

# Bellaire Comes From Behind To Edge Youngstown Rayen

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Bellaire High came from behind with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to end its season on a winning note with a 12-6 verdict over Youngstown Rayen on a chilly Saturday afternoon at Nelson Field.

The victory was the seventh against two losses and a tie for Coach Bill "Jake" Olsavsky's club, only conqueror of OVAC triple-A champion Brooke.

The Reds were opportunists as they took advantage of Tiger errors to hand the Youngstowners their fourth setback in 10 outings. Rayen, which had lost to two other river-front teams (East Liverpool and Wintersville), was victimized by four fumbles on which it yielded possession.

However, it was actually an errant pass—a lateral—that spelled the doom of the Tigers. With the score tied at 6-6 in the final period, Rayen tried a cross-field pass from quarterback Bobby Brown, intended for halfback Dennis Mosley. The ball got past Mosley and, since it had traveled laterally, was alive when Bellaire end Dave Frizzi scooped it up and stepped out of bounds as the Tigers' 28.

It took Bellaire seven plays to score from there, with the winning TD coming on a lob pass which quarterback Joe Masciarelli got off to Frizzi for the final six yards just as the Bellaire signalcaller was going down under a Rayen rush. A key play in the advance was another lob to end Tony Snell for 18 yards to the Rayen 11.

The first half had been scoreless. The Bellaire defense kept the visitors bottled up in their own territory virtually the entire half with the Tigers getting past mid-field only once with the ball and then only to the Reds' 46. After recovery of a fumble at the



DAVE FRIZZI  
... makes big plays

Youngstown team's 38 late in the half, the Reds reached the 25 on a look-in pass from Masciarelli to Frizzi but another aerial was intercepted by Luther Foster, Rayen linebacker, to thwart the bid.

Bellaire got the ball back at its own 44 with 2:38 to go and, fighting the clock, advanced to the Rayen 15, where it yielded possession when Perzanowski's fumble, after catching a swing pass from Masciarelli for 21 yards, was confiscated by the invaders' Mosley.

At the outset of the third quarter, Rayen took the lead by marching 59 yards in six plays to tally, with the last 27 coming on a pass from Brown to speedster Derrick Cathey, who made an over-the-shoulder catch in the end zone. A fumbled snap ruined the extra point attempt.

Bellaire marched 45 yards for the equalizer on a drive that started late in the third quarter and carried into the fourth. Perzanowski swept right end for the final nine yards with 10:38 left in the game. A high snap kept Kevin Roseberry from getting off a placement for the extra point. But on the

second play after the next kickoff, the errant lateral was grabbed by Frizzi and the Reds were on their way to the decisive score.

After Bellaire went ahead, Rayen fought back with a penetration to the Bellaire 32 but then lost the oval when Brown bobbled the snap from center and linebacker Lance Mehl recovered for the Reds.

The Tigers had one more possession late in the contest but this time were stopped by a Brown bobble near mid-field as Bryan Regoli pounced on the ball for the hosts.

Bellaire finished with a decided statistical edge. The Reds piled up 189 yards rushing and completed five of six passes, with one intercepted. Rayen made only 107 yards rushing and hit on two of six passes for a net of 21 yards. Bellaire posted a 15 to seven edge in first downs.

Perzanowski was the workhorse of the Reds' running game as he carried 26 times for a net of 92 yards. He was stopped short on a run for the bonus points after the second Bellaire TD so seven points would have won for Rayen. But the Reds never let the Tigers smell the end zone again.

Bellaire	0	0	0	12-12
Rayen	0	0	6	0-6
R—Cathey, 33, pass from Brown (point failed)				
B—Perzanowski, 9, run (point failed)				
B—Frizzi, 6, pass from Masciarelli (run failed)				



Stellar Wheeling Central receiver Greg Botizan hauls in a pass in front of Bellaire defender Dave Perzanowski and then breaks the tackle and goes into the end zone to complete a 16-yd. TD in the second period of Saturday afternoon's gridiron battle at Wheeling Stadium. Botizan caught eight passes on the day for 120 yards and three TDs in leading the Knights to a 26-0 rout of the Big Reds. It was Central's fifth win in seven outings.

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It was also the first time this season that Bellaire had surrendered more than 14 points to an opponent.

Hoose, bouncing back from an off performance in a defeat to Brooke two weeks ago, was a master of deception as he carried the pigskin 11 times for 29 yards and had 174 yards through the air with 13 completions in 23 attempts.

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drove the next-to-last nail in the invaders' coffin with a 42-yd. beauty for a TD to the flying Botizan early in the fourth quarter.

It was the third TD catch of the day for the small but scrappy Maroon Knight ace, who hauled in eight passes overall for 120 yards.

Central, which rolled up a huge 16-6 edge in first downs, also had 101 yards rushing for a net offense of 275 stripes.

The Knights' defense also came in for its share of plaudits, limiting the Reds to 96 yards on the ground and 15 through the air as quarterback Joe Masciarelli managed only two completions in 11 attempts for a mere 15 yards. Masciarelli also had a pass picked off by tackle stalwart Bernie Shalvey, setting up the game's final TD.

Other defensive heroes for

the winners included cornerback Tom Gompers, ends Buddy Hoyt and Gary Busacca, and linebacker Rick Kozlowski. It was Busacca who blocked a Bellaire punt and helped break the game open in the third stanza, while Rick Kozlowski recovered a pair of fumbles.

Bellaire never had a scoring threat, the deepest penetration being the Knights' 35 late in the half following a fumble recovery by Mike Kovalick, who's usually around the football. Hoose's passing led the Knights on a 68-yd. TD march which began midway through the first period and ended with 10:34 to go in the half. A 12-yd. gallop by Tom Gilson was the best run and four completions kept things moving, including a 16-yd. dandy for the score. Botizan cut in front of Dave Perzanoski at the two to haul in

the aerial and he broke away from the defensive back to cross the goal line for a 6-0 lead.

That's the way the half ended as both teams were hitting hard, the Reds' effort led by Kovalick, Lance Mehl and Brian Regoli.

Busacca's block of Dave Liberati's punt gave the Knights' possession at Bellaire's 28 to set up the next score. With the ball at the five, Hoose hit Botizan on a curl in front of the defender in the end zone to make it 12-0 and 3:04 to go in the stanza.

Kozlowski's fumble recovery started a 54-yd. thrust which terminated in the first minute of the fourth period with Hoose throwing to Botizan again, this play covering 42 yards and set up when the Bellaire defender slipped and fell to the turf, leaving the receiver all alone.

After Shalvey's pass...



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