

## Was it Griggs or Griffin?

# "Super-soph" gives credit to blockers

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"I couldn't have done it without the blocking that the offensive line gave me." That statement typifies the modesty which Mark Griggs displayed in the locker room following his scintillating performance last Friday evening. The Red Riders won the game 42-27. The complete story is on page 11.

That offensive front wall composed of center Bob Murtha, guards Jeff Collins, Tom Steiner, and Mark Moser, tackles Dave Huntsberger, Steve Rogers, and Scot Tipton, and tight end Craig Pack certainly did do an impressive job of opening holes in the Wooster defensive line. But there is no denying that Griggs' personal performance (282 yards, rushing, 14.1 avg. per carry, and five touchdowns, including long range, scoring jaunts of 70, 55, and 73 yards), was one of the finest that local gridiron fans have ever been treated to.

When asked about what plays were especially effective, Griggs' responded, "We ran a lot of power pitches, and options. Most of the touchdowns came insweeps."

THE SOFT-SPOKEN, speedy, sophomore tailback continued, "We didn't really do anything different. We did put in some special plays in practice this week, but we never used them during the game."

An elated Mo Tipton also had some reasons why the ground attack was so successful. "After we ran those sweeps well, their defense changed to take the outside away from us. Then we started hitting inside with the off-tackle. We depended on doing what the defense gave us."

Although no one in the Orrville locker room was sure if Griggs had broken any single game records, there is a good chance that his rushing (282) and touchdown (5) figures may be new single game records at Orrville.

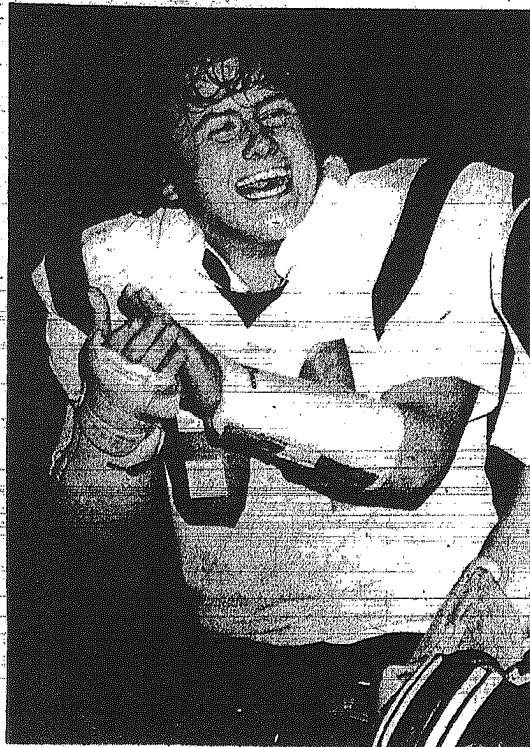
It is certain that OHS' 42 points eclipsed the old high (40 in 1964), and the two-team total of 69 markers also established a new mark for the Wooster game.

QUESTION. What was one thing that occurred in the Riders' season-opening victory over Buckeye that didn't happen again all season? Answer. Doug Davault missed an extra point kick. Actually, he misfired on a pair that game, but since then, he has connected on 21 consecutive boots — including six in a row against Wooster. Why the lack of success against Buckeye and nothing but perfection since then?

As Davault explained, "At the beginning of the year, I wasn't really hitting the ball well. I'm not sure why. In fact, I wasn't kicking real well tonight, either." It may console him to note that the six PAT kicks in a single game is another school record.

Todd Scott, the Red and White's fine defensive back, raised his 1975 interception mark to eight by pilfering two of General quarterback Tim Jones' aerials. "I was really lucky on that first one," Scott explained, "because the receiver had burned me. I'm just happy that he (Jones) laid the ball up there and gave me time to get under it."

One gap that Coach Tipton will have a hard time filling next fall will be at middle guard — the home of Rocky Rehm during the past two campaigns. Rehm did an excellent job of plugging up the middle all years, and last Friday was no exception. Three times the 6-1, 220 senior blasted into the Wooster backfield to nail the General ball-carrier behind the line of scrimmage.



JEFF COLLINS — The expression tells the whole story. Jon Kinney photo.



LED BY THE BLOCK of Brent Dewitz (12), Mark Griggs was off and running ... again! The "super soph" ran almost at will through the porous Wooster defense and gained 282 yards, including three touchdowns rambles of over 50 yards, in just 20 attempts. Kevin Zacour photo.

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