

## **Golden Gales Dominate Chieftains in Third Edition of Renewed Series**

By Spencer Waugh

**Logan** - Expecting their Chieftains to finally breakthrough against the rivals from up route 33, a near record crowd left Bill Sauer Field disappointed on Friday night.

If you had other plans that evening, at least you could get out of the stadium early and make both engagements. Lancaster wasted no time dispatching of their purple foes. Coach Carpenter's squad thwarted an early Logan drive and drove 80 yards on 7 plays to give the Gales an early lead. Georgie Carpenter, the Gales senior fullback, had two gains of twenty yards on the drive and capped the opening scoring drive with an 11-yard touchdown jaunt.

The route was on. Logan went three and out on their second series, and the blue and gold responded with a shorter but equally efficient drive. This time Carpenter scored from 8-yards out and added a successful two-point conversion to make up for Brian Widener's missed PAT.

Logan threatened twice in the half. The previously mentioned opening Chieftain drive started when Lucas Wright nearly returned the game's opening kick-off for a touchdown only to be stopped at the midfield stripe. Two pass completions to Wright and fullback Zak Gompf helped the Chieftains move to the Lancaster 20-yard line. A screen pass to sophomore tailback Clay Morgan looked like a Chieftain touchdown, but a holding call negated the play but did give Logan a first down. Unable to move the football, senior placekicker Kyle Kennard attempted a 35-yard field goal. The attempt was tipped by the Gale line and fell short.

Following Lancaster's third touchdown, another Carpenter touchdown, Morgan ran for 36-yards on a 4th and 1 attempt and set Logan up for a possible score. Logan would get no closer than 21-yards out and were stopped on fourth down when a screen pass to junior Mark Potter failed to convert.

Lancaster punctuated the half with a 39-yard spring by wingback Trent Crowell that gave the Gales a comfortable 28-0 halftime lead.

Logan started off the second half strong, holding the Gales on four downs and gaining possession on the Lancaster half of the field. A 14-yard pass from Angle to tight end Tony Ellis brought the purple clad fans to their feet, but a fourth down pass attempt to Wright was overthrown and another potential scoring drive was thwarted.

Lancaster's Kyle Stoughton connected with tight end Collin Miller from 2-yards out to stretch the advantage to 35-0, and Widener converted on 1 of 2 30-yard field goal attempts to cap off the scoring.

Lancaster ran for 460 yards on 54 carries. Carpenter led the onslaught with 22 carries for 163 yards and 3 touchdowns. Crowell added 149 yards on 11 carries and a score, Jesse

Reed ran for 77 yards on 6 carries, and Stoughton rounded out the starting backfield's total with 34 yards on carries.

For Logan, sophomore Clay Morgan ran for 63 yards on 17 carries in his Varsity debut. Junior fullback added 10 yards on 2 carries and classmate Corey Kissling had 8 on 1 carry. Junior quarterback Michael Angle threw for 76 yards on 9-17 passes and was intercepted once.

Logan returns to action on Friday when they travel to Chillicothe, a 14-5 winner over Brookhaven. Lancaster will host Columbus West.

## **Big Plays Propel Chillicothe to Win over Logan**

By Spencer Waugh

**Chillicothe** - Last week Lancaster used the ground game to grind out over 400 yards rushing. Last night, Chillicothe used an aerial assault to overwhelm the purple and white with over 300 yards passing. Over 800 yards by the opposing offense later, Logan has forced just one punt in two games and are a disappointing 0-2 on the season.

On the first play of the game, junior cornerback Seth Moritz took the legs out from under Chillicothe's Chris Givens. It was supposed to send a message. Apparently, Givens and the Cavaliers didn't receive it.

A key third down pass for 27-yards from Caleb Knights to Steven Mallow kept the first Chillicothe drive alive and senior running back Clay Beeler broke two tackles on his way to scoring the game's first touchdown from 16-yards out. Freshman Drew Basil's PAT put the Cavs ahead 7-0.

