

Chiefs come up just short at Fulton Field

By Spencer Waugh

Lancaster - Friday nights Varsity football opener was another hard fought contest in a fiercely competitive renewed rivalry. Lancaster moved it's record to 1-0 on the season, thanks to the swift-footed Josh Figgins. Figgins, a senior captain returned a Jesse Wilson punt 57-yards before being knocked out of bounds by Wilson on the 5-yard line. The return set up the only score of the football game.

The contest was plagued by turnovers and inconsistency on the offensive side of the football. Logan and Lancaster combined for 5 fumbles and two interceptions. Logan was victimized by 3 lost fumbles, a big factor in their heartbreaking loss. During one segment late in the third quarter, the teams traded turnovers on three straight plays. Lancaster fumbled on the their own 44-yard line, but fumbled on a run of 9 yards and Logan made the recovery at their 44-yard line. A fumbled snap turned the ball right back over to the Golden Gales. The comedy of errors wouldn't end there, as Logan's Josh Clifton picked off a deep ball destined for Figgins. Logan was unable to capitalize however, being forced to punt after just 3 plays.

Logan's offense ran 51 plays to Lancaster's 48, but neither offense put together a winning effort. The longest drive of the game was a 9-play drive by Logan midway through the fourth quarter. Logan also had an eight yard drive, while Lancaster's longest effort was 6-play drive, which the equaled three times.

Logan's best scoring opportunity came early in the third quarter. Logan's Sophomore quarterback, Michael Angle, connected with SR Nick Walter down the Logan sideline for 54-yards. Coakley followed up the reception with 2 long runs, and Logan was set with a 2nd and 1 from the Lancaster 6-yard line. Angle recovered his own fumble on 2nd down, and Kevin Call was stopped for a one yard gain on third down. Logan, faced with a 4th and one from the Lancaster 6, went for the endzone. Senior Kevin Call plunged over right guard and nearly crossed the five yard line, but after the pile cleared Logan was just short of a first down.

Lancaster's TD followed Figgins punt return, as Ryan Marcus scored on the first play following the return. Marcus overpowered Logan's Clifton to put the Gales on top. Lancaster had one other scoring opportunity. Marcus ripped off a 31-yard run to get inside the Logan 25-yard line, but the Chiefs stopped the Gales on a fourth down option play that was defended perfectly by DE Michael Sexton.

It was a great effort by two defense who will have a lot of success this season. Lancaster's Ryan Marcus led both teams, rushing 25 times for 121 yards and a TD. Justin Coakley led Logan, gaining 45 yards on 10 carries. Jay Stoughton, the Lancaster quarterback, efficiently ran for 17-yards on 6 carries. Stoughton completed only 2 of 6 passes for just 9

yards. Michael Angle had a strong debut, completing 7-15 passes for 92 yards. Angle was intercepted on the final play of regulation on a desperation heave. Nick Walter made 2 catches for 61 yards and Sophomore Lucas Wright made 3 catches for 17 yards.

Lancaster will travel to Massillon Jackson on Friday, while Logan will make their home debut for the Annual Hall of Fame game match-up. Former Volleyball coach Deb Angle, football and track standout Mark Armstrong, baseball star Bob Burton, and football standout John Cosgrove will all be inducted into the LHS Athletics Hall of Fame. Kick-off is slated for 7:30 at Bill Sauer Field.

Wild and Wacky night at Bill Sauer Field ends in 29-23 Logan Victory

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - In one of the crazier nights in recent history at Bill Sauer Field, a young purple and white squad overcame bad breaks and adversity to even their season record at .500. Logan overcame four turnovers, including 2 fumbles in the final five minutes to secure their first victory of the 2005 season.

Chillicothe took an early 16-0 thanks to 3 Chieftain mistakes, 2 of those coming on special teams. The Cavs took a 16-0 lead just seconds into the second quarter, thanks to a 2-yard run by senior fullback Andrew Fogel. The Cavaliers ran only 5 plays and gained less than 10-yards on their way to the three score lead. Chillicothe got started when Sophomore Anthony "Humpty" Hitchens jumped in front of a Michael Angle pass and returned it 72 yards for the Chillicothe TD. The Chiefs had move the ball to the 28 yard line, over 50 yards, and all the yardage coming on the ground.

Chillicothe increased the lead to 9-0 on a safety after a bad snap sailed over Jesse Wilson's head and into the endzone. Wilson alertly sent kicked the ball out of the back of the endzone for a safety. The free kick was the second special teams mishap, Chillicothe's Kevin Bass returned Jake Bowling's kick 59-yards to the Logan four, setting up Fogel's TD.

The Chieftains displayed tremendous backbone following the early onslaught, and stuck to their game plan. Kevin Call and Justin Coakley followed the O-Line to almost 300 yards rushing. Bruce Lehman, Jesse Wilson, Nick Amyx, Bryce Bumgardner, Jon Spoh, and Tony Ellis all deserve credit for the purple and white domination. Logan's first TD came on a 31-yard run by Call. Kevin beat the CHS linebackers to the corner, and raced to the endzone to cut the lead to 16-7 after the Hubbard PAT.

