

New Lex Cruises Past Logan, Ends State Long Winning Streak

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - Coming into Friday's season opener, the Logan Chieftains were riding high. Winners of four consecutive SEOAL titles, playing in three straight post-seasons, and most impressive came in riding the state's longest regular season winning streak.

The opponent, the New Lexington Panthers, finished 9-1 (9-2) in 2001, finishing the season with nine-straight regular season wins themselves something had to give on Friday night. And give it did.

New Lexington pounced on the Chieftains early in the first quarter, taking the opening kick-off for a nice return, setting the stage for a drive starting on their own 42 yard line. Logan's defense came out flat, with only a few exceptions, and allowed Drew Cannon and Tyler Huffman to push them around and drive straight to the goal for an early 7-0 lead. Drew Cannon scored the first TD from 1 yard out.

The Logan offense came out raring to go though. The Panthers opening kick-off went out of bounds, allowing the Chieftains to start on their own 35 yard line. The offense clicked immediately, the line did their job and the skills players played well as well. A 5-yard completion to Jason Dicken started things off, and subsequent carries by Austin Rohr and Josh Bailey pushed the Chieftains all the way to the New Lex 30. There the drive stalled though after two incompletions and a busted play on a New Lex blitz. Logan went for the final yard on 4th down, coming up just short.

Neither team could put together a strong drive until the second quarter and both teams traded punts. The Panthers weren't done yet. Getting good field position off of a Logan punt, the Panthers put together another drive, once again behind Drew Cannon and Tyler Huffman, and used Cannon to put the Panthers on top 13-0. The PAT was blocked by Logan.

Thing went from bad to worse after that second TD. An Austin Rohr fumble on the subsequent offensive series gave the Panthers the ball on the Logan 26 yard line. The Panthers used one play, a TD pass from Tyler Huffman to stretch the lead to 19-0. Logan stopped Drew Cannon on the two-point conversion attempt. Logan's offense stalled on the following drive, and disaster would strike once more.

The snap on Logan's punt attempt sailed high over Jon Phippen's head. He made a heads up play, picking the ball up and running, almost for the first down, but New Lex took over at the Logan 28. The Panthers once again turned Logan misfortune to their advantage, using one play to cover the 28 yards on another Tyler Huffman TD pass.

Logan could not put a drive together, and the teams went to halftime with the Panthers leading 26-0.

The second half was not much to see, as it became obvious to both coaches that New Lexington had this game in hand. The Panthers scored their final touchdown after a fumbled Logan punt return set the Panthers up with great field position once again. A busted play allowed Drew Cannon to sneak behind the Logan secondary, and like the rest of the night Tyler Huffman was able to easily find him for the final TD.

Logan scored with under 3 minutes to go as the second team, led by Sophomore QB Corey Spackey, drove down the field behind 60 yards on 2 completions, culminating in a 4-yard Justin Pack TD run. The extra point was blocked.

The stats for the game are pretty deceiving. Both teams ran 45 plays. The Panthers gained 275 yards to Logan's 209. The point is, Logan set the Panthers up with great field position so they didn't need to gain a lot of yards.

Logan held Drew Cannon to 95 yards on 17 carries. He only carried the ball four times after halftime. Tyler Huffman finished 5-7 for 91 yards with 3 TD passes. He also dominated running the ball as well.

Logan's Austin Rohr rushed for 53 yards on 13 carries with 4 fumbles, losing one of them. Starting QB Dave Ellis was 2-7 for 13 yards on the day.

Logan returns to action next week when they travel to Nelsonville-York. The Buckeyes were on the losing end of a 35-20 game with the Athens Bulldogs. Kick-Off is slated for 7:30 at Dave Boston Field in Buchtel.

Logan Ends Rivalry In Dominating Fashion, tops Nelsonville-York 46-19

By Spencer Waugh

NELSONVILLE - Like all good things, the Logan and Nelsonville rivalry came to an end Friday night. And to keep things in perspective, the game was indicative of the history between the two schools. Logan turned in a dominating 46-19 victory at Dave Boston Field racking up 441 yards of offense behind a break-out night for Junior Austin "Hardcore" Rohr.