Logan's Clay Morgan was stopped just short following a screen pass on Logan's first possession. Needing just half a yard on their own 40-yard line, the Logan coaches decided to roll the dice and tried to send another message to the Cavaliers. Instead, it was Chillicothe's Clay Beeler who sent the message stuffing Morgan behind the line of scrimmage and sending the Cavs offense back on the field.

The purple and white defense came up with a couple of key stops and held the Cavaliers to a 25-yard field goal limiting the 4th down blunder to only 3 points. The Logan offense answered on their next series.

Driving 65-yards on 7 plays, the key play in the drive was a 29-yard pass from Michael Angle to senior Ashton Sundgren. Sundgren took a shot from Givens on the play but held onto the football and fell forward for two more yards. Junior running back Corey Kissling capped the drive with a 12-yard run. Kyle Kennard's PAT pulled Logan to within a field goal.

Chillicothe's big play offense struck back. Knights connected with Givens for a huge 76-yard touchdown on a play where junior safety Lucas Wright was caught creeping up to support the run. The PAT put the Cavs back on top by 10 with 2:48 to play in the opening stanza.

A Logan fumble on their own 35-yard line set up Chillicothe's last score of the half. The defense stepped up on first down, getting to Chillicothe's Knights and forcing him into an intentional grounding penalty and a second and long situation. However, a break down on third down allowed Givens to break a screen pass for a long gain and a first down. An 8-yard screen pass to Beeler on third down gave the Cavs a 24-7 advantage.

Logan wasted one more opportunity before halftime. A ten play drive was kept alive thanks

to a heads up play by sophomore Jon Neff. Jesse Wilson's punt was blocked by the Cavs, but Neff picked up the ball and advanced it just enough for a first down. A 12-yard pass to Mark Potter followed by an 11-yard carry by Potter later and it looked like Logan would score before halftime. But a bad pitch-out by Angle on fourth down ended the drive.

The third quarter was the lone bright for the purple and white side of the field. Logan consumed 8 minutes of clock time and 75 yards on 16 plays to cut the lead back to ten. Runs from Morgan, Potter, and Kissling pushed the Cavalier defense back on their heels. A pass from Angle to Wright kept the drive alive, and Kissling finished the drive with a 2-yard run off left tackle.

On the ensuing kick-off, Givens fumbled for Chillicothe but the Cavalier defense rose to the challenge and held Logan to a three and out. Before the game ended, the Cavs added a 21-yard scoring pass to stretch their lead to 31-14.

Logan capped the scoring with a 55-yard run by junior running back Justin Frye.

Logan will travel to Pickerington North for a 7:30 kick-off next Friday. North will enter the game 1-1 with a win over Walnut Ridge in week 1 and a loss to Watterson on Friday. Chillicothe will travel to Big Walnut in a battle of unbeaten teams.

## Chiefs finally put it all together, top Pickerington North 31-7

By Spencer Waugh

**Pickerington** - For the first time in the 2006 season's first three weeks, Logan put together a solid four quarters of football on both sides of the ball. Junior running back Justin Frye made himself a household name in Hocking County by running for 155-yards and 3 touchdowns and junior linebacker Corey Kissling and senior defensive linemen Cameron Kiger led a stingy Logan defense that allowed only 36 rushing yards.

It was a defensive battle for three quarters until the purple and white used their power running game to wear out the Panther front seven and grind out two fourth quarter touchdowns that put the game out of reach.

In the first half, neither team threatened more than once. North drove down the field on their first series and appeared to score on a long touchdown pass. However, a holding call in the backfield brought the play back and the Logan defense buckled down to force a Panther punt.

Logan took its first lead of the 2006 season on the second play of the second quarter. Michael Angle (8-14, 142 yards, 1TD) connected with Clay Morgan for a 36-yard touchdown on a screen pass. Morgan eluded several defenders and broke a couple of tackles to reach paydirt. A low snap caused holder Lucas Wright to roll out on the PAT attempt and he found sophomore receiver Derek Hart all alone in the endzone to extend the lead to 8-0.