The LHS "D" held Chilli to a three and out, and put together another TD drive. This time, it was Coakley striking from 8-yards out. A bad snap on the PAT turned into 2 points for LHS when Nick Walter connected with Ellis for two points. The play was poetic justice for a Logan team that saw last seasons game won by CHS on a botched PAT that turned into the decisive two-point conversion. Logan finally benefited from a Cavalier mistake on the ensuing kick-off. Sophomore Lucas Wright stripped Bass and Jake Bowling made the recovery and put the Chieftains in business near midfield.

Logan drove inside the 5-yard line, but were held on third down. However, with momentum on their side, LHS punched it in from one yard out on 4th down thanks to a punishing run by Coakley. Hubbard's PAT gave Logan a 22-16 lead going into the locker room.

The third quarter slowed the scoring down, but LHS would score again on another fourth

down attempt. By this time, Senior Captain Kevin Call was out of the game due to a shoulder strain. Michael Angle made sure Logan wouldn't need him by connecting with fellow Sophomore Lucas Wright for a 20-yard touchdown on one of the best TD passes seen on Bill Sauer Field in recent memory. It was the first of something that could be a common occurrence..... $23+7=6$.

The score was Logan's last, and gave the Chiefs a 29-16 lead with under four minutes to play in the third quarter. Logan however, was plagued by butterfingers the rest of the contest, and gave Chillicothe three more chances to win the football game.

Junior Flanker Josh Clifton fumbled a reverse inside the Logan five yard line put CHS in scoring opportunity. Chillicothe QB Chris Givens got Chillicothe back in the game, taking a draw play to the endzone for 3-yards. Blankenship's PAT cut Logan's lead to six with over 10-minutes to play. Without Kevin Call, the LHS faithful got nervous.

However, Justin Coakley and Adam Stohs worked together to grind time off the clock. However, a couple of fumbles, one by each running back, gave CHS more than enough opportunities to win. However, a Chillicothe fumble and a Nick Walter interception saved the win for the Chieftains.

Kevin Call left the game with just over 4 minutes to play in the third quarter, and his status for next week is unknown. Call carried the ball 25 times for 164 yards and a TD. He also caught one pass for six yards. Justin Coakley carried the ball 30 times for 127 yards, including two touchdowns. Angle finished 2 of 6 for 26 yards and a touchdown to go with one interception.

Chillicothe's Chris Givens and Derek Beverly stood out in the football game, but the CHS offense just wasn't consistent enough to win the football game. Kevin Bass showed flashes of brilliance, gaining 64 yards on 11 carries and Givens added 32 yards on 8 carries, including several late sacks.

Logan's Stephen Spears was a big reason for Logan's defensive dominance, as they held CHS to 136 total yards of offense.

Logan will be home again next week as they host the Panthers of Pickerington North (1-1) at Bill Sauer Field. Kick-off is slated for 7:30 and the Alumni Cheerleaders will entertain football fans during the game.

Hubbard's Field Goal Lifts Logan Past Pickerington North

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - The last time a Logan team kicked a late game field goal for a win was 1989, when Jim Redd's 18-yard kick lifted Logan to a 9-7 win over Gallia Academy. Friday night, Logan's Alex Hubbard calmly split the uprights from 23-yards away, securing Logan's second win of the season. Logan led the game throughout, but a strong fourth quarter from the Panthers forced the Chiefs to kick for the win late in the game.

Logan's offense played well from the outset, picking up huge chunks of yardage on sweeps and draws by Kevin Call. The Logan offensive line has really hit it's stride the last two weeks. Logan scored on it's first possession, with Kevin Call scoring from 11 yards out to give the Chiefs a 7-0 lead.

Logan's defense played a great game as well. Adam Stohs and Cameron Kiger were two of the key stoppers, with the Senior and Junior respectively recording big time stops. North QB Mark Galvin could never get on track thanks to the unrelenting pressure of the Logan defense. North did threaten twice in the first half. The first time, a 46-yard pass from Galvin to the big freshman fullback Boren, put the Panthers in the redzone. The LHS defense stood tall, with standing the Panthers offense and a 40-yard field goal attempt fell wide right and short.

The Logan offense increased it's lead in the second quarter, this time an 18-play drive set up Logan's second score. The drive culminated with Coakley plowing into the endzone on fourth down to give Logan a comfortable 14-0 lead. North finished the half on a roll, once again getting inside the Chieftain 20-yard line. Junior Corner Josh Clifton made the key defensive play on the drive, batting down a Galvin pass on fourth down that helped Logan take the 14-0 lead to the locker room.

The Panthers came out fired up to start the third quarter, and forced Logan into a three and out on their first series. The Panthers wasted little time in striking offensively. North used a double-hand-off reverse on their second play, and Pickerington's Tyler Campbell carried the ball 28 yards to cut the Logan lead in half.

