

Alton Nudges Oilers, 20-14, Cinches Tie

By DON PIARSKI
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Alton High School will have to wait until Thanksgiving to find out if it'll be champion or the Southwestern Conference or half a champion.

The Redbirds assured themselves of no worse than a tie for the title by coming from behind in the second half to nudge stubborn Wood River 20-14, Saturday at Public School Stadium.

Turkey Day contest against East St. Louis. A win by Belleville would enable it to finish as co-champion with Alton for the second straight year. A loss, of course, gives Alton the crown.

Wood River dominated play, using sweeps by the game's leading ground gainer, halfback Dan DeGerlia, to rock the Redbirds back on their heels. The Oiler defense, led by linebacker Chuck Mellor, end Kevin Watson, Dave Burk and Bill Colclasure, responded to their offensive cohorts' play with some outstanding work of their own.

The Oilers punched out most of their yards in the first half, winding up the game with 147 yards. Most of the first half belonged to the Oilers. They scored twice and seriously threatened two more times. But, the second half was Alton's.

The Redbirds gained just 49 yards running the first two quarters but came back with 187 in the second half. Wood River had 135 of its 147 rushing yards in the first half and only 12 in the third and fourth quarters.

The adjustments proved accurate for Alton played some control ball of its own the second half.

DeGerlia, running out of a backfield with Bob Culp, Watson and quarterback Roy Morris, slashed Alton's defense for 102 yards in 17 carries for six yards per try.

Four times he was caught by the alert Oiler defense behind the line scrimmage.

With Wilson stymied, quarterback Mike Jeffries, halfback Larry Bosow and fullback Bob Joehl came through.

think they're down, they'll go out and tear up the other team. Against Wood River, they were up. I thought they'd really go after them. You saw what happened the first half."

The first half was a happening for the Oilers. They kicked off to the Redbirds and let them get as far as the Wood River 22 where Wilson was spilled for a three-yard loss.

turned 14 yards to the Redbird Ed, came up from his halfback spot and pulled Morris down for no gain.

Alton got into trouble again three plays later when Wilson and Bosow couldn't handle a reverse cleanly. Alan Hale recovered the fumble and the Oilers were in business on the Alton 22.

Bosow got eight but Wilson was dropped for a seven-yard loss.

It was fourth and nine. Jeffries picked the right play, rolled out to his left and powered his way in from 16 yards out for the touchdown. He kicked the extra point to put Alton back 14-7 at halftime.

Alton's defense, sparked by Bob Everage, Hagen, Jim Moore and Joehl, forced Wood River to punt early in the third quarter.

The Redbirds moved from the Oiler 44. A 15-yard clipping penalty wasn't enough to prevent Joehl from making a first down on the Wood River 31.

Wilson got two tough yards and Bosow added three. On third and five at the Oiler 28, Jeffries rolled out to his left for six and a first down.

Sayers Hurts Knee, Out Rest of Season; Cards Tied, 28-28

By DICK COUCH
Associated Press Sports Writer
The burden of Jim Dooley's Total Offense concept has shifted . . . most painfully from the flashing feet of Gale Sayers to the hot hands of young Virgil Carter.

No one will replace Sayers, injured during Sunday's 27-19 victory over San Francisco and lost for the rest of the National Football League season, in the Bears' backfield.

But Dooley, the first-year Chicago coach who devised an attack . . . which he called Total Offense . . . to exploit Sayers' versatility at every turn, might take some solace in the presence of Carter.

Total offense always has been the rookie quarterback's bag. Sayers, the NFL's top ball carrier, suffered torn ligaments in his right knee in the second quarter and underwent surgery Sunday night. But the Bears still rolled to their fourth straight victory . . . and kept a share of the Central Division lead, as Carter scored twice and passed for a third touchdown.

Carter, elevated from the taxi squad last month when an injury shelved first string quarterback Jack Concannon, kept the Bears' offense in gear against San Francisco, flipping an 18-yard scoring pass to Bob Wallace after dashing seven yards for one touchdown and sneaking one yard for another.

The Giants, who had lost three of their previous four starts to fall two games behind Dallas in the Capitol race, beat the Cowboys for the first time since 1963.

Two field goals by Pete Gogolak made the difference after Fran Tarlenton raced 22 yards for one touchdown, passed five yards to Joe Morrison for another and hit Homer Jones with a 60-yard scoring bomb.

Preston Pearson zipped 102 yards on a kickoff return, sending Baltimore ahead of Detroit Sunday night. But the Bears still rolled to their fourth straight victory over the four clubs with whom he played before hooking up with the Coastal Division contenders.

The victory, eighth in nine games for the Colts, kept them tied for the Coastal lead with the Rams, who barely got by lowly Atlanta when Roman Gabriel's 10-yard TD strike to Jack Snow snapped a fourth quarter tie.

Pittsburgh on Johnny Roland's one-yard TD plunge with 47 seconds to play, slipped one-half game behind Cleveland. Roland scored following Jim Hart's 27-yard pass to Bobby Joe Conrad and a pass interference call in the end zone.

Charlie Gogolak booted three field goals, sending the Redskins past the winless Eagles, whose nine-game losing streak matches the 1940 club record.