That's how the teams would enter the locker room. The Chieftain defense recorded 5 of their 7 sacks in the first half highlighted by sophomore Jon Neff, seniors Zak Gompf and Kiger, and Kissling.

Logan's first possession of the second half ended when senior punter Tony Ellis dropped his second punt of the game inside the North ten yard line. This one was inside the three yard line. Logan stuffed the Panthers on their first two rushing attempts, and on third down Kissling knifed his way through the offensive line to tackle North's David Shumate on an end around for a safety.

The ensuing free kick went out of bounds on the 45-yard line, and junior tailback Justin Frye entered the game. He took the first play of the series 42-yards and nearly scored on one play. The next play went to Frye and outraced two Panther defenders on a sweep and pushing Logan's lead to 16-0. Kyle Kennard's PAT edged the lead to 17-0.

North rallied on their next possession, driving 73-yards on six plays. Several big pass players put the black and silver inside the 10-yard line, and a 17-yard pass from Byron Johann (13-21-147-1TD) to Kendall Brooks cut the Logan lead to 17-7 with 3:27 to go in the third quarter.

Logan controlled the ball and ran out the clock in the fourth quarter headlined by Frye. Frye capped off a 12-play 74 yard drive that lasted over six minutes with a 2-yard score. Kennard's PAT stretched the lead to 24-7 with 4:53 to play.

Frye added the game's final score on a 36-yard touchdown run down the visiting sideline with 1:59 to play in the game.

Frye finished the game with 155 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries. Morgan added 44 yards on 15 carries and also had the 36-yard touchdown catch. Kissling carried 7 times for 27 yards.

Lucas Wright caught 4 passes for 55 yards while Jeshiah Eggers (1-19) and Zack Adams (1-17) made their first career catches for Logan.

## **Hall of Fame Night Sees Logan Set Two New School Records, Chiefs Top Bulldogs 55-00**

By Spencer Waugh

**Logan** - It was a recording setting night at Bill Sauer Field as the the Chieftains topped Athens 55-0. Early in the evening, Logan inducted Ron Soliday (class of 1949), Dave Emerson (class of 1978), Becki Kuhn (class of 1979), and Josh Jackson (class of 1992). The final score was a record winning margin for the Chieftains in a game vs Athens, a series that dates back to the early 1920s.

The Chieftains also set new marks for total offense, 614 yards, and rushing offense, 523 yards. By halftime, junior running back Justin Frye had racked up over 200 yards rushing. Shortly after halftime junior Lucas Wright returned a punt 70-yards for a touchdown. It was the first time that had been accomplished by a Chieftain since Jeremy Coakley did it during the 2001 season.

The Chieftains opened the game with scoring drives of 58 yards (12 plays) and 73 yards (4 plays) in the first quarter. Justin Frye capped both drives with touchdown runs of 1-yard and 5-yards respectively.

The onslaught continued as the Chiefs continued to move the ball on the ground, this time driving 63 yards on 9 plays with another Frye touchdown, this time from 9-yards out.

Senior cornerback Allen Brandon made the first LHS interception on the Bulldogs next possession setting Logan up on their own 10-yard line. Clay Morgan carried for four yards and followed that run with an 86-yard touchdown run to increase the Chieftain lead. Kyle Kennard missed the PAT and Logan led 27-0.

Lucas Wright scored the last touchdown of the half turning a short screen pass into a 53-yard touchdown pass. Wright was aided on the play by a huge block by junior receiver Seth Moritz.

Frye fumbled on the first series of the second half to end one of the only two Chieftain possessions not to end with a score. Later in the third quarter, Wright added his punt return that increased the lead to 41-0.

The third quarter came to a close when the Chiefs hurried to the line, caught the Bulldog defense on their heels and Morgan burst up the middle for 55-yards and his second touchdown.

The Logan JVs played the final quarter. Sophomore Jon Neff took his first snaps under center and picked up a key first down on a 14-yard run. Austin McCann showed power from the tailback spotted and finished the scoring with a 13-yard touchdown run. Junior kicker Jon Geiger added the final PAT.

