

# feating Wooster

## Mark Griggs sets new rushing records in pacing Red Riders to 37-13 victory

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The intensive excitement was at fever pitch. The anxious crowd knew what was at stake for both clubs in this 66th renewal of the Orrville-Wooster football rivalry.

For Wooster a victory would mean a successful season, even though they would finish below the .500 mark.

For Orrville a win would mean a third undefeated season in nine years under the guidance of Head Coach Mo Tipton.

The parades, the bonfires, the bridge painting, the pep rallies were all in the past and finished for another year. Only the actual clash remained, and a capacity crowd was on hand last Friday evening at Maurer Field in Wooster to witness this classic matchup.

After the game a tumultuous explosion of joy erupted from the Rider locker room. Embracing, shouting, chanting, cheering as the OHS players, coaches and well-wishers vented their emotions. And why not?

Only 16 times before had an Orrville team defeated a Wooster opponent. Not only that, but the Red Riders' 37-13 triumph marked just the fourth time that it had recorded successive victories over its arch rival (following last year's 42-27 triumph).

### Team Efforts

It was an all-out, sparkling, team effort. Perhaps an excellence never before attained under the leadership of Tipton.

However, the delighted coach would not concede that this 9-0-1 squad was his finest.

"Football is a constantly changing sport," began Tipton. "And I would refrain from saying that any one team was the best team in the history of Orrville, because of that change.

"In 1963, we had a super team which went 10-0 under Bill Shunkwiler. At that time, everyone just buttoned up, snapped the chin strap and went to it. Today, though, it's a much more complex game. We run many more offenses, and have two or three screen passes, for example. It's a much more sophisticated game. You have to be able to attack the entire perimeter, where in the past it was more conservative offense. But certainly this team has to be one of the best ever at OHS."

Turning his attention to the game itself, Tipton noted, "We are a little disappointed that we gave up so many points. Our main goal, of course, was to win first and then worry about the shutout, but it would have been nice to get it."

One more shutout would have set a school record of seven in one season. Orrville shut out Buckeye, Tallmadge, Wadsworth, Fairless, Manchester and West Holmes during the season.

"I do think Wooster deserves an awful lot of credit, though. They put up a real struggle. But it really says that much more about our kids. We really prepared for this game and my entire coaching staff did an excellent job. However, the greatest job of all was done by the players out there tonight," Tipton remarked.

### Steady Improvement

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owned a 13-0 advantage only six minutes into the game.

The next eight minutes saw the two teams trade punts, and with 10 minutes left in the second quarter, Orrville received the ball on its own 19. The Riders then displayed a picture-perfect, time-consuming, 81-yard scoring drive. A 21-yard connection from Dewitz to Davault helped keep the drive alive at one point, but it was a 25-yard touchdown strike from Davault to a wide-open Griggs on a halfback option pass that really rocked the Generals. Again Davault's kick was unsuccessful due to a bad snap from center, but the Riders held a comfortable 19-0 margin.

Wooster finally got on the scoreboard before halftime. Following the ensuing kickoff, the Generals easily marched 67 yards in 10 plays, with Terry Williams rambling in from 18 yards out. Jason Ladd's point-after was good, and the score read OHS 19, WHS 7, with only one minute left in the half.

### Record Field Goal

But Orrville wasn't through yet, as a 32-yard return by Mike McMorrow on Wooster's kickoff, 12- and 14-yard passes from Dewitz to Todd Scott, and a 14-yard keeper by Dewitz, all within a span of about 45 seconds, set up a 43-yard field goal attempt by Davault with just seconds showing on the clock.

The snap was perfect, the placement by Dewitz was good, the timing was excellent ... and the kick sailed over the left corner of the crossbar for a new school record as the longest field goal. Score at halftime: Riders 22, Generals 7.

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## Big Red stats

	Orr.	Woo.
Plays	69	57
First downs	19	10
Total Yardage	376	143
Rushing Yardage	213	143
Passing Yardage	163	0
Attempts	20	16
Completions	13	0
Interceptions thrown	1	1
Penalties - Yards	2-20	1-15
Fumbles - lost	0-0	1-1
Punts - Yards	3-103	5-177

### RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mark Griggs	19	161	8.5	3
Kelly Handwerk	9	30	3.3	0
Doug Davault	4	15	3.8	0
Brent Dewitz	11	11	1.0	0

### PASSING

	Att.	C.	Yds.	%	TD
Brent Dewitz	18	12	138	66.7	1

tonight," Tipton remarked.

### Steady Improvement

"This team has improved steadily from game one. I think there were only two games when we didn't play up to our capabilities. I noted publicly that I felt our first four games would be our toughest, and after we got past those, maybe we thought we were good enough, and we didn't play well the next two games. But from the seventh game on, we played excellent ball and this victory spices it up.

"Probably the best thing about this football team," continued the coach, "is that I don't think you can round up a group of 30 people that has more class than this one. You know two years ago, it was a different story when we came off the field. We really got thumped. But these kids have a lot of class, and came back here and did a whale of a job."

Even that might be an understatement. Tipton started early in July and molded together a unit solidified on both forward walls by seniors, and one which provided a lot of excitement from its basically junior offensive and defensive backfields.