But the night was not perfect for Logan, not even close. The Chieftain defense was ran through, thrown over, and pretty much beaten like a red-headed step-child. The Logan defense yielded a disappointing 393 yards, including Adam Van Dyke's 158 yards on 16 carries.

Logan started the game off on a great play. It came surprisingly enough on the opening kickoff, which hit a Nelsonville blocker and landed inside the arms of a Chieftain defender. Logan took over on the Nelsonville 49 yard line. It set the Chiefs up for a score.

Except the offense stalled, and the Chiefs were forced to punt. But a great punt by Jonathan Phippen buried the Buckeyes inside their own 5-yard line. The Logan defense held Nelsonville to a rare 3 and out, and after a shanked punt; Logan took over on the Nelsonville 19. It set Logan up for a recurring scenario: Austin Rohr breaking away for a TD. The first play from scrimmage gave Austin Rohr his first TD of the 2002 season, and put the Chieftains on top 7-0.

But Nelsonville began a recurring theme as well. They would scrap back. The Buckeyes would drive down the field in 2:00 minutes behind big runs by Adam Van Dyke. The tailback pranced in from 11 yards out to even the score at 7 after a PAT by Jason Meade.

Logan added another TD on their next possession, after a good drive featuring Dave Ellis's arm and the legs of Austin Rohr, Rohr capped off the drive with an 8 yard TD scamper. The PAT would be missed though, and the first quarter ended with the Chiefs on top 13-7.

The scoring didn't stop there. Austin Rohr pounded in his third early in the second quarter, going 64 yards for his third score. Adam Van Dyke though tried to equal Rohr, going 62 yards on on a pass from Jason Meade to put the Buckeyes back within 6 at 19-13. Rohr added his fourth TD with 7 minutes to go in the half, and after scoring from 26 yards out added the 2-point conversion putting Logan on top 27-13 at the half.

If Logan felt comfortable at the half, the opening kick-off would once again be an exciting play for the Chieftains. This time it was Sophomore WR/DB B.J. Hughes. Hughes took the opening Kick-Off 80-yards weaving in and out of would be tacklers, adding the Chieftains next score. Logan led at that point 33-13. The Buckeyes then proceeded to turn the ball over on their next two possessions.

Rohr's final TD came after the second of two NY fumbles. Rohr capitalized on good field position and scored from 15-yards out. Pippen added the extra point to put Logan on top 40-13. Once again, the Buckeyes would not go away. Blake Kline beat DB Stephen Caron, and went 84-yards off a pass from Meade.

Logan's final TD came off a long time consuming drive with a little over six minutes to play in the game. Junior Steve Call rumbled in from 1 yard out, ending a big night by the Logan offense.

Dave Ellis looked much better in his second game as a starter, and had an outstanding night. Ellis was 10-14 for 133 yards and no interceptions. His main target was the 6'7 Jason Dicken of course. Dicken caught 6 passes for 108 yards.

Austin Rohr as mentioned had a break-out night as well. Rohr was outstanding running behind an offensive line who did their job, and then some. Rohr toted the pigskin 26 times for 242 yards and 5 TDs and one 2-point conversion.

The Buckeyes were led by Adam Van Dyke's 158 yards on 16 carries. Jason Meade rushed 9 times for 46 yards, and threw 15 times, completing 5 of them for 179 yards. Blake Kline caught three Meade passes for 106 yards.

Logan returns to action next Friday when they visit the Blue Devils of Zanesville. The Blue Devils lost to their rivals, the Newark Wildcats 26-9. The Buckeyes will be on the road as well when they visit Fairfield Union.

Logan Stretches Winning Streak VS Zanesville to Four Games

By Spencer Waugh

ZANESVILLE - There was a time when the Logan-Zanesville game was all but a sure loss for the Logan football program. Zanesville rolled to an 8-0 series record prior to the 1999 meeting. Then Wayne Bateman led Logan to a 20-14 OT victory, and since then, the rivalry has been ALL Logan.

Friday night was proof of that. A rebuilding team from Logan took it to the Blue Devils of Zanesville, rolling up 383 yards of total offense, while limiting the Blue Devils to just 182 yards. It was by far the best effort of the young 2002 season for the Chieftains.

