

Fumbles Kill Oilers, Maroons Win, 19-0

By JIM BELL, Telegraph Sports Writer. BELLEVILLE — Just call this place Hexville.

There's something about the pleasant-looking community that's inconspicuously overpowering to Wood River's football Oilers which is, in the main, downright inexplicable.

Such giveaway antics haven't been seen in many a moon by either the Red Cross or United Fund and were so unusual they probably disturbed Bob "Belleville Or Not" Ripley, who might've turned over in his grave.

Wood River failed to move at all against the Maroons after putting the ball in play on its own 22. Fact is, on the first play from scrimmage in the sequence, quarterback Ray Morris, who was waiting for protection a goodly portion of the night, lost 18 yards.

Maroons in dangerous territory with excellent field position. With fullback Mike Ripley, the only regular backfield starter held over from last year's league co-champions, and Caravia going on alternate carries, up the middle and to the left, the Maroons were on Wood River's five in six tries.

On the last play of the period following Colclasure's catch, Morris, starting from Belleville's eight, fumbled and it was recovered by the Maroons on their own three.

All Bunch had to do was catch it. He shook off one glancing tackle in going the 33-yard distance for the third and final TD of the game. Geminn's subsequent kick was wide.

The Oilers seriously threatened to score twice in the second half and the Maroons once. Colclasure broke up a Belleville drive early in the third period by intercepting a Bunch aerial on the Oiler 22 and moving out to the 27.

fact Belleville West was penalized 115 yards for absolutely nothing against Wood River. Since 1925, the Maroons have lost to the Oilers but five times. The last victory by Wood River came by forfeiture in 1958, because Belleville used an ineligible player.



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Fans Are Fickle

Just think a minute. Think about the second game of the World Series Thursday when the Tigers unloaded three home runs and bombed the Cardinals, 8-1.

Mickey Stanley



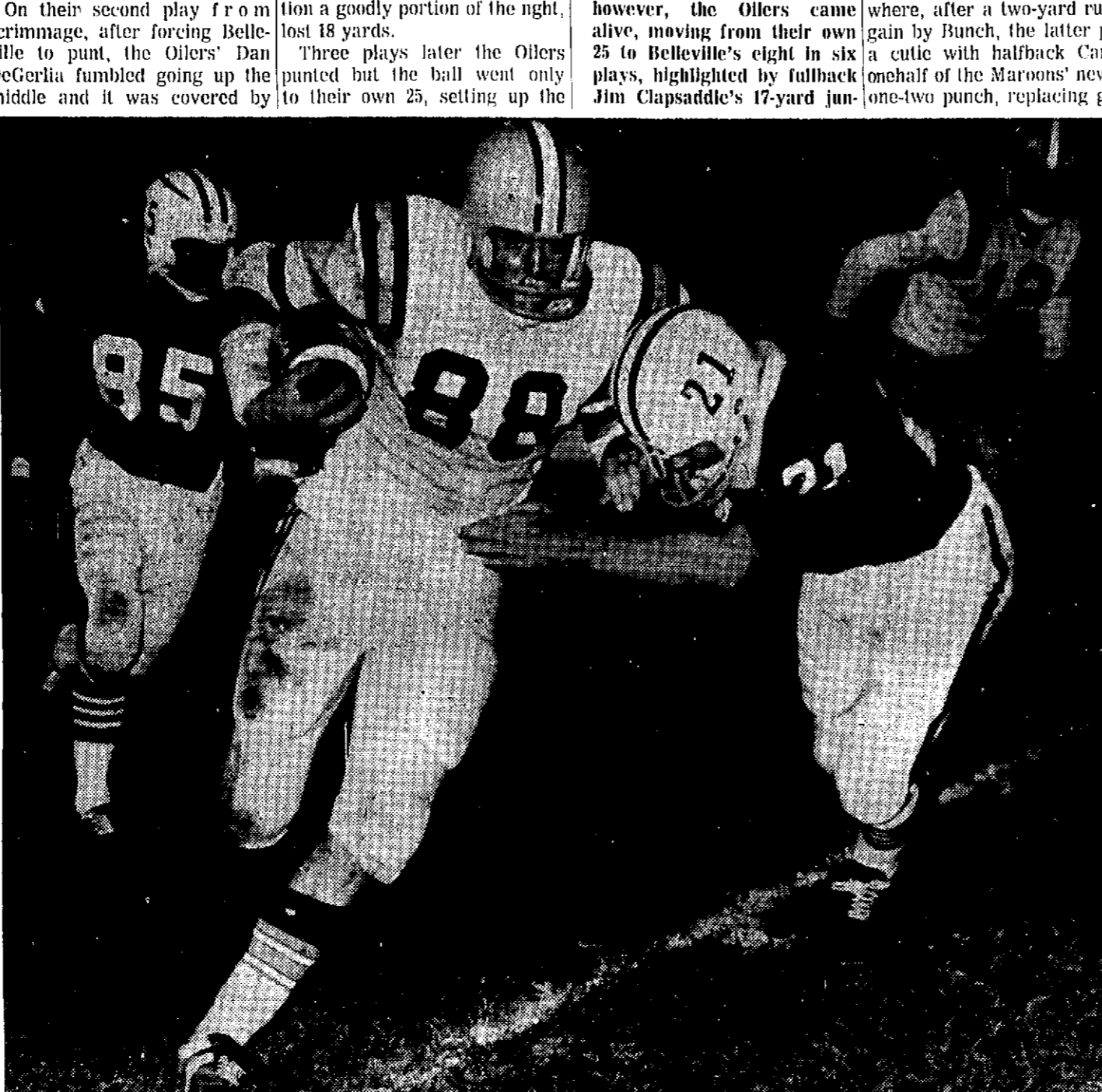
Go down the lineup of each team and you'll find some fine players — Flood, Brock, Cepeda, McCarver, McAuliffe, Kaline, Cash, McLain, Gibson, Stanley, Javier, Maris.