Logan's offense answered the bell. Using another dose of Kevin Call, the Chiefs set off on a 15-play drive that lasted over seven minutes. The key play in the drive was a play-action pass to Senior fullback Adam Stohs. Kevin Call capped the drive with a 5-yard touchdown run and increased Logan's lead to 21-7.

North's big Freshman fullback Zach Boren started to make an impact, as the Panther's marched over 70-yards to cut the lead to 7 once again. Boren picked up the bulk of the yardage on the drive, which culminated with Galvin connecting with tight end Brett

McEvoy from 9-yards out. The Panthers now stood just 7 points from a tie ball game.

Logan lost Junior G/DT Bryce Bumgardner on their next series to an unknown leg injury. The word is the Bummy may be out for this week's game with Zanesville, but could be back in time for the Gahanna-Lincoln game in two weeks. Logan was stopped on 3rd and one from their own 40, and were forced to punt the ball to the Panthers. It was then that the game saw it's first turnover. Logan recovered a fumble inside their own territory, and appeared to have gotten the break they needed to win the game. However, just 3 plays later Coakley returned the favor, and the Panthers were ready to tie the score.

Zach Boren was able to take advantage of a tired Logan defense, using his 255lbs body to drag Logan defenders. Boren helped the Panthers to the Logan 4-yard line. A sack of Galvin pushed the Panther's back to the 8-yard line, but the Senior quarterback scored on the next play on a sweep to tie the score. Kevin Lewis's third PAT did the trick, and overtime looked like the likely result.

Logan had other plans. Taking the ball with only 2:30 to play, Logan began an 80-yard drive that would end with Hubbard's field goal. A draw play from Call and a 12-yard pass from Michael Angle to Kevin Call set up the play of the game. On third and 9 from the Panther 44-yard line, Angle connected with Sophomore Lucas Wright in the flat, who threw a pass down to Senior Nick Walter on the North 5-yard line. With 30 seconds to play, Logan was within 5-yards of the winning score. The Chiefs ran Coakley to the middle of the field to get a better angle for the kick. Senior Alex Hubbard trotted out and nailed his first career field goal attempt.

North got off two desperation passes in the final 11 seconds, but neither was completed and the Chieftains won to go above .500 for the first time since 2003. Logan got great efforts all around. Call led all rushers with 176 yards on 30 carries with 2 TDs. Coakley added 40 yards on 12 carries with a score.

Michael Angle completed 4 of 6 passes for 44 yards, and fellow Sophomore Lucas Wright was 1 for 1 for 39 yards. Wright also had one catch for 12 yards. The Logan defense got outstanding play from Stohs, Kiger, and in the first half by Sophomore linebacker Mark Potter. Potter had a sack in the second quarter. The Chieftains special teams finally put it all together in one of the best LHS wins in some time.

Logan will travel to Zanesville this Friday. The Blue Devils will enter the game 1-2, coming off a 33-17 loss at Wilmington. Kick-off is slated for 7:30.

Logan Escapes Zanesville with 23-20 Win

By Spencer Waugh

Zanesville - Friday night was deja vu all over again. For the second straight week, Alex Hubbard's leg had to save the LHS defense. Once again, Lucas Wright had to launch a pass to Nick Walter to get Logan in position for Hubbard to make things happen. Hubbard's 35-yard field goal may have been the final difference, but Logan probably shouldn't have needed the kick to win the game.

Logan took a 20-7 lead with 6:23 to go in the football game on a 47-yard Justin Coakley touchdown run. Coakley ran around or over all 11 Zanesville ball carriers, and drug cornerback Kryz Bennett into the endzone. Hubbard's PAT gave LHS a 13 point cushion.

The Chieftains struggled all night moving the football against a previously porous Zanesville defense. The Blue Devils held Logan to 143 yards on 42 carries. Zanesville got great running from Sophomore tailback Bryan Gaiters. Gaiters ran for 116 yards and a touchdown.

Gaiters touchdown came midway through the 1st quarter, on a 4th and goal from the one yard line. The score came after several Zanesville missed opportunities. Logan's first mistake came on special teams, when Tony Ellis fumbled a bad punt snap. Zanesville was able to drive inside the Logan 10-yard line, but was held on third down. Zanesville's Ty Hardcastle entered the night 2-2 on field goals, but he would have his first attempt of the night blocked.

A fumbled snap by Logan set up ZHS's second scoring opportunity. This time Hardcastle's kick fell short from 40+ yards, and Logan escaped again. However, a fumble by Kevin Call set up Zanesville's only first half score.

Although the ground game struggled for the Chieftains, Michael Angle's arm helped Logan get on the board right before halftime. Angle connected with Wright for a 35-yard gain, and again the same two combined for a 16-yard pass play. Kevin Call finished the drive, plunge in in from a yard out. Hubbard's PAT tied the score at 7 heading to the locker room.