The game started surprisingly similar to the week two win at Nelsonville. The Chieftains were able to capitalize on a Zanesville fumble on the kick-off, and Logan was in business. The Chieftains took the ball over 50-yards in nine plays. The drive culminated in an 18-yard Ellis to Dicken TD Pass. Pippen's PAT put the Chieftains on top 7-0.

Neither team was able to score until late in the half. The Blue Devils and Chieftains punted back and forth, gaining various amounts of yards in between. Logan's Josh Sturgell came up with a huge diving interception to stop one of the Zanesville threats.

The Logan defense faltered right before halftime though. The Chieftains allowed the Blue Devils to drive down the field, and pretty much bull their way into the end zone in a drive that ended with QB Jordan Young's 3-yard TD plunge. Jordan Lear, who missed a long field goal earlier in the game, nailed the PAT to even the score with 1:14 left in the first half.

Logan's two-minute offense Completed several passes, and Logan go all the way inside the Blue Devil forty yard line. But an offensive pass interference call stopped the drive. Logan punted away with two seconds to go. The two teams went to the locker room even at seven.

Logan made two statements early in the second half that distanced them from the Blue Devils. First, Logan went 80-yards in 13 plays straight out of the locker room, and took a 13-7 lead on a 12-yard TD pass from Ellis to Dicken. The Pippen PAT put Logan on top 14-7. But the ensuing defensive stand really put the Chiefs over the top.

A gamble by Coach John Lucas of Zanesville enabled the Chiefs to pull away. On fourth and one from the Zanesville 29, the Chieftain defense made a stop in the backfield to take over on downs at the Zanesville 28 yard line. Austin Rohr picked up three yards, and on the second play of the drive Ellis found Senior Brandon Metzler for a 24-yard TD pass. Once again it was Pippen booting the PAT, and Logan led 21-7.

Zanesville answered with a TD on their following drive though. The Blue Devils scored on a 3-yard TD run by Brandon Wallace with 10:30 to go. The Jordan Lear PAT was good, and the 64-yard 12 play drive was over.

Logan had one more answer. I guess you could call Austin Rohr the answer man. Rohr ripped the Zanesville defense for a 76-yard TD run just 25 seconds later, and Logan had a cushion once the Phippen PAT was through. Logan led 28-14. It was all they would need.

Logan's defense would put the clamps on the Zanesville offense in the final 10:00 minutes of the football game. The Chieftains physically dominated Zanesville until time ran out. Logan could have easily scored one more TD late in the fourth quarter, but chose to take a knee instead, ending the blood-letting.

Logan rolled up a great night statistically. Perhaps no one's stats looked better than Senior QB David Ellis. Ellis completed 14 of his 23 passes. Those fourteen completions went to seven receivers for 211 yards and 3 TDs.

Jason Dicken was the big receiver; catching 4 balls for 83 yards and 2 TDs. Sophomore B.J. Hughes was the high catch man, pulling in 5 passes for 62 yards. Two other "Super Sophs" caught passes as well. Patrick Howe had one grab for 4-yards, and TE Cole Resler snared one ball for eleven yards.

Austin Rohr continued his great start for 2002. The junior carried 23 times, gaining 151-yards including a 76-yard TD run.

Logan will return to action Friday, when Jackson comes to town for the first SEOAL contest of the season for both squads. Jackson will come in 2-1. The Ironmen pulled out a 28-27 win over Wellston in week one and a 33-6 thumping of Vinton County on Friday. The Ironmen lost a disappointing game to Waverly in week two 42-7. The Ironmen are led by a strong O-Line, a stable of backs, and Sophomore QB Jared Humphries. Kick-Off is slated for 7:30 on the Hilltop.

Chieftains Take First Step Toward Defending their SEOAL Title

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - Austin "Hardcore" Rohr. Those three words could pretty much sum up the game plan for the Logan offense on Friday Night. The junior tailback rushed for 219 yards on 35 carries, adding 3 TDs on the ground. That wasn't all. Rohr also was responsible for Logan's other score, a 15-yard TD screen pass from David Ellis. Rohr finished with 2 receptions for 22 yards. Rohr had a 54 yard TD catch called back due to a questionable clipping call.