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.



## **Rollercoaster Ride Ends in 31-26 victory for the Chieftains in Gallipolis**

By Spencer Waugh

**Gallipolis** - For the 8th time in 10 years Logan was victorious on the gridiron against the Blue Devils of Gallia Academy. But like most of the games in that span, it was a battle to the final minutes. Logan rallied from a 20-9 3rd quarter deficit to reclaim the lead with 9:30 to go in the fourth quarter on a 41-yard touchdown run by Justin Frye.

Although the Chiefs were down 20-9 in the third quarter, the game actually got off to a great start. Sophomore end Jon Neff intercepted Jeff Golden's first pass attempt of the game and returned it 45-yards and an early 7-0 lead.

Logan forced a fumble by Golden on the Blue Devil's second possession, and drove the ball inside the 4-yard line. A key play on the drive was a 29-yard pass from Michael Angle to Ashton Sundgren. The drive stalled near the goal line and the Chiefs were stopped on 4th down inside the one-yard line. The Blue Devils took over, but on third down senior end Zak Gompf tackled Gallipolis's Austin King in the endzone for a safety.

For the next 8-minutes the team would exchange punts or turnovers until the Blue Devils mounted their first scoring drive that culminated with a 2-yard run by the Blue Devils Seth Haner with just under seven minutes to play in the half.

The Blue Devils mounted one more drive before the half and Jeff Golden capped the drive with a one-yard sneak on 4th down. Golden appeared to go down before he crossed the line, but the officials arms raised and the Blue Devils took a 14-9 lead into the locker room.

The second half didn't start any better for Logan. They went backwards on their first possession, and the Blue Devils Chris McCoy took a 2nd down hand off 40-yards to put the Blue Devils on top 20-9. Jayme Haggerty of Gallipolis was stopped on a fake during the PAT try.

That's when the Logan offensive line woke up. Logan drove the ball down the field for the first time since their first possession stalled inside the one-yard line. Faced with a 4th and 8 on the GAHS 35-yard line, Amyx had a tough call to make. But Michael Angle made it pay off by connecting with tight end Tony Ellis for the first down on a ball that was thrown on a wire between two defenders. Frye scored two plays later. Angle connected with Clay Morgan for a two-point conversion and the Chiefs had cut the Blue Devil lead to 20-17.

On the Blue Devils next possession Seth Moritz made one of the game's key defensive stops. The junior cornerback timed his jump perfectly and intercepted Golden for the second time setting the Chieftains up for a potential go-ahead score.

And go-ahead they would. After a 22-yard pass from Angle to Mark Potter, Frye ripped down the home sideline for a 41-yard touchdown run. Kyle Kennard's PAT was true and

Logan led 24-20.

The Logan defense sacked Golden twice on the next series, and GAHS punt set Logan up for a score to put the game out of reach. Frye and Potter moved the ball inside the 5-yard line and Frye scored from 2-yards out to put the Chieftains on top 31-20.

The Blue Devils cut into the score with a minute and a half to play thanks to a 4-yard run by King. The score was set up by a big catch and run by Gallipolis's McCoy.

Logan recovered the onside kick, picked up a first down, and ran the clock to 0:00. With the win Logan kept their SEOAL Championship and playoff hopes alive.

Gallia Academy will host Portsmouth next week, while Logan will return to Bill Sauer Field to face Zanesville on homecoming at 7:30.

## **A Tale of Two Halves: Logan Wears Out Depleted Blue Devils for 4th Win**

By Spencer Waugh

**Logan** - Zanesville, missing it's two best running backs, couldn't hang with Logan for four quarters of football but they definitely made things interesting for a half. ZHS capitalized on a great drive to take an early 7-0 lead and blocked a Logan PAT to lead at the intermission.