Logan came out of the locker room firing on all cylinders, as they drove 45-yards on 14 plays consuming 8 minutes off the clock in the third quarter. Logan's drive bogged down inside the 15-yard line when the Chiefs were charged with a costly holding penalty. Following the hold, Zanesville's Tyler Finton came away with a blind side sack of Angle, and the drive came to an end.

Logan finally found pay dirt again early in the 4th stanza. The Chiefs used a variety of runs from Call and Coakley, and on a third down play a perfectly executed screen pass to Call gave the Chiefs a 13-0 lead. A bad snap messed up the timing, and Walter did an excellent

job getting the hold down. However, Hubbard was forced to kick from a dead stop and was short on the kick.

Coakley's score came just three minutes later, and looked like the fat lady was about to sing. That's when Zanesville responded from their spread offense. Senior QB Nick Martin, who finished the night 7-15 for 139 yards, connected with Senior Tyler Finton for a 44-yard play along the Zanesville sideline. The play came on third down, and set of the first of two Tydell Butcher touchdown plunges. Logan blocked Hardcastle's PAT try, and the score favored the Chieftains by a touchdown and an extra point.

Another Finton sack forced Logan to punt. And on the ensuing ZHS possession, Martin connected with Sophomore Lucas Graham for the longest ZHS pass play of the season. The pass went 62-yards, and Logan's Josh Clifton tackled Graham from behind at the Logan 5-yard line. Two plays later Butcher had cut Logan's deficit to 20-19, and Hardcastle's PAT evened the count. With just 1:20 to play and 80-yards in front of them, overtime seemed eminent. But another dose of trickeration won Logan the ball game.

Wright made the game saving throw to Walter again this week, but it wasn't on the same play. This time, Wright took a reverse and sold it beautifully to beat the ZHS defenders. Walter's catch was between defenders, and deserves mention. Logan picked up 7 yard on two Coakley runs, and called time out with only 5 seconds to play. Hubbard's kick cleared the cross bar, and Logan moved to 3-1 on the season.

Coakley was the big gainer for Logan, racking up 105 yards on 13 carries. Call added 74 yards on 23 carries, as well as a 23-yard TD catch. Angle finished the game 7-16 passing for 108 yards.

Logan is currently ranked 4th in the Division I, Region 3 computer ranking according to Harbin Guru Joe Eitel from joeitel.com. Official rankings will be released this week. Gahanna-Lincoln, Friday night's opponent, is sitting a top the rankings according to the same website. Kick-off is slated for 7:30 PM at Bill Sauer Field in what is the biggest home game since the season opener with Lancaster last fall.

The Logan defense was dominant, holding Athens to only 130 yards of total offense. Cameron Tope, the Athens halfback who was coming off consecutive 200-yard rushing games, was held to 40 yards on 12 carries. Logan's Jon Neff, Mark Potter, Zak Gompf, and Zack Adams all added sacks of Athens' Chris Carpinelli.

For the game, Frye led all backs with 225 yards and 3 touchdowns on 28 carries. Morgan added 166 yards and 2 touchdowns on only 6 carries. Potter added 47 yards on 5 carries.

Michael Angle completed 4 of 5 passes 91 yards and a touchdown. Ashton Sundgren had 2 catches for 28 yards.

Region's Top Team Dominates Logan by 48-0 Count

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - Friday nights match-up was billed as one of the top match-ups in the area. It brought the 4-0 Gahanna-Lincoln Lions to take on the 3-1 Logan Chieftains. Gahanna led Division One, Region Three and the Chieftains came in as the fourth place team in the region. In the end, it was Gahanna that flexed it's muscles and sent the Chieftains to the outside looking in of the playoffs.

The Lions outmuscled Logan from the outset, putting on one of the most impressive displays by a Chieftain opponent in recent memory. The loss was the largest since an equal 48-0 loss at Dayton Dunbar in 1983. The loss nearly equaled the school record for largest loss via shut-out, which is a 49-0 win by Hilliard in 1978.

Gahanna showed a balanced attack that was a surprise to spectator and coach alike. The Lions threw only two passes in a 21-0 win over Reynoldsburg in week 4. The Lions threw only four passes on Friday, but 4 went for touchdown passes. GLHS QB connected on touchdowns of 52 yards and 27 yards to Kyle McAllister, 44 yards to John Hughes, and 5 yards to Ben Reisdorf.

The Lions held Logan to a three and out on their first series, and the Lions marched down the field for their first score. Using Sophomore back Darius Reeves to drive down the field, Anton Robinson and Kevin Grassman cleared the way for the Sophomore. Robinson topped the drive off with a touchdown run from one-yard out.

The Lions led 34-0 at halftime. Logan put together one solid drive that included a 19-yard run by Sophomore receiver Lucas Wright. However, a 48-yard run by Kevin Call was nullified due to a holding penalty, and the drive never got restarted. The Chieftains tried several gimmicks on offense to try to muster some success, but it was to no avail.