It certainly time for the SEOAL to hear Austin "Rohr."

Things didn't start out well for Logan. The Chieftains allowed the Ironmen to run over the defense, as they moved 63 yards in 7 plays, culminating with a Tyler Baisden 11-yard rumble. The Eric Adridge PAT pushed the Ironmen to the lead 7-0.

But Logan would come right back with an impressive drive of their own. Behind the arm of Dave Ellis and the legs of Austin Rohr, Logan chewed up 6:00 minutes on the clock, and moved 65-yards on 13 plays. Rohr ended the drive with a 2-Yard TD lunge. The Jonathan Phippen kick evened the score at 7. That's where things would stand after one quarter of play.

Logan exploded in the second quarter. The Chieftains converted on good field position for the first TD of the quarter. Phippen pinned the Ironmen deep, well inside the 2-yard line, and the Chieftain defense held for a 3 and out. After a descent punt return, Logan was in business. On the second play from scrimmage Austin Rohr caught a Dave Ellis screen pass and took it the entire 15 yards to put Logan on top 13-7. The Logan PAT would sail wide left, leaving the score at 13-7.

The third Logan TD of the quarter came off an Austin Rohr 57-yard TD run. Rohr made nice cuts and bowled over anyone left in his path as Logan stretched their advantage to 19-7. A screen pass from Ellis to FB Steve Call put Logan on top 21-7 before halftime.

The Ironmen made Logan work to hold onto the lead in the second half. An interception by Jackson Soph. QB/S Jared Humphries set the Ironmen up. After a deep pass put Jackson inside the 10-yard line, Humphries finished the drive off himself from 1-yard out. Logan led 21-13 after the Jackson PAT attempt fell short.

Logan wasn't done yet on offense. Logan chewed up another 5 minutes of clock thanks to runs from Rohr, and Logan marched 75 yards in 11 plays for their final score of the evening. A 4-yard Austin Rohr run put Logan on top 27-13, and the Phippen PAT ended the scoring with the Chiefs on top 28-13.

The Logan defense would hold on to win the game. The Chieftains allowed just 92 yards on the ground for the game. But Sophomore QB Jared Humphries was 9-29 for 135 yards. He was intercepted twice and completed passes to 5 different receivers.

Logan was paced by Rohr as mentioned above, but Steve Call added 21 yards on 4 carries and Josh Bailey added 6 yards on 3 carries. Both players split time at Fullback.

Dave Ellis was 6-13 on the night for 58 yards. He threw for one TD, while being intercepted for the first time in his career. Ellis wasn't as sharp tonight, but with Rohr running the way he did Friday, it was hard to notice. Jason Dicken led Logan with 3 receptions for 32 yards. B.J. Hughes added one catch for four yards.

Logan will return to action Friday when they travel to Columbus St. Francis DeSales. It will be Logan's final non-league tilt. The Stallions are rated Number one in Division Three, with wins over 3 D1 schools in the first 3 weeks. Friday night they defeated defending Kentucky big-school state champ Covington Catholic 34-6. Kick-Off is slated for 7:30. The Ironmen will host their rival Gallia Academy.

Desales Stops Logan in Mudbowl, Wins 13-00

By Spencer Waugh

COLUMBUS - It's true. When it rains, it pours. Before a smaller than expected crowd, the Logan Chieftains and DeSales Stallions competed in a mud pit, pitching man against man. But when it came down to the final bell, turnovers and a tenacious Stallion defense would prove to be too much for the Chieftains.

The Stallions would fumble the ball 9 times, but lost just two of those. On the other side of the field Logan would fumble just twice, but lost them both. The difference? The Stallions were able to intercept David Ellis 3 times, including twice on the goal line to keep Logan off the board.

The first half was played to a near stalemate. Neither side could move the ball in the wind and rain they were faced with. DeSales did manage one score. Following an Austin Rohr fumble on the Logan 21 yard line, DeSales used 4 plays to get down to the goal line. From their FB Luther Henderson bulled his way in from one yard out, and the PAT put the Stallions on top 7-0.

