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Orrville fullback Jason Haley (43) fights for extra yardage after crossing the line of scrimmage. He was tripped up by a Cleveland Orange defensive player. Orrville lost the Division III state playoff game in Canton's Fawcett Stadium Saturday night by a score of 41-35.

## Mosley's 209-yard effort goes for naught

By STEVE MAGIER

The Orrville Red Rider football team suffered its first defeat of the 1988 season Saturday, losing 41-35 to the Cleveland Orange Lions in the first round of the Division III playoffs.

Yet even though this was a defeat for Orrville the score shows that this was still a game which Red Rider fans can be proud of.

This was a game where neither team held the upper hand for very long and either could have won. The balance of the score kept shifting back and forth from one team to the other. Orrville scored first, then Orange did. Orrville would score again and so would Orange.

In certain ways the game resembled a prize fight with both teams trading punches.

It was said by many observers that this was one of the better games played at Canton's Fawcett Stadium for a good many years.

Orrville's Jason Haley was the first to cross the goal line. In the first quarter the Orrville fullback took the ball in on a short 3-yard run. Jeff Leggett kicked for the extra point. This was the only score for either team in this quarter.

The second quarter proved to be in Orange's favor. The Lions scored three times.

Orange's first touchdown was on a 19-yard run by Galen Greathouse. Volker Blankenstein kicked for the extra point.

Orange tailback Marcus  
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# Mosley's 209-yard rushing effort is lost in 41-35 loss

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Layton, who has gained up over 1,500 yards this season, was the next Lion to score. He rushed in for a 19-yard TD and Blankenstein added another point on the PAT kick.

On the ensuing kickoff, Orrville's Tyrone Mosley electrified the crowd with a fantastic 88-yard return for the touch-down. The extra point kick attempt failed, however.

The last score of the first half came from Merrick Norris of the Lions. He pulled down a 28-yard pass from quarterback J.R. Haynes. Blankenstein again kicked for the extra point.

The Riders were the only team to score in the third quarter.

Haley again scored on an 11-yard run. Two points were picked up on a pass play from quarterback Greg Flickinger to Tim Shonk.

The fourth quarter saw an all-out effort by both teams to dominate the field.

Haynes scored on a 6-yard run for the Lions. He also carried the ball in for the extra points.

Norris then scored for Orange on a 13-yard pass play from Haynes. The extra point attempt failed.

Tim Shonk and Flickinger came through for Orrville on an 11-yard pass for the score. The extra point attempt failed.

Haley picked up his third touchdown of the game on a 2-yard run. Flickinger then carried the ball in for the extra points.

The last score of the game came from the Lions when Layton took in a 5-yard run for what proved to be the winning touchdown. The kick for the extra point failed, leaving Orrville within striking distance at six points behind (41-35) but the Riders were unable to capitalize on their final possession.

The Lions emerged victorious but definitely knew they'd been in a football game.

Orange picked up 28 first downs in the game. Orrville had 10.

Orange had a total of 413 yards, 249 on the ground and 164 in the air.

The Riders passed for only 10 yards in this game, but they rushed for 232 yards, the bulk of which came from Mosley who rushed for over 200 yards himself.

The Riders' total yardage against the Lions was 242 yards.

Orange's total number of offensive plays, 51, was not



quite double the 31 Orrville had.

The Riders' passing game produced nine throws with four completions for a 44.4 percent completion rate. Average yards per completion were only 2.5, however.

Orange fared a little better. The Lions had 10 completions on 17 throws which gave them a 58.8 percent completion rate. More importantly, the Lions averaged 16.4 yards per catch.

With the high intensity level of both teams there was a surprisingly low number of mistakes.

Only one interception was made during the game. This was caught by the Riders.

The Riders fumbled only once and recovered it. Orange fumbled three and recovered three.

One area that did reflect the high level of play was penalties.

The Riders had 11 penalties levied against them that cost them 125 yards.

Orange, on the other hand, only lost 65 yards on five penalties.

Mosley was the leading ground gainer for the Riders. He picked up an astounding 209 yards on 19 carries. He averaged 11 yards per carry. He picked up five first downs and scored one touchdown.

"Ty had the game of a lifetime," said Rider head coach Bill McMillan. "He had his best night ever, but we always knew he was capable of doing it."

McMillan noted Mosley earned nearly as much yardage as Orange's leading ground gainer — Layton picked up 258 yards for the Lions — but he did it on fewer than half of Layton's 48 carries.

Haley carried the ball seven times for the Riders, picking up 33 yards. He averaged 4.7 yards per carry. He gained one first down and scored three touchdowns.

Shawn Ray picked up nine yards on one carry.

Flickinger carried the ball on five plays but was thrown

back for a net loss of yardage.

Flickinger threw the ball eight times and connected on three. Shonk caught two for seven yards and Jerry Winters snared one for three yards.

"You naturally feel down after a game like this," said McMillan. "It was a great game, though."

"I am disappointed that we lost, but I'm very proud of what our kids did. There's only good things to say overall. Words like tremendous and unbelievable are the only things that can describe the way our team played."

"This was an offensive game for both teams. Defensively we simply couldn't stop them. It was that kind of game."

"Orange was definitely a good team but then so are we. There were two very good teams on that field last Saturday."

"They had two advantages over us: size and depth. They wore us down a little bit."

"Everything else out there was pretty much equal."

"On our line we average about 185 pounds if we're lucky. Their smallest guy was 215 pounds. Their line runs between 220 and 225 pounds (on average per player)."

"Overall the only thing you can say is when two great teams face each other only one can win."

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