

1981

ALL STAR

GAME

**Bruney's FG wins for Ohio**

Ferrian boots 33-yarder with 4 seconds left  
for thrilling 17-14 nod

It may have brought back memories of Lou "The Toe" Groza, but the toe of Martins Ferry's Tom Bruney will have people talking for a while.

With just four seconds remaining, Bruney played the part of the hero for the Ohio squad by

just getting his 33-yard field goal try through the uprights for an exciting 17-14 Buckeye win in the 10th OVAC Ohio-West Virginia All-Star game at Wheeling Stadium Saturday night.

Bruney and Buckeye coach Jay Circosta of Woodsfield High weren't the only ones sweating it out at the Island Stadium as some 10,000 fans looked on as Circosta ended a personal victory

struggled in the annual fray by getting his first win in three tries, spanning eight years. Ohio now leads in the overall series dating back to 1940 at 19-17 and has evened the score at five wins each since the series resumed in 1972 under the sponsorship of the OVAC.

Ohio's game-winning score was set up by a timely halfback pass, which moved the winners from their 45 to the 17 with just 26 seconds remaining in the contest, but the play took its toll as Woodsfield running sensation Darryl Shipp received a possible kidney injury and was removed from the field in an ambulance.

With just 1:35 remaining, Wintersville's Bill Davis, punting for an injured Trey Duffy, set the ball at the West Virginia five. Three running attempts by the West Virginia squad managed only nine stripes and forced Oak Glen's Jeff Woofter to punt with Shipp receiving the kick at the Ohio 45 and returning it to the West Virginia 45.

Ohio went to the air in its first attempt, but Woodsfield's Dan Graham's pass was incomplete with 34 seconds on the clock. On second and 10, Graham rifled a screen pass to Shipp in the left flat and the all-stater then threw a perfect pass to Shenandoah's Doug Mitchell, who had to fight off a defender to make the catch at the 17. A motion penalty set the Ohioans on the 22, but Steubenville's Anthony Pierro gained six off tackle to set up the winning kick from the 23.

Early in the first quarter, Ohio penetrated to the West Virginia 22, as Shipp and Pierro combined for 50 in seven carries and Graham passed once to River's Donnie Wright for seven yards, but two incomplete passes and a tough Mountaineer defense stopped the Ohio threat.

But it was Ohio which got on the board first, with a nine-yard carry by Pierro, a four-yard tote by Shipp and a three-yard pick-up by Bruney, setting up a 15-yard scoring pass from Graham to Wright with 3:09 left in the half. Bruney booted the PAT.

It took the West Virginians little time at recovering from the Ohio score. From the ensuing kickoff, Brooke's Mike Copenhaver returned the ball from his two and raced 33 yards to the 35. West Virginia coach Jerry Drake went to some razzle-dazzle as Brooke quarterback Rich Irvin

lateralized to Copenhaver who fired a long pass to John Marshall's Mike Castilow. Castilow shrugged off one would-be tackler and raced the distance to cap a 65-yard scoring play. Soliday kicked the extra point and the West Virginians had knotted the score at the 2:47 mark of the first half.

Neither team mounted much of an offensive threat during the opening minutes of the third quarter, but the final four minutes were filled with fireworks.

Wheeling Park's Chris Frum covered an Ohio fumble at the Buckeye 42 to give the West Virginia squad the momentum and a golden opportunity to get on the board. Brooke's talented Todd Robson opened the series with a 12-yard gainer to the 30, and then carried three yards to the 27 and seven yards to the 20. Robson then broke over the middle and squirted to the right side to give the West Virginians their first lead with 3:58 left in the third frame. Soliday added the one-point kick.

Shipp's return of the ensuing West Virginia kickoff with the aid of a 15-yard face-mask penalty against the Mountaineers put the winners in good scoring position at their 44. Shipp carried twice for 21 yards to the West Virginia 35. Graham, executing a perfect fake to St. Clairsville's Rod Brown, found Elliott open at the 10 and Elliott outraced a defender to the end zone. With 2:08 remaining Bruney booted the extra point to knot the score.

Ohio closed the contest with 231 net yards, getting 111 rushing and 120 in the air.

West Virginia gained 157 yards on the ground with the help of Robson's 63 yards on 10 carries and Copenhaver's 61 in 14 tries. Irvin completed two of eight passes for 62 yards.

