

# Tipton's halftime advice worked

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Of Fostoria's nine possessions in the second half, eight of them ended with either a fumble, an interception, a blocked punt or a safety.

"Their size advantage was a factor in the fourth quarter," said Fostoria coach Dick Kidwell. "I thought our defense played well. But they were on the field too long. When you turn the ball over as often as we did, you're asking too much of your defense.

"They have the best defense that we have seen all year," added Kidwell. "Their linebackers are so mobile. We knew Orrville was physical, that it had a good defense and runners with good size. They made mistakes in the first half that kept it close. But we just couldn't get our offense untracked. We couldn't get our option game going."

After both teams traded fumbles in the opening minutes of the game, the Red Riders got on the scoreboard in the middle of the first quarter via an alert play by linebacker Ritchie Johnson. The OHS

senior scooped up an errant Fostoria pass, which was ruled a lateral, and raced 40 yards untouched into the end zone. A conversion pass failed, leaving the score at 6-0.

Fostoria's lone TD was set up in the middle of the second quarter when middle guard Troy Wade broke through the OHS offensive line and blocked a Doug Short punt at the OHS 40.

From there, it took the Redmen seven plays to score. Quarterback Ray Uballe got the honors from one yard out but a conversion attempt failed, leaving the score at 6-6.

That was to be Fostoria's last hurrah.

The Redmen withstood two third quarter field goal attempts by the Riders' Marvin Williams. But with 2:20 remaining in the period, the dam burst.

First, defensive tackle Scott Schrock sacked Uballe for a 16-yard loss deep in Fostoria territory. Then a high snap from center sailed over the head of Fostoria punter Eric Brant and bounced out of the end zone for a safety with 1:31 remaining.

The Riders needed just two plays to score their se-

cond touchdown following Fostoria's free kick after the safety. A 32-yard pass completion from quarterback Brad Thomas to tight end Craig Musser set up a six-yard gallop by tailback David DeHart. The conversion attempt failed again, though, leaving the score at 14-6.

In the fourth quarter junior Rick Davidoff blocked a Brant punt and in one continuous motion carried the ball into the end zone from nine yards out. That increased the Rider advantage to 20-6.

Fullback Marvin Williams scored the final OHS touchdown from one yard out, capping a three-play, 30-yard drive in the

middle of the four period.

In the final six minutes of the game, defensive back Doug Short intercepted three Fostoria passes to end any hope of a Redmen comeback.

Individually, tailback Tim Stoudmire led ballcarriers with 80 yards rushing in 17 carries. Fostoria's highly-touted all-purpose back, Johnson, was limited to just 21 yards in six carries.

Interestingly, Fostoria lost in the first round of playoffs last year to Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary by a similar score, 27-7.

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