And these two classes worked as one last Friday night. The offensive line opened holes for the backfield. The defensive line pressured the Wooster quarterback, and the secondary did not allow a completed pass all evening. Consequently, Orrville walked away with a 37-13 victory.

### Fast Start

It took the Riders just two plays from scrimmage, or one minute in time, to jump on top. In fact, the drive consisted of Mark Griggs returning the kickoff 33 yards to Orrville's 44 yard line, Griggs trying the middle of the line for two yards, and Griggs breaking loose down the left sideline for a 54-yard touchdown sprint. Doug Davault added the extra point, and Orrville led 7-0.

The Generals were forced to punt on their first possession, and it wasn't long before the junior tailback was ripping through the enemy secondary again. His 12-yard blast off right tackle capped the 58-yard march, which was highlighted by passes of 12 yards from Brent Dewitz to Davault, and 11 yards from Dewitz to Craig Pack. This time Davault's point-after was wide to the right, but OHS still

## On the sidelines

Tidbits and extras by Todd Zacour

Believe it or not, as many as nine school records were set last Friday night during the annual Orrville-Wooster football game. Four of these belong to junior tailback Mark Griggs.

— 1 — seasonal total of 1,355 yards rushing.

— 2 — seasonal total of 170 points scored.

— 3 — seasonal total of 28 touchdowns.

— 4 — seasonal mark of 1,812 total yards (rushing, receiving, and returns).

Three new records were established by junior quarterback Brent Dewitz.

— 1 — seasonal total of 70 pass completions.

— 2 — seasonal total of 127 attempts.

— 3 — seasonal total of 932 yards passing.

And two new school marks were set by senior kicker Doug Davault.

— 1 — seasonal total of 34 extra points.

percentage).

For the third time since Tipton took over as head coach, an Orrville team has scored more than 300 total points in a season. The most was recorded in 1968 (494), while 383 points were registered in 1969. This fall, OHS garnered 320 points.

The Red Riders' total of 37 points last week was the third highest any local team has chalked up against arch rival Wooster. In 1964, OHS scored 40 points, while last year's total of 42 tops all. Along the same line, last Friday's 37 points marked the seventh time Big Red has scored more than 30 points against Wooster.

Last week's point spread of 24 points is the fourth best for OHS in 68 meetings with Wooster. The Riders won by 30 points in 1945, 25 in 1947, and 22 in 1964.

### PASSING

	Att.	C.	Yds.	%	TD
Brent Dewitz	18	12	138	66.7	1
Doug Davault	2	1	25	50.0	1

### RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Doug Davault	7	80	11.4	1
Todd Scott	3	39	13.0	0
Craig Pack	2	19	9.5	0
Mark Griggs	1	25	25.0	1

### SCORING

	FG	PAT(1)	PAT(2)	TD	Pts.
Mark Griggs	0	0	0	4	24
Doug Davault	1	2	0	1	11
Bill Keplar	0	0	1	0	2

### INTERCEPTIONS

	No.
Todd Scott	1

### FINAL SEASONAL STATS

	Orrville	Opponents
Plays	599	592
First downs	166	95
Total Yardage	3262	1700
Rushing Yardage	2268	1130
Passing Yardage	994	570
Attempts	131	144
Completions	72	44
Percentage	55.0	30.6
Interceptions thrown	4	12
Punts - Yards	30-1074	52-1674
Punts - Avg.	35.8	32.2
Penalties - Yards	64-713	63-648
Fumbles - lost	12-5	24-8
Total Points	320	53

### RUSHING (Individual)

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mark Griggs	166	1355	8.2	23
Kelly Handwerk	96	502	5.2	2
Doug Davault	32	171	5.3	1
Brent Dewitz	71	166	2.3	1
Joe Messenger	10	47	4.7	1
Phil Linsaitata	8	31	3.9	0
Craig Pack	1	4	4.0	0

### PASSING (Individual)

	Att.	C.	Yds.	TD	
Brent Dewitz	127	70	932	55.1	9
Doug Davault	3	2	62	66.7	2
Jon Geiser	1	0	0	00.0	0

### RECEIVING (Individual)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Craig Pack	21	289	13.8	3
Doug Davault	21	260	13.3	4
Todd Scott	19	225	11.8	1
Mark Griggs	7	158	22.6	3
Joe Gochnauer	2	16	8.0	0
Joe Messenger	1	17	17.0	0
Kelly Handwerk	1	3	3.0	0

### SCORING (Individual)

	FG	PAT(1)	PAT(2)	TD	Pts.
Mark Griggs	0	0	1	28	170
Doug Davault	4	32	0	6	80
Craig Pack	0	0	0	4	24
Kelly Handwerk	0	0	0	2	12
Joe Messenger	0	0	0	2	12
Todd Scott	0	0	0	2	12
Brent Dewitz	0	0	1	1	8
Bill Keplar	0	0	1	0	2

### INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	TD
Mark Griggs	3	1
Todd Scott	3	1
Craig Pack	2	1
Doug Davault	2	0
Dennis Brock	1	0
Mike McMorrow	1	0

### PUNTING