Logan's offensive line slowly wore down the Zanesville defense and Justin Frye scored on runs of 1, 10, 24, and 30-yards to bust open a game that was 7-6 Zanesville at halftime. Frye wound up with 237 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns on 34 carries. The three straight 200-yard running games Frye has recorded ties an LHS school record. Austin Rohr did the same thing to close out the 2003 season.

The Logan victory, mixed with Jackson's upset of Chillicothe, leaves the Chieftains alone atop the SEOAL ledger at 3-0.

The Logan defense had no trouble containing a Blue Devil offense missing it's top two running backs following the opening drive that gave Zanesville the lead. They held the Blue Devils to 82 yards rushing on 31 carries and allowed the Blue Devils to complete only 5 of 17 pass attempts.

Zach Adams, Zak Gompf, Cary MacLaughlin, and Jon Neff all recorded sacks for Logan. The Blue Devils crossed midfield only 3 times after their opening drive and reached the red zone just one more time.

Logan took the lead for good on a drive that began with the second half kick-off. They took all of 8 plays to reach pay dirt with Frye capping the drive with a 10-yard run. Frye's 46-yard run one play earlier set up the score. A conversion attempt to Lucas Wright was overthrown.

A short punt set up Logan's next score and Frye took the first play 24-yards to pay dirt. Kennard's first PAT gave Logan more than they would need for the win.

If there was any doubt left, Lucas Wright's interception of a deep Adam Young pass mixed with a 38-yard return on the interception set up Frye's fourth and final score from 30-yards out.

Mark Potter scored Logan's fifth touchdown from a yard out following a long run from Clay Morgan.

Logan will travel to Marietta (2-4, 2-1) on Friday night. The Tigers lost at Ironton in overtime 28-20. Zanesville will travel to Athens.

## **Logan Frye's Marietta's Homecoming, Ride Fast Start to 41-0 Win**

By Spencer Waugh

**Marietta** - The Marietta Tigers had been an enigma on the Logan Varsity football schedule the last few seasons. On Friday night, Logan exercised those demons in dominating fashion, beating the Tigers 41-0 during homecoming festivities in the river city.

Logan received the opening kick-off and drove 63-yards on 12 plays in a drive that culminated in a 1-yard Justin Frye plunge that put the Chieftains on top for good 6-0. Kennard's PAT was true.

Frye carried 9 times for 49 yards on the series and quarterback Michael Angle connected with fullback Mark Potter on the game's opening play.

The Tigers let out their biggest roar on their opening series. The Tigers picked up 4 of their five first downs in the game to open play and drove to the Logan one-yard line thanks to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Key plays in the drive were two passes of 8 and 15-yards to Cory Kriechbaum and a 22-yard yard by Mike Shields. On first and goal the Tigers jumped off-sides and Shields was tackled for a 2-yard loss on second down. On third down Logan's Corey Kissling chased Tiger quarterback Mike Groom and caught him with a shoe-string tackle for a 12-yard loss. Marietta settled for a 38-yard field goal attempt that was pushed wide left.

Logan answered the missed field goal with a 10-play 79-yard drive that culminated in a Mark Potter scoring plunge from 4-yards out. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Marietta aided the Chieftain scoring drive.

The Tigers would manage only 23 yards of offense following their opening drive and would only reach Logan territory because of a big kick-off return.

Frye would add his second of three touchdowns with 4:07 to play in the 2nd quarter making Logan 100% on their first three possessions and finally were stopped on fourth down before halftime.

Logan's first punt of the game came midway through the third quarter. Tony Ellis dropped the punt perfectly inside the five-yard line where Cody Bower downed it inside the 1-yard line. A few plays later Lucas Wright intercepted a Michael Groom passes and returned it 28-yards for his third touchdown of the season. Kennard's PAT stretched Logan's lead to 28-0.

Frye culminated his night with an 11-yard touchdown drive with 10:50 to go in the football game. Back to back 7-yard runs followed by one for three yards set up the score. Kennard's PAT edged the Logan lead to 35-0.