Logan was held to just 7 first downs and ran only 47 plays from scrimmage. Logan did win the time of possession battle, holding onto the ball for 24:11. Logan's dynamic duo in the backfield was held to 37 yards on 20 carries combined.

Logan will return to action this week when they travel to Jackson for the SEOAL season opener. The Ironmen will enter the game 4-1, including a win over future SEOAL foe Ironton. Jackson holds a two-game winning streak against the Chieftains, including a 21-14 win a year ago at Bill Sauer Field. Kick-Off is slated for 7:30 at Jackson's Alumni Stadium.

Offensive Line Leads the Way in 14-7 Win over Jackson

By Spencer Waugh

JACKSON - For the first time since 2002, Logan is 1-0 in SEOAL play. The Chiefs are also firmly in the playoff hunt with only 4 weeks to go in the 2005 season. Best of all, Logan built on their strong non-league schedule to dominate Jackson up front. The game was Logan's first at Jackson's brand new Alumni Stadium, and the Chieftains put things together in the second half.

It was evident from the get-go that this was going to be a defensive slugfest. The purple and white held Jackson to just 86 total yards of offense, including a meager one yard passing. 32 of Jackson's 85 rushing yards came on their lone scoring drive.

Jackson's Bronson Ostrander blocked a Tony Ellis punt, recovering it at the Logan 32-yard line. Jackson's Dusty Erwin would run behind an unbalanced line featuring 280lbs Beau Riley and 260lbs John Leonard on the same side of the offensive line. Working behind that beef, Erwin capped off the drive with a 4-yard TD that put the Ironmen on top 7-0.

Logan's running game was non-existent in the first quarter, and most of the first half. However; Michael Angle, playing one of the best games of his young varsity career, kept early drives alive by completing early passes to fellow Sophomore Lucas Wright. Kevin Call also came up with a big 27-yard grab near midfield for some of Logan's only early offensive success.

As the game wore on, it was evident Logan was stronger and better prepared for four quarters of physical football. Late in the half, Logan finally started to move the ball on the ground. Running from their power formation, Logan moved the ball 68-yards in under two and a half minutes to even the score as time expired. Fullback Justin Coakley had his only two catches on the drive. At times the drive was frantic and appeared so disorganized that the Chiefs would watch the clock run out. However, on 4th down and less than 10 seconds to go, Angle took a snap and found Coakley at the JHS 15-yard line, and then he proceeded to bull his way into the endzone as time wore out.

Logan was unable to pick up a first down after the opening kick-off, and Jackson was able to gain the upper hand in the field position battle. The third quarter was a continuation of the punt fest, and the only near-offense was an overthrown pass from Jackson's Marcus Boggs to tight end Ben Jordan.

The Chiefs showed signs of life late in the third quarter when they were able to move the football from the Jackson 10-yard line to the Jackson 40. Logan regained control of the field position battle, and that would set up the winning touchdown drive.

Logan took over on their own 39-yard line with less than ten minutes to play. Kevin Call, a

workhorse all game long, carried on Logan's first seven carries to open the drive. Call didn't score on the series, a big hit from Boggs knocked Call out of the game temporarily, but it wasn't a problem as a Justin Coakley sweep from seven yards was the difference maker.

Jackson had time for two more possessions, but unrelenting pressure from Stephen Spears, Tyson Kratzenburg, Cameron Kiger, Bryce Bumgardner, Cody Cook, and Jake Bowling helped shut down Jackson's spread offense.

All credit has to go to the Logan offensive and defensive lines. Bruce Lehman, Jesse Wilson, Nick Amyx, Bryce Bumgardner, and Tyson Kratzenburg were the big boys on offense, while Bummy, Kratzenburg, Justin Vorhees, Bowling, Cameron Kiger, and Stephen Spears were the men on defense.

Logan linebacker Adam Stohs was solid all night, helping stop the JHS running game at the line of scrimmage and pressuring the quarterback.

Senior Kevin Call led all rushers with 29 carries for 139 yards. Justin Coakley added 33 yards on 11 yards rushing and 2 catches for 53 yards including both LHS touchdowns. Soph. signal caller Michael Angle completed 7-18 passes for 111 yards. Logan was 0-3 passing in the second half. For the fourth straight game Angle was not intercepted, and he threw his third TD pass of the season.

Logan will host 1-5 Marietta this Friday on the Hilltop for homecoming. The Tigers beat Marietta 35-12 at Warren last week, picking up their first win. Kick-off is slated for 7:30 at Bill Sauer Field.

Chiefs Slow Down after Fast Start, Hang on to Beat Marietta 21-11

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - Logan used a big special teams play to race to a 14-0 lead at the end of one quarter, and hung on through two sloppy middle quarters to top the Tigers 21-11. The Homecoming festivities were dampened by a dreary wet night, and the conditions on the field left something to be desired. However, the Chieftains overcame two interceptions and did not complete a pass while topping their Washington County foes.