San Francisco 0 6 13 0-19 BEARS 7 17 3 0-27
BEARS—Carter 7 run (Perceival kick)
BEARS—Carter 1 run (Perceival kick)
BEARS—FG Perceival 42
BEARS—Wallace 18 pass from Carter (Perceival kick)
SF—Lewis 1 run (kick failed)
BEARS—FG Perceival 18
SF—Windsor 10 pass from Brodie (Patera kick)
SF—McNeil 28 pass from Brodie (kick failed)
Attendance—48,970

Minnesota, sparked by the defensive play of tackle Carl Eller and a two-touchdown burst by fullback Bill Brown, held off the slumping Packers to retain a piece of the central lead.

Eller blocked a field goal attempt, threw Green Bay passer Bart Starr three times for losses and jarred the ball loose from Donny Anderson to kill a last-ditch Packer drive on the Vikings' 18 yard line.

STATISTICS		SF	BEARS
First Downs		11	26
Yards Rushing		86	215
Yards Passing		100	234
Total Yards		255	449
Passes		26	16-30
Passes Int. By		0	0
Fumbles Lost		0	0
Penalties		14	7
ATTENDANCE		48,970	48,970

SCORING	
P—Hank 30 pass from Shiner (Lusteg kick)	7
P—Jefferson 60 punt return (Lusteg kick)	7
P—Gros 21 pass Shiner (Lusteg kick)	7
CARDS—Williams 71 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)	6
CARDS—Williams 11 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)	6
CARDS—Conrad 80 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)	6
P—Jefferson 52 pass from Shiner (Lusteg kick)	6
CARDS—Roland 1 run (Bakken kick)	6
Attendance—48,432	

STATISTICS		PIT	CARDS
First Downs		17	17
Yards Rushing		83	88
Yards Passing		214	252
Total Yards		397	441
Passes		26-30	17-46
Passes Int. By		0	0
Fumbles Lost		0	0
Penalties		13	8



STOPPED — Kevin Watson (86) of Wood River, who doubled on offense as a halfback and on defense as an end, is seen on offense being brought down by Mike Grady of Alton. Alton players moving in at left are tackles Steve Elledge and Roger Minton.

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USC, Buckeyes Neer Rose Bowl

By HERSCHEL NISSENSEN
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John McKay was scared. Woody Hayes was apprehensive and when they got over their fears California and Wisconsin waresoundly beaten.

"We're not nervous; we're scared," McKay said before his top-ranked Southern California football team demolished 11th-rated California 35-17 Saturday.

But while the Trojans, Buckeyes and Penn State's fourth-ranked Nittany Lions, 22-7 winners over Miami, Fla., were running their perfect records to 7-0, many of The Associated Press' Top Twenty teams were having their problems.

touchdowns, threw a 13-yard scoring pass and scored with 4:14 left to drop the Jayhawks from the unbeaten ranks 27-23.

Penn State trailed Miami 7-0 at halftime but rallied behind Charlie Pittman's three touchdowns and a robust defense.

Quarterback Dennis Brown and halfback Ron Johnson led seventh-ranked Michigan past Illinois 36-0 and No. 8 Missouri moved ahead of Kansas into first place in the Big Eight by trouncing Iowa State 41-7.



ALMOST — End Randy Bailey (83) of Alton watches the ball go off his fingertips on an intended pass. The only identifiable Oiler defender is Bill Crenshaw (33).

Michigan Still Has Chance
CHICAGO (AP) — Michigan victory over Northwestern and Ohio State who years ago? However, Indiana is ineligible made a habit of settling for the cup to Pasadena because the Big Ten football championship cause the Hoosiers were last who did it again this year when season's representative so it'll they meet at Columbus a week before either Michigan or Ohio from Saturday.

Michigan Still Has Chance

Both powers craved to victory. The Buckeyes invade Iowa State Saturday to remain undefeated where the Buckeyes have been ed in conference competition making like the tremor which Michigan having lost its first 20 states Saturday, if the season opener to California tremor hadn't hit some two-thirds of the nation before the game, Iowa of the tide when they take on the State bettering Wisconsin 43-8 game.

Indiana kept alive. Led by Ed Podolak who set a record for the title with a 24-22 single game conference record triumph over Michigan State with a total of 286 yards in 17 but Purdue bowed out of the rushes Iowa gained 629 yards a championship race with a 7-13 to break the Big Ten record at Illinois Notre Dame 36-7 winner over over Bernabé Villacampo of the Pitt. takes on Georgia Tech and Philadelphia Sunday.

then will be idle until Nov. 30 when the Irish take on South-Central the nation's No. 1 team.

STATISTICS		ILL.	MICH.
First Downs		15	23
Yards Rushing		225	164
Yards Passing		35	242
Total Yards		260	406
Passes		5-16	15-31
Passes Int. By		0	2
Fumbles Lost		0	2
Penalties		6	7

Southern Cal, erupting after barely beating Washington and Oregon, made a shambles of California's highly touted defense. Steve Sogge passed for three scores and O.J. Simpson shredded the Golden Bears for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

Rex Kern, Ohio State's sophomore quarterback, was sidelined with a leg injury, so Hayes called on another rookie, Ron Maciejowski, and he responded by scoring three times and assisting for a fourth touchdown.

Kansas ran afoul of Steve Owens, Oklahoma's fine halfback, who ran for 157 yards and two touchdowns.

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