LHS back-up running back Clay Morgan carried the ball three times for 41-yards and a score on Logan's final scoring drive. The sophomore took a draw play 34-yards to cap the drive.

It was a workman-like effort from the Chieftains. Frye rushed for a school record 42 times for 239-yards. Frye went over 200-yards for a fourth straight week breaking a record of three games set by Austin Rohr to end the 2003 season. Of Frye's 42 carries, only 7 went for over 10-yards. The Tiger defense did a good job of containing the big play.

Logan will return to Washington County next week to take on the Warriors of Warren. Warren will enter the game 3-4 on the season and 1-3 in SEOAL play. Warren lost at Jackson Friday night 48-15. Marietta (2-5) will travel to Zanesville (4-3) next Friday in a battle of two of the SEOAL's most surprising teams.

## **Logan pitches third shut-out, scores third most points in school history in 65-0 rout of Warren**

By Spencer Waugh

**Vincent** - It took Justin Frye over six minutes to finally get on the scoreboard, but once he did, the game was already out of reach. Warren would never get any farther offensively than the Logan 42-yard line and turned the ball over 7 times on their way to the worst defeat in Warrior football history.

About the only thing that went right for the blue and white was special teams, where several kick returns put Warren in position to do some damage. The Logan defense never buckled under the pressure and allowed the Warrior offense only 22 total yards.

Twelve players carried the ball for Logan as the Chieftains put up a school record tying 10 touchdowns, nine of those coming on the ground and one coming on defense. Five Chieftains scored touchdowns, including career firsts for quarterbacks Michael Angle and Jon Bapst, as well as a first for junior fullback Michael Frasure. For the second time in 2006 Logan broke the school record for team rushing yards, gaining 536 total yards rushing.

The win completed a two-week sweep of Washington County in which Logan outscored Marietta and Warren 120-0 and allowed only 10 first downs and 80 yards of offense.

Logan led only 14-0 with 4:00 minutes to play in the half, but the Warriors next turnover proved costly. Zak Gompf and Bryce Bumgardner applied pressure to Warren QB Garrett Proctor causing the senior signal caller to fumble. Sophomore linebacker Clay Morgan alertly picked up the ball and ran untouched 27-yards for the game's third score. It was the first of three touchdowns for the sophomore on the night.

Frye added a 28-yard run with just under two minutes before halftime and Logan converted a short Warren punt into a score as time ran out when Michael Angle sneaked across the goal line for his score. All told Logan led 34-0 at halftime.

Justin Frye carried the ball only three times in the second half including a 52-yard TD run to cap off his 288 yard night. Frye's four touchdowns gave him 21 on the season making him the first Chieftain back to rush for more than 20 touchdowns since Derek Harden ran for 28 in 2000. Frye also broke the 200-yard barrier for the 5th straight game extending the record he broke last week at Marietta. The junior needs only 243 yards to break Harden's single season record of 1,680 yards.

Logan also showcased their second back, "Mr. Outside," sophomore Clay Morgan. Morgan broke the 100-yard barrier for the second time this season on only 4 carries and scored twice. It was the 34th time in LHS history that two backs broke the century mark in the same game.

Logan remains a half game in front of Chillicothe in the SEOAL. With a win on Friday against Portsmouth Logan can clinch a share of their third straight league title and 22nd overall. Jackson is second all-time with 20 SEOAL championships.

Logan will host Portsmouth for the first time in 80-years on Friday. It will be senior night at Bill Sauer Field for 18 seniors. Warren will host Gallia Academy.

## **Defense rises to challenge, pitches third straight shut-out; offense overcomes penalties, injuries to top Portsmouth 24-0**

By Spencer Waugh

**Logan** - It took over 80 years, but Logan finally has a win over Portsmouth. But more importantly, the Chieftains recorded their 15th straight SEOAL and thanks to Marietta's upset of Chillicothe clinched the SEOAL title outright. The title gives Logan it's league leading 22nd overall and 7th in the last 9 years.

The win came at a cost however, with junior tailback Justin Frye going down with an ankle injury late in the third quarter. Frye's availability for Friday's game at Ironton is unknown at this time.

