Ohio out of the end zone and thwarting a 27-defense stiffened was the Bellaire's Richie and the state of the stiffened was an when Bellaire's Richie Mamie Jaunted 29 yards to paydir, giving Ohio a 33-8 advantage.

The Buckeyes made it 36-8 when Ray Jefferies' interception of a McLean pass set up, Meade's 23-yard field goal.

Weirton Madonna's Joe Barnhart and Linsiy's Matt Green'added late touchdowns for West Virginia, pulling the Mountaineers to 36-21, but Daryy Elisworth's 2-yard touchdown run with just over four minutes remaining ended the scoring for Ohio.