Logan put together one good drive as the half wore down. The Chieftains were able to drive inside the 10-yard line and take over on first and goal. But the Stallion "D" put the clamps down. The running game was shut down, as it was all night by the swarming Stallion Defense. The aerial game could put the ball in the end zone either, as a desperation Ellis heave was intercepted ending Logan's first half hopes.

At halftime the rain stopped, but it would take two days for the field to be playable again. Instead of hearing the sounds of pounding pads on Friday, all you could hear was the sound of squishing feet in the mud. DeSales ground-attack, led by Dino Razzano and Luther Henderson just pounded away at the Logan "D," chewing up clock and yards at the same time.

Desales put together the only real scoring drive of the night, a 55-yard drive that culminated in a Dino Razzano 4-yard scamper. The PAT attempt was blocked by the Chieftains. Logan would drive inside the 10-yard line once more, and once again have a first and goal. The field position came after an errant snap on a DeSales punt attempt. Once again the DeSales "D" would prove to be too much. They shut down the Logan offense, getting a big sack of Dave Ellis, and the last pass of the drive would wind up in the arms of a Stallion defender.

When it was all said and done, DeSales had a hard-fought 13-0 victory. A moral victory for the Chiefs? Coach Amyx says those don't exist. Logan was beaten by a better team on Friday night.

The Stallions gained 230 yards on the ground, while completing just one pass for 28 yards. Logan was held to just 76 yards of total offense. 60 of those came on the ground, compared to 16 yards on 3 completions.

Austin Rohr rushed 16 times for 53 yards for Logan. Steve Call carried 6 times for 20. For DeSales, Dino Razzano was the man gaining 139 yards on 19 carries. FB Luther Henderson rushed 21 times for 91 yards.

Logan falls to 3-2 (1-0) on the year. The Chieftains will be at home on Friday for a homecoming match-up with Warren. The Warriors are struggling this year, and are off to an 0-5 start. They were thumped by Athens Friday 60-13. The top-ranked Stallions improved to 5-0, and will play their first league game next Friday against 5-0 Columbus St. Charles.

Chiefs Run over Warriors 53-7

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - Logan celebrated Homecoming 2002 in fine fashion on Friday night. The Chieftains bounced back from last week's 13-0 shut-out at DeSales to dominate every facet of their game with Warren. The Warriors continued their downward skid with their six consecutive loss and 4th consecutive game in which the opponent has scored over 50 points.

The Logan defense set the tone for the football game. The Warriors were held to no first downs and just 18 yards of total offense in the first half. The Warriors were forced into 3 and out after 3 and out, while Logan was able to execute and move the ball up and down the field.

Logan started off the scoring with just under 10 minutes to go in the first period. A Dave Ellis pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage, tipped by another Warren defender, and then tipped by Brandon Metzler into his own hands. Metzler then raced the remaining 30 yards to give him a 38-yard TD catch. The PAT would be no good, and Logan would lead 6-0.

Logan's second series resulted in the first of 4 Austin Rohr TD sprints. This one, a 21-yard jaunt with 5:34 to go in the first quarter put the Chiefs on top 12-0. Because of the conditions, Logan elected to go for 2 instead of kick, but Austin Rohr was denied on the goal line. He added his third with :07 left in the first as well, this time from seven yards out. Another 2-point conversion would be stopped. Logan led 18-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was more of the same, as the Logan offense and defense continued to dominate. Logan Logan added their 4th TD with 5 minutes to go in the half when Rohr added his third TD, this time from one yard out. Dave Ellis found FB Steve Call for the two point conversion. Logan found pay dirt one more time in the half. LB Josh Sturgell picked off the first of two passes on the night. He returned this one 37-yards for the first TD of his varsity career. Logan led 32-0 at the intermission.

On the first play of the second half, Austin Rohr raced 45 yards for his fourth and final TD. The run gave Rohr 135 yards on 19 carries. Pippen added his first PAT of the night, and Logan led 39-0. That would be the last series for the first team Logan offense.

5 minutes later Sophomore QB Corey Spackey scored his first varsity TD, racing 36-yards on a bootleg for the score. A pass attempt failed on the two point conversion, and the chiefs led 45-0. Finally though, the Warren offense would move the ball. Scott Alloway, the Warren FB plowed in from 6-yards out, and Adam Schaad added the PAT to bring the game to 45-7.