Before the injury, the junior rushed for 192 yards on 36 carries and a score against a stingy Trojan defense. Logan got to the red zone 5 times in the first half against Portsmouth but came away with only two scores due to two fumbles and a goal line stand by Portsmouth.

The Logan defense was the real story on the night however, allowing 101 yards to an offence averaging over 300 a game. The Trojans failed to record a first down in the first half of play and recorded only 5 all night. Logan intercepted the Trojans talented junior quarterback Shane Porter 4 times and held him to just 77 yards of total offense. He was averaging over 220 total yards per game.

Logan has allowed only 183 total yards the last 3 weeks, 0 points, and made 10 interceptions.

After having an interception return by Seth Moritz called back due to holding and turning the ball over on downs at the Portsmouth 2-yard line, Logan was desperate to get on the scoreboard.

Logan held Portsmouth to a three and out from their own 2 and Lucas Wright returned a short punt to the Logan 23-yard line. Logan set up to go for it on fourth and 2 from the Portsmouth 9-yard line. A motion penalty pushed Logan back, and for the second time in 2006 Kyle Kennard attempted a field goal. This time, the senior put the ball through the uprights and Logan led 3-0.

Another punt return, this time by Ashton Sundgren, set up the first touchdown drive. A screen pass for fullback Mark Potter picked up 36 yards and Frye capped off the drive from one yard out with 30 seconds to play in the half.

Frye had two long runs called back in the third quarter, including an 83-yard scoring run from Frye.

Frye was hurt late on the drive as he was thrown for a loss on a 4th and one play.

Sundgren was a big reason for the Chieftains final two scores. The junior returned a punt that he caught on the fly for 19 yards and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Trojans set Logan up on the Trojan nine-yard line. It took Morgan three tries but he scored from a yard out to increase the Logan lead to 17-0.

Sundgren scored his first career touchdown when he intercepted a Porter screen pass and returned it 65-yards for a touchdown.

Logan controls its own destiny in their quest for a berth in the OHSAA state playoffs. Logan sits 7th in Division One, Region Three and can lock up a playoff spot with a win at Ironton.

Logan will travel to Ironton for the first time since 1990, Dale Amyx's first year as head coach at LHS. Kick-off is slated for 7:30. Portsmouth will host Warren in a battle for 8th place in the SEOAL.



## **Chiefs win 16th straight SEOAL game, wrap up playoff berth with 7-0 win at Ironton**

By Spencer Waugh

**Ironton** - It was a slobberknocker of a football game, just what many preseason prognosticators predicted at Ironton on Friday night. The scoring was limited to one 65-yard screen pass and the mud and muck kept either team from doing more damage.

It was just the fifth win in 20 tries over Ironton in school history, but this one capped off a perfect 7-0 season in the SEOAL and propelled Logan into the Division 1 playoffs.

The Logan defense limited Ironton to just 158 total yards, all of them on the ground, and held the Fighting Tigers on two goal line stands inside the Logan 10-yard line. Chad Miller led all rushers with 79 yards on 17 carries.

Logan, playing without Justin Frye who sustained an ankle injury late in the third quarter against Portsmouth, was held to just 88 rushing yards, their second lowest total on the season. It was only the absence of Frye that held the rushing stats down however; a field that gave no traction between the hashes had a lot to do with it. Clay Morgan and Mark Potter combined for 102 yards on 29 carries for LHS.

Both teams struggle through most of the first half, early in the second quarter Ironton drove to inside the LHS 4-yard line thanks to some fine running by Dominic Murphy and a couple of crucial penalties, but a 4th down pass from Miller to end Andy Colegrove was batted down by Mark Potter and Seth Moritz to end the threat.