Ohio	0	7	7	3-17
W. Va.	0	7	7	0-14
Ohio — Don Wright, 15-yd. pass from Dan Graham; Tom Bruney, kick.				
W. Va. — Mike Castilow, 65-yd. pass from Mike Copenhaver. Eric Soliday, kick.				
W. Va. — Todd Robson, 20-yd. run; Soliday, kick.				
Ohio — Brett Elliott, 35-yd. pass from Graham; Bruney, kick.				
Ohio — Bruney, 33-yd. field goal.				

# OVAC Pulls Out Of Red

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, which last October was in dire financial straits with a \$26,090 deficit projected for the school year, has come out of the red and into the black.

Thanks largely to the efforts of the Save Our Sports Foundation, headed by Dr. Donald Hofreuter of Wheeling and Gordon Hennebert of United Ohio Valley Dairy, and the generosity of Booster organizations, businesses, banks, labor groups, foundations, and concerned individuals, enough money has been raised to leave the conference on Aug. 1 with all bills paid and over \$500 in the treasury.

"The conference remains vibrant," Hofreuter, president of the SOS Foundation, said. "The outlook is tremendously encouraging. Raising as much money as we did is proof that the OVAC is a good product to sell—that people recognize its value in the high school athletic picture. We are not out of the woods completely yet but the problems are not of the magnitude they were last year."

Both Hofreuter and OVAC executive secretary Sam Mumley told of future fund-raising activities, including an arrangement with Cameron Coca-Cola and Moundsville Pepsi-Cola whereby two thirds of the profit of the sale of the soft drinks at high school games go to the individual schools and one-third of the OVAC. Each school will be asked to designate one fall weekend for fund-raising activities.

One reason for a brightening outlook in the conference picture is that \$12,000 for trophies and awards has been raised through donors, who were obtained largely through the efforts of Sam and Rudy Mumley.

Hofreuter pointed out that the feared deficit had been wiped out by \$4,700 raised in increased dues assessments from the schools; fund-raising of Booster Clubs for \$3,500, highlighted by a \$1,000 donation from Saints Club of St. Clairsville in honor of veteran coach H.E. "Tiger" Flowers, now retired; \$10,000 raised in

solicitation of businesses, banks, labor groups and foundations; and \$7,000 obtained in solicitation of individuals. Hofreuter also emphasized the role in the fund-raising played by Bellaire High principal Steve Kish, conference vice-president.

At Monday night's meeting of OVAC representatives and the media at Cadiz Country Club, Rudy Mumley, game director for the OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, revealed that the conference is considering moving the game to a Sunday date next year. Such a move would eliminate some of the traffic congestion that exists in the area of Wheeling Stadium when the game is held on Saturday night and the football crowd and Wheeling Downs patrons share the same parking lot. Of course, the conference will have to receive an okay from sanctioning organizations and is also hoping to avoid a conflict with the West Virginia LPGA Classic.

While a final financial statement on

the game has not yet been completed, Mumley said that the overall crowd at Wheeling Stadium for this year's game was about 8,000—but said that included bands, workers, people involved in the Queen of Queens contest, and those in on complimentary tickets.

Perhaps the biggest surprise at the meeting was the financial report of Earl Haberfield, chairman of the OVAC Basketball Classic, who reported a net profit of \$4,117.17 on the June game—with attendance of only 760 at Bellaire High. The classic realized \$3,040 on ticket sales; \$341 on the sale of programs; \$4,855 on program advertising and reported \$1,425 in delayed income from the previous year for total revenue of \$9,661. Expenses came to \$5,543.83.

In keeping with NCAA regulations that profits must go to charity, the OVAC Basketball Classic presented \$400 to the Roger Wiggins Cancer Fund, \$400 to the Save Our Sports Foundation, \$400 to the Lori Mokros Cancer Fund, \$200 to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, \$200 to Samaritan House of Wheeling, \$400 to the OVAC Education Fund, \$200 to the Ohio County Childrens home, and \$200 to the Wheeling Society for the Blind.

Haberfield said that he planned to have training camps for the classic, which were abandoned this year, re-established and that he would recommend a change in format from three games to two (one girls' game and one boys' game) for 1962.

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