

## Red Riders romp past Generals in playoff

### Tough OHS defense shuts down Sheridan

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The Orrville Red Riders showed what a potential championship team is supposed to do as they shut out the Thornville Sheridan Generals 35-0 in the Division III football playoff game last Friday night at Sulsburger Stadium in Zanesville.

Orrville's James Bradley, who scored three touchdowns including a 70-yard punt return and a 65-yard reception, put on a dazzling offensive display while the Riders' defense shut down the Generals all night long.

Sheridan's normally fearsome offense was stopped cold by a very determined Rider defense. The Generals were held to only 146 total yards and the star of the team, quarterback Kevin Meger, was sacked eight times by the Riders' relentless pursuit.

The Orrville offensive unit put it all together for an equally impressive night as they controlled the field, picking up a total of 287 yards.

"This was a real good ball game," said Rider head coach Mo Tipton. "A good way to

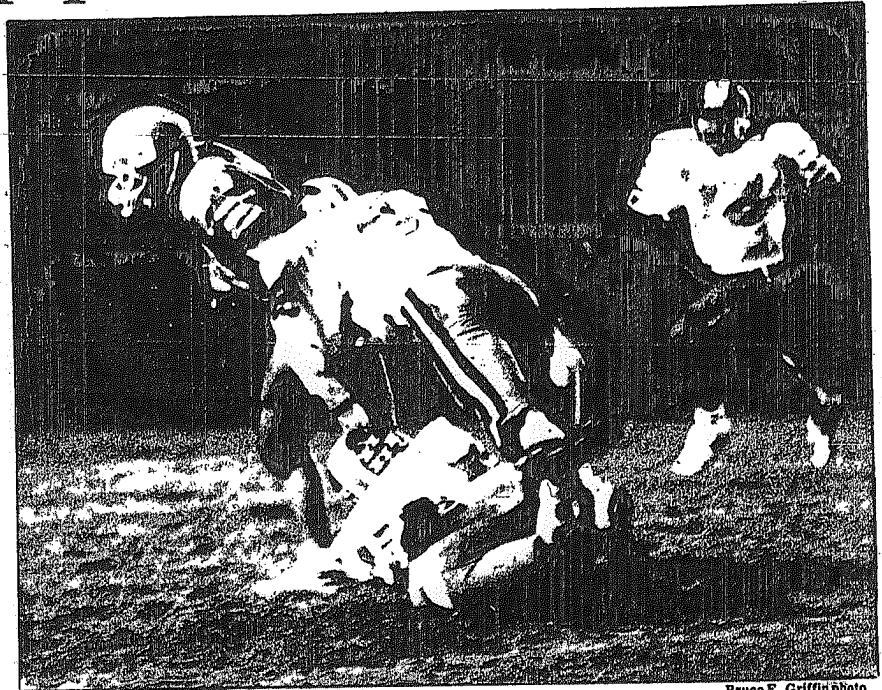
start out the playoffs."

The Orrville defense put the clamps on the Generals early in the game and forced them to punt after denying them any first downs on their first possession.

James Bradley started out his night by running the punt back 70 yards for his first touchdown of the evening. Kong Siboinhuang came out to stretch his legs and booted the extra point through the uprights, making the score 7-0 just 93 seconds into the game.

The next score of the evening came toward the end of the first quarter as Bradley carried the ball in from the 7-yard line for his second touchdown. The Generals blocked the extra point kick, but with a 13-0 lead and 3:09 still left in the first quarter, the Riders already appeared to be on their way to a rout.

Sheridan's spirits were lifted only for a short time as the Generals returned the ensuing kickoff 58 yards and into scoring territory at the Riders' 30-yard line. Tyrone Mosley halted their advance by picking off his first interception of the night, giving the Riders pos-



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Riders Bob Jones, (top), and Doug Brigham, go high and low on the Sheridan Generals' Jim Robinson after he pulled down a Kevin Meger pass. The Riders held the Generals to only 29 yards in the air.

session of the ball at their own 9-yard line.

Orrville put eight points more on the board with 3:56 left in the half when Bradley hauled in a 65-yard pass from quarterback Gary DeHart. Tim Shonk then picked up the two-point conversion on a pass from DeHart.

The half ended with the Riders well in command, on top 21-0.

Mosley pulled down his second interception of the game late in the third quarter, returning the ball 20 yards to the Generals' 10-yard line to set up the game's fourth touchdown. The Riders advanced just one yard on their next two plays, but then on third down, DeHart gained eight yards on an option run, and Bill Rice rang up the final yard for the touchdown. Siboinhuang kicked the extra point giving Orrville a comfortable 28-0 lead with 2:15 left in the third quarter.

Sheridan's only serious scoring threat of the game came early in the fourth quarter, when the Generals had a first-and-goal at the Orrville 9.

The Rider defense stiffened, however, as Robbie Stein sacked Sheridan's quarterback for a 5-yard loss on second down.

Faced with a third-and-17 situation, Sheridan attempted a reverse play, but Stein and Bob Jones read the play and combined on the tackle, limiting the Generals to a 1-yard gain.

Then on fourth-and-long, the Generals recovered their own

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fumble but turned the ball over on downs at the Orrville 23-yard line, and the Rider defense had effectively denied the Generals on their only bona fide scoring opportunity.

Orrville's final touchdown came late in the fourth quarter. With only 4:12 left, Paul Edwards pulled in a 13-yard pass from Matt Hamsher, who had gone in for an injured DeHart. The extra point kick by Kong settled the score at

35-0.

"Offensively this was one of our better games," said Tipton. "The offensive line played a dominant part in our game tonight."

"The defensive unit also put in a fine performance," continued the Orrville coach. "The defensive secondary was just super, but overall the victory was a total team effort."

## Riders take on Irvanquisher in next

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On Friday night, the Riders will face the Red Devils at Dover High School in the Division III, Region II playoff finals.

The Red Devils, from St. Clairsville High School in Belmont County, are coming into this game with a 10-1 season record, identical to Orrville's.

The Red Devils are averaging 33 points per game according to St. Clairsville head coach George Strager, and are giving up only 8 points per game to their opponents.

don't think they would have had the same record that they do now.

"The Sheridan quarterback was good. He was a scrambler and very hard to get hold of, but we put in a lot of

## Orrville's Winters, Musser to compete with all-stars

Kim Winters and Jill Musser will be representing Orrville in post-season all-star volleyball matches this weekend.

The Orrville High seniors will both play in the District 4 All-Star match at Jackson High School Friday at 7:30 p.m.

In addition, Winters, the Class AA District 4 player of the year and a third team All-State selection, will play Sunday in the Ohio All-Star match at Otterbein College in Westerville, north of Columbus. Sunday's action will begin with the Class A match at 1 p.m., followed by AA and then



KIM WINTERS

AAA.

In her senior season, Winters posted averages of 74 percent for serve-receiving, 92 percent for setting, 83 percent for digs and saves, and 85 percent for spiking with 187 kills.

She also recorded a service average of 82 percent.

Defensively, she notched 47 unassisted stuffs and assisted on 120 other blocks.

Winters was a captain, along with Tonya Stalnaker and Jennifer Lonier, on Coach Diane Shanklin's Lady Riders squad that finished as the district runnerup and posted a 23-3 overall record in 1986.



JILL MUSSER