Don't Condemn Players

What I'm trying to say, is that you cannot judge a player in such a short series. Take Freehan, for instance. Three Cardinals, Brock, Javier and Flood, stole bases in the first Series game. They blamed Freehan. Could be. Yet, maybe the fan sitting in the stand might not see the same thing a runner can see when he's on first base.

Remember How It Used to Be

Fans over in the American League felt the same way about the National League that many fans think today — one league is inferior to the other.



TIMBER!—End Bill Colclasure of Wood River is about to be brought down by Belleville's defensive halfback, Tom Stoeckel, as teammate Ralph Bradac trails the play in Friday night's Southwestern Conference clash between the Oilers and Maroons.



PICKIN' UP GROUND—Hard-running Mike Ripley of Belleville West, No. 23, picks up a short gainer against Wood River's Oilers before being brought down by Jerry Lepchenske, No. 20, shown moving in for the tackle. It was part of Belleville's winning effort, 19-0, in Friday night's contest at home.

Wilson Hits Homers for Detroit, Too

DETROIT (AP) — The thing in Detroit now is signs proclaiming. "Soe El Tuum, Tigers."

Redbirds Have Another Threat After 46-7 Win

By DON PLARSKI, Telegraph Sports Editor

GRANITE CITY — All of a sudden, Alton High School's football team, still untested, has another offensive threat.

Rollins toted 12 times and gained 52 yards for 4.3 per carry. Right behind was Belshe with 51 yards in 11 tries. Belshe started the game at quarterback but moved to halfback when Dave Evans took over.

Saturday afternoon. The Redbirds entertain St. Louis U. High at Public School Stadium at 1 o'clock. St. Louis U. High, you'll remember from last year, spoiled Alton's then-perfect record with a 6-6 tie. The Junior Bills are currently 3-1 and quite obviously ready for the invasion.

Hull, Mikita Not Signed

TORONTO (AP) — Tommy Ivan, general manager of the Chicago Black Hawks, expressed concern Friday that his two super-stars, Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita, have not yet signed contracts for the 1968-69 National Hockey League season.

Alan Lead To Townsend

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Peter Townsend, only 22, shot for the moon today and those who gamble on golf were ready to wager he would make it.

Grid Menu

- TODAY East St. Louis at CBC (St. Louis) Jerseyville at Staunton Lutheran South at Western Military Academy Augustinian (St. Louis) at Assumption

College Football Results

- Susquehanna 13, Bloomsburg Pa., State 13, tie Gustavus Adolphus 24, St. Thomas 7 Hillsaps 45, Northwood, Tex. 7 Houston 71, Cincinnati 33 Illinois-Chicago 13, Wayne State, Mich. 0 Hayward, Calif., State 30, California-Davis 14

Illinois College Wins

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois of Chicago scored two touchdowns in the second quarter Friday night and went on to defeat Wayne State 13-0 in an inter-sectional football game.

Friday's Fights

NEW YORK — Paul Johnson, 176, New York, stopped Angel Oquendo, 176, New York, 1.