Spackey wasn't finished though, after a 15 yard gain by Justin Pack the sophomore scored again from 3-yards out. Sophomore fullback Ryan Kemper was able to add the 2-point conversion. The TD ended all scoring, with Logan leading 53-7.

Logan finished with 305 total yards of offense, 260 of those coming on the ground. Logan threw just 5 passes, completing four of them. Warren was held to 108 yards, gaining 73 of those threw

the air on 19 passes. Warren was plagued by 5 turnovers. Logan intercepted 3 Carson Leach passes and the Warriors lost two fumbles as well.

Logan improves to 2-0 in SEOAL, and 4-2 overall. The Warriors fall to 0-6 overall and 0-2 inside the SEOAL. Logan returns to action next week when they host the Big Blacks of Point Pleasant. Point Pleasant defeated Winfield (WV) 26-6 on Friday night.

Chieftains Use Big Fourth Quarter to KO Black Knights

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - For Logan, the lightning struck quick. For the third straight week Logan was forced to play on field short on traction and long on mud. But Logan seemed unfazed by the conditions, while Point Pleasant was plagued by turnovers all night, and ran away with a 40-7 win.

Point Pleasant fumbled on their first series, giving Logan the ball inside the red-zone to start the game. Logan took the first play of the game 17-yards on a Josh Bailey run and went to the house. The Chieftains led 7-0 after Jonathan Phippen's PAT cleared the uprights.

That was just the start. On Point's second possession, the snap on their punt attempt sailed over the punter's head. He made a nice play to get the punt off in the back of the end zone, but it gave Logan great field position. They would capitalize, this time they would get their second TD of the game on their second play on offense. This time Austin Rohr would scamper 17-yards and the Phippen PAT made it 14-0 in favor of the Chieftains. Logan would add one more TD in the first quarter. This time it wouldn't be the first play of a drive, but the second. Austin Rohr ripped off his second TD run of the night, this time from 55-yards out and the Chieftains were on top 21-0 after the Phippen PAT.

All in all, Logan had gained 91 yards on their first 4 plays, including 3 touchdowns. Logan led 21-0 just 5 minutes into the contest. From there on, both teams would settle and things were a little saner. Still, Point would be forced into 7 fumbles on the night, losing of them. Logan added TDs early in the second and third quarters. Early in the second it was Austin Rohr from one yard out, adding his third and final TD of the day. Early in the fourth it was Dave Ellis's first TD, this one from one-yard out. The Phippen PAT on Ellis's ran was blocked. The Chiefs led 34-0 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter Logan tacked one on early, as backup TB Justin Pack chewed up nice yardage, gaining 19 yards on 5 carries for the game. He scored the final Logan TD of the night from four yards out. The two point conversion attempt was stopped cold.

Point added a TD on the Logan JVs late in the game when Nick Thompson found Nic Dalton in the end zone for a 19-yard yard TD pass.

All in all, the Logan defense played one of their better games of the season. The interior defensive linemen, Hickory Ogle, Kasey Yates, and Tyler Wadsworth have gotten better every game and are really starting to cause problems for opposing O-Lines. The Defensive Ends, who have been hit by injury, have also stayed consistent. Josh Jarrell has learned the position well, and the other D-Ends have stepped up as well. Since Dicken went out Tyler Ackison, Noah Yates, and Matt Carlton have stepped up and made some big stops as well.

The Logan O-Line deserves props as well. The group has really grown since the debacle VS New Lex. Senior Tackles Emerson and Edgar have prove to be solid bookends. Kevin Rinehart, Tyler Wadsworth, and Sophomore Jared Walton have really made their presence felt as well.

Logan returns to action of Friday when they host the hated rivals from Athens for Senior Night. The Bulldogs lost for just the second time during 2002 at home against Portsmouth on Friday 22-00. Game time is slated for 7:30.