The Chiefs now sit at 2-0 in SEOAL play, and 5-2 overall. Logan opened the game by having a drive end on a Tiger interception. But the Tigers failed to take advantage, and Logan put their first points on the board on their next possession. Logan marched 90 yards on eight plays, and found pay dirt on a 28-yard Kevin Call. The run came on a 4th and 1, and Call raced up the home sideline untouched. Alex Hubbard's PAT gave the Chiefs a seven point cushion.

The Tigers went three and out on their next possession, and the Chiefs put up the winning score when Sophomore Mark Potter broke through the Tiger line and blocked a Justin Estes punt. Potter picked up the pigskin on the 15-yard line and ran into the endzone untouched. Hubbard's PAT gave the Chiefs a two score lead.

The rest of the first half was a sloppy affair. The Chieftains committed 6 penalties for 56 yards, one of their worst nights of the season in that department. Marietta's Jimmy Flannery picked off Michael Angle in the final minutes of the half, and the Tigers set off on their first scoring drive.

Tom Wire did the bulk of the work as the Tigers moved to the Logan 5-yard line, and it was from their that Justin Estes connected on a 22-yard field goal, cutting the Logan lead to 11 points as the teams headed to the locker room.

The lone Tiger touchdown came with under five minutes to play in the third quarter. Tiger quarterback Michael Groom connected with running back Tom Wire for a 44-yards down the visitors sideline, and Wire scored on the next play from six yards out. The Tigers went for two trying to cut the lead to three, and converted when Tiger guard Tucker Davis fell on a fumble by Tom Wire.

With the league cut to three, the fans in purple began holding their collective breaths. However, the Chieftain held strong the rest of the game, never really letting the Tiger get within striking distance. The Chieftain "D" got great effort from Potter, Justin Coakley, Kevin Call, Seth Moritz, and Tyson Kratzenburg to contain the Tigers balanced offense.

Logan's last scoring drive came as they took possession with under three minutes to play. Logan, simply looking to run out the clock, put the game out of reach when Kevin Call raced untouched around right end for 34-yards putting the exclamation point on the Logan victory.

Kevin Call led all rushers, gaining 207 yards on 32 carries. Call scored twice. Senior fullback Adam Stohs added 42 yards on 2 carries. Marietta's Tom Wire ran for over 200 yards a week ago, but was held to 52 yards on 17 carries. Wire scored once.

Michael Groom completed 10 of 29 passes for 131 yards for Marietta. Michael Angle failed to complete a pass, and was intercepted twice in three attempts.

Logan will travel to arch-rival Athens next week for a game against the 3-4 (1-1) Bulldogs. Athens beat Warren 20-18 last week on a muddy field in The Plains. It will be Senior Night for the Bulldogs, and kick-off is slated for 7:30.

Chiefs Run Roughshod Over Helpless Bulldogs, 42-18

By Spencer Waugh

THE PLAINS - Logan rushed for a school record 512 yards and Coach Amyx picked up his 99th win as the head coach at Logan High School as the Chiefs moved to 6-2 on the season and 3-0 in SEOAL play. The win sets up a week nine showdown with the SEOAL title on the line. For the seventh straight year, the winner of the annual Logan/Gallia Academy clash will walk away with atleast a share of the SEOAL championship. Logan will be trying to earn their 21st title, which would break a tie in number of overall titles with Jackson.

Senior tailback Kevin Call ran for 268 yards on 23 carries and scored twice on the ground. Call has now ran for over 1000 yards on the season, and his Friday night output is good enough for fourth on the all-time LHS rushing list for yards in a single game. However, Call wasn't the only big gainer for the Chiefs.

Senior fullback Justin Coakley scored the games first touchdown on a 48-yard rumble down the visitors sideline. Coakley carried the ball 14 times for 151 yards and 3 TDs. The yardage and touchdowns were both caret highs for the 190lbs senior. Alex Hubbard's PAT put the purple and white on top 7-0.

That was all Logan would get in the first quarter, but the Chieftains blew the game open in the second quarter. Kevin Call scored his first touchdown of the night on a 42-yard sprint, and the Chiefs took a solid two score lead.

Following an Athens punt in which Logan partially blocked the kick, the Chieftains moved the ball 60 yards down field on 10 plays. Kevin Call capped the drive with a 5-yard run, staking Logan to a 21-0 lead.

Athens would get on the scoreboard late in the half. A Logan miscue set up the score. A pass from Michael Angle to Lucas Wright was too hot to handle, and the officials ruled the pass a lateral, and the Bulldogs recovered the loose pigskin. Athens took only 3 plays and little time off the clock, and senior skat back Chris Stalder scored from 5-yards out to put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard. Chris Bunch's kick failed.

Logan took over with just over two and a half minutes to play, and for the sixth time this year Michael Angle led the Chieftains to a score in the closing seconds of a half. Logan moved 68 yards on seven plays to finish their final scoring drive of the half. Justin Coakley had the big ground gainer on the drive, and a third down pass to Nick Walter set up the final play of the half. Sophomores Michael Angle and Lucas Wright hooked up on a 21-yard fade route to give the purple and white a three score lead heading to the locker room. Angle called the play himself, and the sophomores executed to perfection.

