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Pass Interceptions, Punt Returns Feature Reds' Win

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Three long punt returns and two pass interceptions for touchdowns, one of them on a 95-yard run, featured Bellaire High's 31-0 pasting of its city rival, St. John's Central, Saturday afternoon in a mutual football opener at sun-bathed Nelson Field.

The Big Reds were able to move the ball for only six first downs against the Irish and three of them came in the first quarter to set the stage for Paul Marchese's 35-yard field goal, which opened scoring.

However, in the second quarter the fleet Darrell Ewart returned a Kevin Wilson punt 53 yards to the St. J. 24 to put up a TD made by quarterback Joe Masciarelli on a sneak from the one after his pass to Jack Cera put the oval a yard from paydirt.

In the third period, Ewart scooted down the west sideline for 52 yards to tally on a punt return — after the Reds had earlier failed to capitalize upon a 41-yard return by Dave Perzanowski.

The final two touchdowns came in the last two minutes of the game as Cera picked off a Steve Zsigray pass on the Bellaire five and rambled 95 yards down the west sideline to tally and Masciarelli subsequently short-circuited another aerial to go 37 yards to the end zone.

Bellaire made only 92 yards by rushing and completed just two of seven passes for 46 yards but the opportunism of Coach Bill "Jake" Olsavsky's club paid off. The Johnnies could manage only 59 yards on the ground and hit on six of 19 passes for 68 yards. They had seven first downs.

Bellaire was accessed 25 yards and the Irish 15 in penalties in the inaugural, which drew a near full house at the 26th St. plant. Figures indicate that it wasn't much of an offensive game since, with yardage losses subtracted, the St. John's net total offense from scrimmage was just 97 yards and the Reds' amounted to only 119 yards. But Paul Rose's pass-minded Irish were a threat by air — before the fourth-quarter interceptions brought the roof down on their heads. And the lengthy punt returns and Bellaire TDs on interceptions had the fans in the covered stands on their feet and roaring.

St. John's suffered a bad break on the opening kickoff when Mike Flowers, the team's top running back, was lost with an injury. After the kickoff, the Reds moved from their own 31 to the Irish 16 in 13 plays to set the stage for Marchese's FG. Twenty-three yards were picked up on a pass from Masciarelli to Perzanowski and the rest was gained via short thrusts on the ground.

After Mike Doyle's interception of a Masciarelli pass, the Irish subsequently penetrated to the Bellaire 37 via an 11-yd. gain on a Szigray-Doyle pass but Szigray was tossed for two successive 10-yd. losses and the Irish were forced into a punting situation.

Early in the second period, Doyle recovered a Bellaire fumble on the hosts' 40 but the Irish offense couldn't move. Ewart's 53-yd. punt return subsequently led to the TD that, with Marchese's conversion, sent the halftime count to 10-0. Ewart zipped down the west sideline behind a wall of blockers and a hard tackle by the punter, Wilson, last man between him and the goal,

deprived him of a score on the play.

However, in the third quarter, there was no stopping Ewart as he hauled in a Wilson punt, broke a tackle and went all the way on a 52-yd. ramble to the south end zone.

St. John's best scoring chance of the day came in the fourth quarter when the Green reached the Reds' 13, only to have Cera pick off a Szigray toss in the flat and scamper 95 yards to paydirt. Marchese went in to try for the conversion but Masciarelli fumbled the snap and, thinking quickly, then threw to end Jim LaRoche for a two-pointer.

On the first play after the next kickoff, Masciarelli made his interception and a key block by tackle Dave Liberati helped spring him for a TD. This time Marchese converted.

After the game, sportsmanship awards from the St. John's Booster Club and Big Red Touchdown Club were presented to Masciarelli and the Irish's Wilson, who caught five passes for 58 yards.

Bellaire now owns an 8-5 edge over St. John's in their series, with two meetings having ended with tie scores. Olsavsky has a clean slate in "the battle of Guernsey St." as his teams have topped the Irish four times in a row, with the last three being by lop-sided scores.

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Bellaire 3 7 6 15—31
B — Marchese, FG, 36 yds.
B — Masciarelli, 1, run (Marchese kick).
B — Ewart, 52, punt return (run failed).
B — Cera, 95, pass interception (LaRoche, pass from Masciarelli).
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Marchese's Three Field (

Bellaire to 16-13 Win at 1

Strong-legged Paul Marchese booted three field goals and an extra point to give Bellaire a 16-13 win over New Philadelphia before a packed house at Quaker Stadium Friday night.

The win was the fourth in a row for the Reds, while the Quakers now stand at 1-3.

Marchese had an amazing 43-yard field goal in the second quarter, a 37-yarder in the third quarter, and a 20-yard boot in the late fourth quarter which broke a 13-13 tie and preserved the triumph for Coach Jake Olsavsky's Reds.

The Reds held the offensive upper hand throughout most of the contest but had to call on Marchese to kick them into the victory. Bellaire's defense handled the Quakers pretty well for the most part, one of the New Philly scores being set up by a Red fumble and the other on a quick 51-yard touchdown pass play.

Bellaire drove 82 yards with the opening kickoff for its first score, using 12 plays, of which Dan Mlynek's 56-yard gallop through the Quaker middle ate up much of the distance. The Reds, with Mlynek and Darrell Eward carrying, got a first down to the Quaker four, exchanged penalties which set them back to the seven, and on third

down, Quarterback Joe Masciarelli worked the keeper right for the touchdown, and Marchese booted the point.

Red Randy Meek shut off a Quaker move with seven minutes left in the second quarter by covering an NP fumble at the Red 43, and Bellaire moved in nine plays behind Ewart and Mlynek to the Quaker 17, but drew a 15-yard penalty back to the 32 on a clipping. Later, on fourth down, Marchese, with the ball set at the Quaker 33, drilled the oval 43 yards for the first of his three field goals.

Quaker Ted Metcalf snagged a Red fumble at the Bellaire 12, but the Red defense stiffened and three plays later, the Quakers were still at the 12. New Philly went into field goal formation, and holder Jim Bird surprised the charging Reds by passing to End Fred Walton wide open in the end zone, and Phil Tidrick kicked the point to narrow the Red edged to 10-7 at the half.

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yard line, and that's when Marchese came on again to kick his third field goal perfectly from the Quaker 10, busting the tie with 2:05 left and giving Belleaire its fourth in a row.

Belleaire broke up a desperate Quaker passing attack and got the ball back after the kickoff to run out the clock.

Belleaire rolled for 16 first downs and a net of 319 yards, of which 258 came from rushing and 61 on Masciarelli's four completions in seven attempts, one of which the Quakers intercepted. Mlynek carried 15 times for 107 yards, and Ewart got 84 yards in 17 tries, the two between them owning 191 of the Reds' total rushing yards.

Belleaire fumbled three times and got only one back, and was penalized 11 times for 101 yards.

The Quakers got six first downs and a net of 130 yards, of which only 22 came from rushing against the stout Red forwards, but Incarnato hit on eight of 17 passes, with one interception, for 108 yards, about half coming on the long TD play. The Quakers got back two of their four fumbles, and drew one penalty for two yards, a half-distance deal during Belleaire's first touchdown shot.