Rivalry Game Lives Up to the Hype

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - It was a much anticipated, much talked about match-up. It was billed as a "renewal" for Logan's most hated rival. And the 2002 edition of the Logan/Athens shoot-out lived up to its billing. But when the dust settled, Logan had extended their SEOAL winning streak to 26 games by defeating the Bulldogs 6-0. And while Athens offense was the talk during the week, the Bulldog "defense" really gave the Bulldogs their opportunity to win.

The Chieftains and Bulldogs played to a stalemate through three quarters. But the Bulldogs wasted plenty of first half opportunities. The Bulldogs were blessed early, when a short Logan kick-off gave the Bulldogs excellent field position. The Bulldogs kept Logan playing the Long field most of the night, and it took its toll on the Logan offense.

The Chieftain defense on the other hand, was phenomenal. Time and again they were put into horrible positions, and time and again they kept the Bulldogs out of the end zone. The DLine put the clamps on Grant Gregory, Chris Hewitt, and the rest of the Bulldog rushing attack. Five sacks helped slow down the Bulldogs threw the air. Gregory finished just 7-23 for 78 yards in the football game. He was held to -14 yards rushing in the game. Chris Hewitt, the Bulldogs leading rusher, carried the ball just 9 times for 49 yards.

Logan used just one play to win the football game. Early in the fourth quarter, with the score deadlocked, one of the lone Bulldog defensive mistakes doomed Athens. DB Chris Hewitt slipped while in coverage of Logan WR Brandon Metzler, and Dave Ellis was able to hook up with Metzler for a 40-yard TD pass to win the game. Athens was able to block the Logan PAT attempt.

The Logan offense ground out 246 total yards of offense, but between sloppy field conditions and playing the long field, the Chieftains found it tough putting the ball in the end zone. Athens, who also fought the rough field conditions, managed just 121 yards playing the shorter field.

Austin Rohr led the Chieftain ground game, gaining 147 yards on 28 carries. Rohr was plagued by 2 fumbles, but one came on an OUTSTANDING hit by Athens's safety Grant Gregory. Steve Call added 41 yards on 7 carries, and Josh Bailey added 27 on 5. Bailey and Call split time at Fullback.

Dave Ellis struggled throwing the ball, completing only 5 of 12 passes for 68 yards and a TD. But Ellis completed the one that counted, and did a good job picking a couple of first downs on the ground. First year player Brandon Metzler, a senior, caught three passes for 54 yards and a TD. TE Cole Resler caught one pass for 10 yards.

The Logan offensive and defensive lines deserve praise as well. The O-Line did a great job opening holes for the backs, and was awesome in short yardage situations. The D-Line kept pressure on Gregory all night, sacking him 5 times. They also did a great job making plays in the backfield.

Logan now has to return to the practice field, and prepare for the two biggest games of the season. The Chiefs will visit 7-1 (4-1) Marietta this Friday, and 7-1 (4-0) Gallia Academy in week 10. The Tigers nearly upset the Chieftains on homecoming in 2001. Chad Kratzenburg's TD pass to Jeremy Coakley with 2:00 minutes to go helped Logan stay undefeated with a 10-6 win. The Tigers are hungry for revenge. Kick-Off is slated for 7:30 down on the river.

Marietta Snaps Logan's 26 Game SEOAL Win Streak

By Spencer Waugh

MARIETTA - Refuse to Lose. That motto's worked for Logan in every SEOAL game since week 9 of the 1998 season.

Tonight, Marietta tried it on for size.

The Tigers have had this date circled on their calendar since week 8 of the 2001 season. On that night the Marietta Tigers led the Chieftains 6-3 with 2:00 to go on the hilltop. The end of that game is history. Friday Night the Tigers took the lead by scoring quickly. History repeats itself.

The Tigers came out quick, driving 60 plus yards on their first drive. The bulk of those yards came on Marietta's first play from scrimmage when Adam Miller picked 40+ yards on a sweep. We'd see that play again, and again.

The Tigers scored on 4th and goal from the one when Tiger QB Marcus Groves snuck in the end zone. The PAT put the Tigers on top 7-0.

Lightning can strike twice. On Logan's second play from scrimmage, Dave Ellis's first pass was intercepted by Tiger LB Jason Watkins and returned to the house, putting the Tigers on top 13-0. Logan blocked the PAT. It wouldn't matter though, the Tigers had more than enough.