Logan opened the second half like a team on a mission, and Justin Coakley's second score came from 8-yards out and stretched the Logan lead to 35-6 following Hubbard's 5th straight PAT. Coakley ended Logan's scoring six minutes later, running in from 16-yards out. Hubbard kept his PAT streak alive, extending Logan's lead to 42-6.

Athens fullback Mitch Spires got to the endzone again for the green and gold. Spires rumbled 53-yards against a mixture of JV and Varsity Logan defenders. A two-point conversion try was denied by the Logan defense. Athens halfback Stalder ended the night's scoring, tacking on a 4-yard run against the Logan second unit. A two-point pass was stopped again by the Chieftains.

Sophomore Michael Angle bounced back from a rough week against Marietta. Angle completed 3-3 passes for 38 yards and a touchdown. Lucas Wright had a 21-yard TD catch, Nick Walter had an 8-yard catch, and Justin Coakley had a 9-yard catch and run.

Logan held a high scoring Athens rushing game to only 179 yards, much of that coming against the Logan second unit. Athens' junior signal caller Chris Carpinelli completed only 4-17 passes for 31 yards.

Logan will return to Bill Sauer Field for senior night against Gallia Academy. The Blue Devils enter the contest 7-1 and 3-0 in SEOAL play. Kick-off is slated for 7:30 on the hilltop.

Streaks Extended, Milestones Reached....Logan 35, Gallipolis 29

By Spencer Waugh

LOGAN - The ending was wild, but the game was routine for the Logan offense. The Chieftains piled up 313 yards on the ground and got 3 touchdowns from senior tailback Kevin Call as Logan locked up a share of their league-leading 21st SEOAL title. With a win at Warren next Friday, Logan would clinch the title outright. The night had other milestones. Head Coach Dale Amyx, in his 16th season as grid boss for the purple and white, won his 100th game and 11th SEOAL title. Finally, the Chieftains made it eight straight wins in Southeastern Ohio Athletic League play.

Friday's game was a match-up of the league's top defenses, but you wouldn't have known it from the first quarter. Both offenses exploded for 35 points and the scoreboard lit up like the Fourth of July. The Blue Devils struck first. Sophomore Jeff Golden connected with senior fullback Justin Saunders for a 23-yard touchdown and GAHS led early 6-0. Joe Esmaeli's PAT missed it's mark. The touchdown was set up by a 4th and 10 run by Dustin Winters on a fake field goal.

Logan answered a few minutes later. The teams exchanged punts, and then Logan found themselves in scoring position thanks to the running of senior fullback Justin Coakley. Coakley used his bowling ball style to pick up 58-yards on a run in which he beat several defenders to the corner, and then ran over one Blue Devil defender before racing down the sideline. Call scored the first of his three touchdowns on the next play from six yards out. Alex Hubbard's PAT was true, and Logan led 7-6.

The blue and white wasted no time regaining the lead. The Blue Devils used a nice kick return by sophomre Chris McCoy, and a couple plays later Dustin Winters crossed the goal-line to give the lead back to the visitors. Junior Jayme Haggerty added a two-point conversion for the Blue Devils.

Logan reached into it's bag of tricks to set up it's second score. Michael Angle handed off to Coakley, who found a wide open Lucas Wright for a 56- yard gain to move Logan to the GAHS 13 yard line. Call scored on the next play to even the score following Hubbard's PAT.

GAHS used a 7-play 59 yard drive to retake the lead as the quarter came to a close. Junior Seth Haner scored on a draw play from seven yards out and Esmaeli's kick was good to stake the Blue Devils a 7-point lead.

Logan controlled the ball for most of the second quarter. A 13-play 69-yard drive that last 6:34 evened the score for the last time. Michael Angle was the key player on the drive. The sophomore signal caller competed a key third down pass to tight-end Tony

Ellis for 22 yards and a key fourth down pass to Justin Coakley that covered nine. Finally, the sophomore connected with fellow classmate Lucas Wright for a 10-yard touchdown to even the score for the final time. Wright beat GAHS junior cornerback Jayme Haggerty and made a beautiful over the shoulder catch. Hubbard's PAT split the uprights to tie the score.

Following a GAHS punt, Logan completed their second quarter domination. Kevin Call raced 60 yards on a third down play to give Logan the lead for good. The senior broke two tackles near the line of scrimmage and then outraced the GAHS secondary.

GAHS didn't go away quietly. They used a hook and ladder play with senior receiver Shaphen Robinson tossing to Haggerty. The drive was halted however when Logan safety Lucas Wright intercepted Golden in the endzone. Golden was injured on the play, and would be done for the evening.

As exciting as the first half was offensively, the second half was a mirror image. The defenses established control, and two key special teams plays led to the only score of the third quarter.