Logan answered with the lone score of the night. It was third and 11 from the Ironton 35-yard line when the Chieftains took advantage of the Tigers aggressive defense. Michael Angle dropped back looking to his right, but abruptly turned to his left and threw to Morgan in the flat. Morgan gathered the ball off his shoe strings and followed one blocker and outraced the other Tiger defenders for a 65-yard touchdown. Ironton's Brandon Sites met Morgan at the goal line but he was bulled over by the 160 pound sophomore. Kyle Kennard's PAT gave Logan the only points they would need and a 7-0 lead.

Ironton dominated the second half. The Tigers outgained Logan 130-20 in the second half including another late drive into Logan territory. The Tigers' Miller and their 250 pound sophomore fullback Tony Murphy led the Tigers down the field, but a quarterback sneak on 4th down was sniffed out by the Logan defense.

The Chiefs weren't in the clear though with under 4 minutes to play. Logan went three and out, including a near safety on 3rd down. But a penalty on the Tigers for having 12 men on the field wiped out a long Miller punt return and allowed Logan to run the clock out.

Logan will travel to Hilliard Davidson next Saturday night to take on the 10-0 Wildcats. Ironton will travel to Williamsport Westfall, who is also 10-0, for their first round playoff game.

## **Season Comes to a close with dominating performance by Hilliard Davidson**

By Spencer Waugh

**Hilliard** - Like 31 other division 1 playoff teams in Ohio, Logan's season came to a close with a loss. The Chiefs ran into a buzz saw in Hilliard where the Wildcats put on a clinic of power football and capitalized on Logan's mistakes to run away with a 38-8 victory.

Running Backs Bo Delande (118) and Clay Trubiano (109) each ran for over 100 yards while junior quarterback Connor Deitz added two touchdown passes to push Davidson passed Logan in a Division One, Region Three quarterfinal from Hilliard.

Logan could manage just 36 yards and 1 first down during the first half of play and when the Chiefs gave Davidson the ball inside Logan territory 4 times to start the second half the game got out of hand.

Davidson opened the game with a long drive that consumed nearly 7 minutes from the clock and Deitz connected with JB Strahler on a nice play action pass on fourth down from 22-yards and the game's first score.

The two teams traded punts and Logan go the first turnover when Lucas Wright intercepted his seventh pass of the season when Davidson tried a trick play that saw Delande try to connect with Joey Ciamacco.

Logan failed to convert the turnover into points and Davidson drove for a potential score midway through the 2nd quarter. The drive came to a halt when Colby Catlett failed to connect on a 32-yard field goal.

Disaster struck on the ensuing Logan possession. What appeared like it could be a close 7-0 halftime game blew up when Ryan Brown intercepted a screen pass from Angle that was intended for Clay Morgan.

The Wildcats capitalized a few plays later when Delande scored from 5 yards out on fourth down. Catlett's PAT made it a 14 point game.

The Wildcats dominated the third quarter, putting up 21 easy points utilizing a short field and pounding on a Logan defense that started to get worn out against the powerful Davidson front line.

Trubiano scored on a 44-yard run just over a minute and half into the second half and Deitz and Strahler connected on the next Davidson possession for another

score and a 28-0 lead.

Trubiano added a 14-yard score near the end of the third quarter to stretch the lead to 35-0 and Catlett found his third try to be a charm and connected on a 40-yard field goal to end Davidson's scoring for the night. It appeared that Logan might begin and end the season win 38-0 losses.

Logan managed to avoid the shut-out thanks to a nice drive that came mainly against Davidson's second team. Angle connected with Tony Ellis for 18-yards , Morgan gained 12-yards on a draw play, and Mark Potter rambled down the right sideline for 30-yards and nearly put the ball in the endzone himself. Morgan scored the Logan touchdown from 5-yards out and Lucas Wright connected with Derek Hart for the two-point conversion.

Logan finishes the season 8-3 and 7-0 in the SEOAL, winning their third straight SEOAL title and 22nd overall. The Chiefs returned to the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

Davidson advances to the Regional semi-finals and will face Upper Arlington (10-1) for the second time this season. The Wildcats won the first meeting 19-0. The two will meet next Saturday night at Dublin Coffman High School at 7:00 PM.