

Garan Scoots for Three TDs To Spark 33-20 W. Va. Win

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Jefferson Union's Lisa Siragusano was the Queen of Queens but Weirton's Bob Garan was the Star of Stars at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Stadium Saturday night.

The swivel-hipped, 182-pound Red-Tiger running back reeled off three touchdown runs and gained 172 yards on just 10 carries to lead West Virginia to a 33-20 triumph over Ohio before a crowd of 6,800 fans at the spruced-up fall park on the south end of Wheeling Island.

The elusive Garan, picking his way brilliantly through a broken field and repeatedly slipping free of would-be tacklers, inserted jaunts of 60, 48, and 5 yards into the exciting tussle as the Mountaineers gained their fourth straight victory in the inter-state series and thus took a 16-15 edge in the long rivalry.

The defeated Buckeyes unveiled a long distance, ball-toting star of their own in the person of Cadiz sprinter Mark Terry, who collected all three Ohio TDs, one of them on a 98-yard kickoff return in the fourth frame.

However, two of Terry's scores came after West Virginia had piled up commanding 33-8 lead and thus was smothering of an anti-climax.

The All-Star head coaches, Jim Thomas of Wheeling Central and Ron Pobolish of Cadiz, had pledged that they would not settle for a drab, rounded-out football game and they kept their word. Despite the heavy Friday night and Saturday rain, the carefully manicured stadium turf was in excellent condition.

The performances of Garan and Terry attest to that. So does the pass catching of Oak Glen's Jeff Kreider who snared five aerials, all of the West Virginia completions, for 77

The Mountaineers piled up 254 yards by rushing with their effective veer attack. They completed just five of 17 in the air for their 77 yards and made 15 first downs. They won convincingly despite the fact they lost the oval three times by fumbles and one time by an interception and absorbed 105 yards in penalties.

A sturdy Mountaineer defense limited the Ohioans to 53 yards rushing as Brooke tackles John Leon and Marv Sperlazza ranged far and wide to lead the way. The Bucks gained 95 yards in the air with seven completions in 22 tries but suffered three interceptions, lost 53 yards in penalties and gave up the ball once on a fumble. They were playing catch-up ball most of the evening and couldn't make it.

West Virginia led only 13-8 at halftime, but stretched its advantage with two touchdowns in the third quarter. The first was set up by Bishop Donahue's Pete Magnon when he recovered an Ohio fumble at the Buck three-yard-line. Wheeling Central's Jack Palmer followed Brooke tackle Leon into the end zone for the TD on the next play. Magnon's quarterback Randall Carr was stopped by East Liverpool linebacker Bob Thayer on the point try.

Garan, who had tallied twice in the first half, garnered his third six pointer of the night when he slipped over the left side, cut right against the grain and streaked 45 yards to the end zone. Carr hurled to Kreider for the bonus points and a 27-8 advantage.

The Mountaineers upped their edge to 33-8 with only 5:24 remaining in the fray when Triadelphia's Rick Straut coming on in relief of Carr, passed 2 yards to Kreider who cut between two Ohio defenders in the end zone to make the catch. Parkersburg South's Don Auch was short on the point try.

On the following kickoff, Terry gathered in Kreider's boot at his own two and was off to the races. The

behind some fine blocking and suddenly was in the clear. Kreider had a shot at him at the West Virginia 40, but failed to bring him down and from then on it was smooth sailing.

Ohio marked up another consolation TD in the late moments of the game. Thayer's recovery of a W. Va. fumble at the winners 19 left to the score. Terry picked up the necessary real estate in just two tries. A pass by Steubenville's Gary "Slick" Williams on the point attempt was incomplete.

Making good on the promise of coach Jim Thomas to provide a wide open attack, West Virginia tallied in quick and electrifying fashion at the game's outset. The Mountaineers put the first points on the scoreboard before the clash was two minutes old as they ate up 73 yards in four plays after the initial kickoff.

Bob Garan, speedy running back from Weirton, brought the fans to their collective feet on the second scrimmage play of the night as he zipped through left tackle on a counter and rocketed 60 yards to the Buckeye six before being knocked out-of-bounds by Bridgeport defensive back Bobby St. John.

Two plays later, Garan hit the same hole to tally from the five. Oak Glen's Jeff Kreider kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 with only 1:52 expired on the clock.

Ohio was presented with a golden opportunity for an equalizer a few minutes later when Parkersburg South's Don Auch fumbled a Randall Carr handoff on the West Virginia 36. Woodfield's Dan Habig recovered for the red-shirted Bucks.

A personal foul against W. Va. gave Ohio a first down at the 19 and the Buck offense ground out another stick moyer at the eight. But the bid died when Marietta's Mark Cheeseman

was halted a yard short of pay-dirt on a fourth down off-tackle slant from the three. Brooke's Marvin Sperlazza and Lou Geary colloberating on the stop. However, in the second quarter, the Mountaineers again lost the oval on a fumble in their own territory. Martins Ferry's John Miller made a teeth-rattling tackle on Magnolia's Carr and the All-State quarterback coughed up the pigskin with Habig making his second recovery at the Mountaineer 37.

Getting nowhere against a rugged defense led by Brooke tackles John Leon and Sperlazza, Ohio was forced into a punt. But Cheeseman, back to kick, was roughed on the rush and Ohio was thus granted a first down at the 24 via the penalty. The Bucks then marched in to tally in seven plays, with Cadiz High's fleet Mark Terry contributing runs of seven, 10, and one yards before cracking right tackle to score from the three.

With 3:59 left in the half, the Bucks employed a bit of trickery to go ahead. Ron Pobolish's team lined up in a spread and Steubenville QB Gary "Slick" Williams passed down the middle to St. Clairsville's Lou Vazquez for a two-point conversion that made the count 8-7 in the Bucks favor. Vazquez, a quarterback in high school, had snapped the ball from center on the play but had been an eligible receiver because all the Ohioans flanked to the right side were backs and were a yard off the line of scrimmage.

West Virginia bounced right back to travel 74 yards to take the lead again. Carr, who's only previous pass completion had been nullified by a penalty, fired two straight to Kreider, each for a gain of 13 yards. Garan then broke loose over right tackle and shot 48 yards to score. The Weirton

back made a nifty move to break free of St. John's attempted tackle at the 28.

Wheeling Central's Jack Palmer was stopped short on a plunge for bonus points but the Mountaineer led, 13-8, with 2:43 left in the half.

Ohio subsequently reached the West Virginia 28 when Bridgeport's Wils "Pooge" Adams made a jump catch of a Williams pass for 34 yards. However, Warwood's Ron Schue broke through from his defensive position to intercept a Williams pass in the Buck backfield and carried the ball all the way to the Ohio 28. Terry was called with just a second left in the half. Kreider then attempted a yard field goal. It was far enough, but also far wide.

West Virginia 33
Ohio 20
W.Va.—Garan, 3, run; Kreider, kick.
O.—Terry, 3, run; Vazquez, pass from Williams.
W.Va.—Carr, 48, run; run failed.
W.Va.—Palmer, 3, run; run failed.
W.Va.—Garan, 45, run; Kreider, pass from Carr.
W.Va.—Kreider, 24, pass from Straut; run failed.
O.—Terry, 98, kickoff return; pass failed.
O.—Terry, 4, run; pass failed.