Junior punter Tony Ellis of Logan pinned the Gallians deep in their own territory when his punt found the coffin corner, bouncing out at the GAHS 3-yard line. The Chieftain defense held their ground, and the Blue Devils were forced to punt from their own endzone. Senior noseguard Stephen Spears snuck through to block the kick, and senior end Tyson Kratzenburg fell on the ball to give Logan a much needed two-score lead.

The defensive slugfest continued until about midway through the fourth quarter. With the Blue Devils driving, controversy struck when GAHS running back Dustin Winters was injured on first down run. GAHS fans and coaches wanted a late hit penalty, and when the flags never flew the entire visitors side of the field erupted. Gallia Academy coaches were called for unsportsman-like conduct, and proceeded to kick the penalty flags and one coach even picked a flag and tossed it back at an official. Winters was taken off the field by medics on the scene, but reports over the weekend say that Winters' injury was not serious.

Momentum swung following the time-out however. Faced with a second and thirty, quarterback Shaphen Robinson picked up 50-yards on a scramble. The Blue Devils had found their second wind, and the Chieftains looked shell shocked. On the next play, Robinson connected with Haggerty at the one yard line and the junior split two LHS defenders to cross the goal line. Haggerty, the holder on PATs, attempted a pass to tight end Brad Caudill, but Logan was whistled for interference on the play. On the Blue Devils second try, Haggerty ran his second 2-point try of the evening.

The Blue and White caught Logan off guard on the following kick-off. An inside kick was recovered by the visitors, and the home crowd started to get nervous. Lucas Wright came through again. The Sophomore intercepted Shaphen Robinson, and

returned the pick 90 yards for an apparent Logan touchdown. However, a hold was called against the Chiefs bringing the ball back.

GAHS would get one more possession, but Justin Coakley collared Robinson near midfield as time ran out.

Logan was led by its senior running backs. Thanks to an offensive line that kept up its dominating pace, the duo broke the century mark for the second straight week. Kevin Call gained 193 yards on 30 carries and Coakley added 128 on 11 carries. Michael Angle completed 4-6 passes for 45 yards and a touchdown. Lucas Wright intercepted two Blue Devil passes and caught two balls for 66 yards and one touchdown.

Logan will travel to Washington County to face the 1-8 Warren Warriors. With a win Logan can clinch an outright SEOAL title. Kick-off is slated for 7:30 PM.

Logan Comes from Behind to Beat Warren 48-7, Secure Outright SEOAL Championship

By Spencer Waugh

VINCENT - Logan shook off four first quarter turnovers and came to life during the game's second quarter, scoring 3 touchdowns on only 10 plays and in less than five minutes. Warren (1-9, 0-5) jumped out to an early lead, but was unable to hold the Chieftains down for long. It was the second straight year Warren jumped out to an early lead against Logan.

The Warriors capitalized on a third down play. Junior tailback Tyler Schaad raced through the Logan defense for 20 yards and the game's first score. Garrett Proctor converted on the PAT, and the Warriors took an early lead. On the night Schaad ran for 110 yards on 23 carries. The junior was knocked out of the game early in the fourth quarter when he and Kevin Call made contact near midfield.

Logan scored just over a minute later. Kevin Call scored from 14-yards out, and Alex Hubbard's PAT was true tying the game with just over seven minutes to play in the second quarter. Once the gates open, Logan took control in little time. Justin Coakley got in on the action on a misdirection play and raced untouched from the 12-yard line. Hubbard's second PAT put Logan on top 14-7.

Call scored from 7-yards out late in the half for the Chiefs third touchdown of the quarter. Warren threatened late in the half, but a field goal attempt was botched, and Justin Coakley intercepted Justin Cline's pass on 4th down.

Coakley scored his second touchdown early in the third quarter, stretching Logan's lead to 28-21. Coakley's score came from 27-yards out and was on the same misdirection play that he scored on in the first half.

Coakley had a big night. He intercepted Warren two plays later, and returned it 47-yards for Logan's second touchdown of the half. Hubbard's PAT stretched the lead to 35-7.

The two teams traded punts for the rest of the third quarter. Kevin Call finished the first team scoring on the first play of the fourth quarter. The senior raced 48-yards, breaking two tackles through the Warren defense. Call's TD gave Logan and insurmountable 42-7 lead.

The Logan JVs tacked on the final marker. Sophomore fullback Corey Kissling scored from 1-yard out. Junior Zak Gompf and Kissling combined for 45-yards on 7 carries.

Kevin Call had a career night. The senior ran for 270 yards on 25 carries and scored three touchdowns. For the season, Call finishes with 1523 yards on 247 carries and 14 touchdowns. The yardage ranks fifth on the all-time list, one yard away from third.

Justin Coakley, in addition to his two interceptions on defense, ran for 146 yards on 10 carries and 2 touchdowns.

Logan will finish just shy of a playoff opportunity. The Chieftains will finish 11 in the region. The top eight teams qualify.