

Red Riders Stomp Generals, 40-8

*Tight Defense,
One-Two Punch
Blasts "Jinx"*

"Riders speak loudly. Do they carry a big stick?" was the question being asked at this time last week.

The answer became painfully clear for Wooster partisans Friday night at Maurer Field, as the Riders showed that they did not carry a big stick; they carried many of them.

Stick number one was Bob Houmard, rated by Coach Bill Shunkwiler as "the best all-around back I've ever coached." Houmard, playing his last game for OHS, proved to even the most doubting of Thomases that he is the best back in the area, as he battered the General defense for 136 yards in 25 carries, and scored 16 points.

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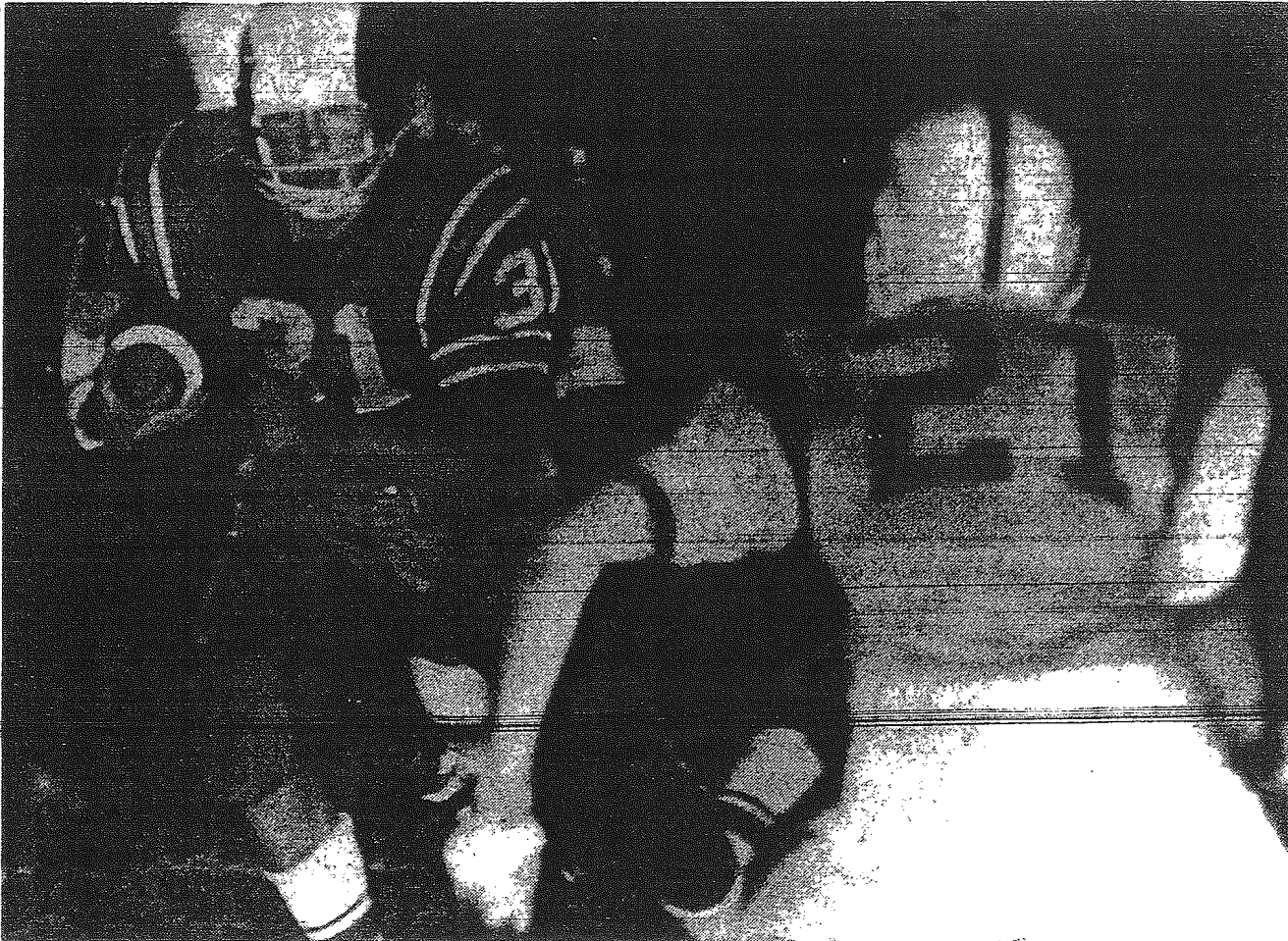
Both signs were wrong. The Generals didn't cut Houmard down to size. If anything, Houmard stopped the General attack with ferocious line-backing and crunching tackles.

And even if they had stopped number 31, Orrville wouldn't have been stopped, mainly because of numerous other "big sticks" in the Orrville offensive machine.

Mike Norman was one. The speedy halfback, also a senior, took much of the pressure off Houmard, as he racked up 82 yards in 14 carries and picked up two touchdowns.

Another big stick was Fred Ray, only a junior, who rambled for 110 yards in six carries.

Big stick number four was Jim



IF ANYBODY IS SILLY ENOUGH to want to get in front of bruising Bob Houmard, this is what it would look like. Wooster defender Ed Schaaf is ready to try his luck at stopping the big fullback. Photo by Larry Miller from the safety of the end zone.

As the second quarter started, the Generals were knocking at the door, as co-captain Ed Schaaf brought the ball into the Riders' four-yard line. Then the OHS defense showed the more than 5,000 fans why they have given up only 70 points all season. Houmard knifed through to nail half-

back Mike Vizzo for a four-yard loss. Then Reusser slammed Vizzo for a seven-yard loss. With fourth down on the 15, Dunham went back to pass, only to have Bilderback charge in from his cornerback spot to hurry the throw, making it incomplete.

Aroused by the stellar play of the defense, the offense struck swiftly. Ray gained 25 yards. Houmard went for nine, Norman ripped off 22 more. Lyon skirted the end for an additional 12 yards and then Norman blasted over left tackle from five yards out for the first score of the game.

With a 4-0 lead, the Riders' offense struck again. Houmard rambled for two yards soon to end the first half. Second Half
In the second half, the Riders began to peck, when they left tackle from five yards out for the first score of the game.

Houmard's performance was a key factor in the Riders' victory. He carried the ball 25 times for 136 yards and scored 16 points. His ability to break through the General defense was a major asset for the Riders.

How many points the Riders will lead with at the end of the game is still uncertain.

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