

# Sports

## Red Riders steamroll Wooster to head into playoffs on up note

By STEVE MAGIER

The Red Riders had one of their most successful games ever against rivals the Wooster Generals on Friday. The Riders took it to the Generals in the new Wooster High School stadium to the tune of 40-0.

"This was a great way to end our regular season of play," said an elated Rider head coach Bill McMillan. "It was a lot of fun for all of us and we hope we can keep things rolling on up through the tournaments."

The game did not run away from Wooster until the second half. At the end of the first half the Riders were only up 16-0.

Orrville scored their first touchdown on a 22-yard run from Tom Reusser midway through the first quarter of play. The PAT kick was blocked and with 6:20 on the clock the Riders went up 6-0.

With four minutes gone in the second quarter, Dan Stultz kicked a 33-yard field goal to put the Riders up 9-0.

With less than seven seconds left to play in the first half, Reusser scored his second TD of the game on an 11-yard pass from Jared Zwick and a PAT kick from Stultz put the Riders up by 16.

"This was probably the biggest play of the game," McMil-

lan said. "Wooster had a fourth and one on the three-yard line and we stopped them with about a minute and 50 seconds left. We took the ball all the way down the field and scored, which really kind of broke their backs. It was a good ballgame up until that point. In the second half we just took it away."

Wooster had 11 penalties — six or seven were personal fouls — that cost them dearly, losing 125 yards. Orrville lost only 15 yards this game on three penalties.

"I was very proud of our kids in this game," McMillan stated. "They did not lose their composure. In this kind of emotional game it is easy to overreact, but our kids did a great job of just getting ready for the next play. "Wooster is a decent team, probably as good as any typical team we have played. They didn't have the numbers they needed this year, which hurt them."

The Riders scored early in the third quarter on a 47-yard pass to Marcel Denson from Zwick. Stultz kicked another PAT to put Orrville up 23-0.

With 48 seconds left to play in the third quarter Stultz kicked his second field goal of the game, this one for 39 yards.

Just seconds later Renauld

lan intercepted a Wooster pass and brought it in for his first touchdown of the game. Stultz kicked his third PAT of the night and the Riders led the Generals 33-0.

The last Rider touchdown of the night came just into the fourth quarter when Shane Hartzler recovered a fumble in the end zone. Stultz sealed the Rider win with his fourth PAT which gave Orrville its biggest win in the history of the meetings of these two teams.

Orrville had a well balanced offense as they rushed for 140 yards and passed for 169 ending up with a total of 309. Zwick went 7-for-13 in the air for 160 yards. Reusser rushed for 108 yards on 14 carries. Ray had three catches for 57 yards and Denson had 82 yards from two catches.

Wooster moved the ball well and ended up with 108 yards on the ground on 38 carries and 161 in the air for a total of 269.

"Our defense played real well," McMillan noted. "Most of their yardage came in the first half. They were able to move the ball real well and a couple of times we shut them down real close to the goal line, but any time you shut a team down you know you played a good defensive game."

"We came up with the big plays when we needed to have them including four interceptions and a fumble recovery. It was a good game all the way around for us, and in reality we pretty much dominated the whole game."

"This was the largest margin of victory of any Orrville team ever against Wooster. We had a previous game of 40-8 and a couple of wins by 29 or 30 points, but this was the best ever since the games started. It was a great way to end a great season and a good start for our next season."

"The kids were really up after this game, but were also in the frame of mind where they knew they had to get right back to work."

The Riders will be facing Clearfork on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Wooster for in first playoff game.

"I really don't know too much about them yet," Coach Bill McMillan said last week. "They are from the Belleville area near Mansfield. They have played West Holmes and Triway. They like to run the football and have a 9-1 record. They only game they lost was to Black River. They are similar in size to us."

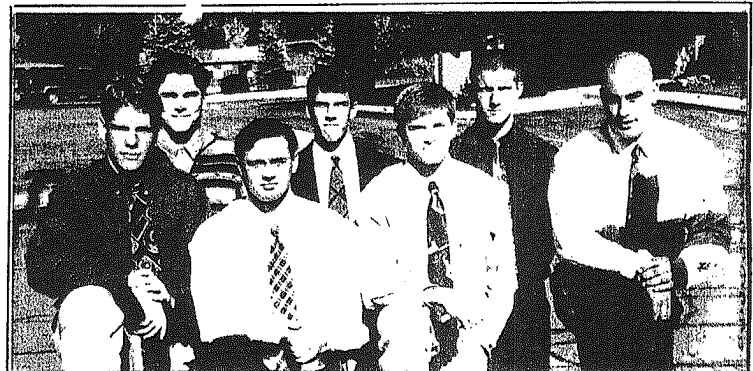
"We finished second in the region and they finished fourth. Wauseon finished first and New London was third. They will be playing in Fremont on Friday night."



Steve Stokes photos

### Going down

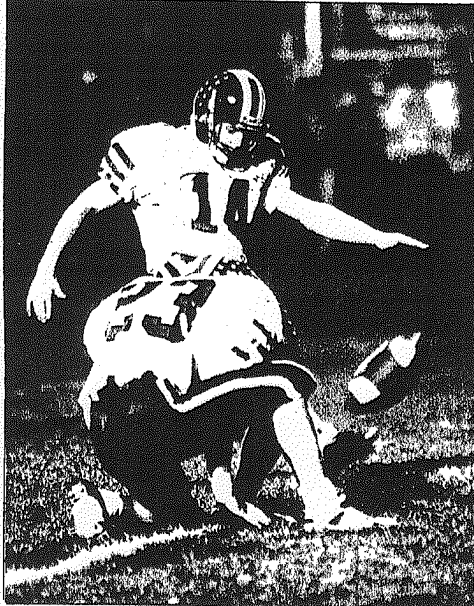
Senior defensive end Brandon Bowman has an unidentified Wooster runner all lined up for a tackle during last Friday's regular season finale. Bowman and his teammates capped a 9-1 campaign with a 40-0 thrashing of arch-rival Wooster.



Mike Schenk photo

### Feast before the fight

Captains from Orrville and Wooster met at the Wooster Country Club Nov. 2 prior to Friday's 84th gridiron meeting between the two schools. Posing for a photo are (front, from left) Tom Troyer, Cory Wilson, Andy Badertscher, J.W. Thompson; (back) Jon Haley, Kevin Maag and Nathan Grude.



Out of the hold of Tom Reusser, Orrville's Dan Stultz gets his foot into one of his extra points against Wooster last Friday. Stultz was on target with the kick, and he had a big game in Orrville's 40-0 win over the Generals.



## Clear Fork Is Riders Playoff Foe

By JIM THOMAS

Daily Record Sports Writer Orrville High School won Friday night's rivalry game with Wooster High School 40-0.

This Friday the team will return to Wooster High School's Follis Field at 7:30 p.m. and play their first state playoff game with Clear Fork's Colts in a Division IV battle.

10," he added. "This is a great way to cap their last great job with leadership and a year."

### Distinguished Athletes

### Wilson and Reusser are honored