The ball game was a defensive struggle the rest of the night. The Chieftain offense gained just 34 yards in the first half, and gained only 1 first down in the first half.

Logan's first half possessions resulted in an INT, PUNT, PUNT, PUNT, Blocked Punt, and the last was one play as time expired.

The third quarter saw Logan waste its best opportunity to score. Marietta was stopped on 4 and short on their own 30, and Logan took advantage of the big defensive play. Thanks to Austin Rohr, Steve Call, and a Personal Foul Penalty, Logan got as far as the two yard line. But a 15 yard personal foul penalty pushed Logan back, and really ended the threat.

The Tiger Defense held strong, and held on for the win.

Logan was held to just 129 yards on 41 plays for the night. By contrast, the Tigers gained 287 yards 262 of those coming on the ground. Adam Miller toted the pigskin 14 times for 113 yards. Tyler Kelly added 100 on 23 carries, and Cameron Amigo had 28 on 8 carries.

Congrats to Marietta for breaking the streak by playing an excellent football game. The Tigers were the better team tonight, and it showed all night long.

Gallipolis Steals Logan Share of the SEOAL Title

By Spencer Waugh

GALLIPOLIS - Gallia Academy, true to championship form, found a way to win. The Chieftains, winners of 6 straight games VS Gallia Academy, winners of 4 straight SEOAL titles, and the only team to beat Gallia Academy in the SEOAL the past 3 seasons, led the Blue Devils 3-0 with three minutes to go. Then Gallia Academy did what they had to do to win. They made a big play. DB Cole Haggerty picked off Logan's Dave Ellis and proceeded to return the ball 55-yards for the game winning touchdown.

The Logan defense played their game of the season. The Chieftains did again. This season Logan has held the league's two top scoring offenses to zero points. But once again, the Logan offense struggled against a solid defense.

Logan had two scoring opportunities in the second quarter after neither team did much in the first quarter. The first field goal attempt ended in a botched snap. Kicker Jonathan Phippen raced toward the end zone, but was stopped short. At the end of the first half, Austin Rohr ripped off a 51-yard run that got Logan inside the 20-yard line. A 36-yard Jonathan Phippen field goal ended the half with Logan on top 3-0. It looked like that would be enough.

Logan had one other opportunity in the third quarter. A nice drive came down to a 4 and 1 from the Gallia 25-yard line. But Gallia's defense sniffed out a Dave Ellis QB sneak, and the drive ended.

Gallia's only real threat came midway through the fourth period. Gallia Academy blocked a Josh Sturgell punt and recovered on the Logan 12-yard line. Ty Simmons pushed to the 6 yard line on 1st down, and to the 5 on second. On third down though, the Chieftain "D" caused a fumble, and DB Patrick Howe pounced on it, keeping Logan's lead alive.

Logan's offense gained 218 yards of offense. Only 26 of those came through the air on 3 of 10 passing. Austin Rohr was his usual dominating self. Rohr carried the pigskin 30 times for 150 yards. Unfortunately for Logan, he failed to reach the end zone for the third straight game. Steve Call carried 11 times for 40 yards. Call also caught 2 passes for 11 yards.

The Blue Devils "O" was held to just 148 total yards. Travis McKinniss completed just 5-15 passes for 61 yards. Ty Simmons, the league's leading rusher, was held to just 80 yards on 21 carries. Simmons had averaged nine yards per carry coming into the game.

Congratulations for Gallia Academy and Marietta for sharing the SEOAL Championship in 2002.

To the LHS Seniors, thank you for another great season of Logan football. You've been a part of some of the highest highs, and unfortunately you've now learned how it feels to be a part of some of the lows. But you have no reason to hang your heads. Some of you were called to do some things you hadn't planned on; some of you may have lost starting spots to younger kids. But none

of you quit, and you made the school and community proud to call you "Chieftains." A thanks in large part to you and your successes, the bar at LHS has now been risen. The expectations are high - Win the SEOAL, Make the Playoffs, Finish 10-0. These standards have come as a result of your success. Take pride in them, and remember you had a fine career while wearing the purple and white.