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WESTERVILLE, Ohio--For the eighth time in as many years Otterbein has wrapped up its football season with a disappointing loss to Capital University. This time the Cap team won 35 to 20, giving Otterbein its 25th loss in 46 meetings with Capital.

Nothing but the punting went right for the Otterbein Cardinals Saturday night at Memorial Stadium. Sophomore Leif Pettersen (Toronto), who has had a marvelous year of kicking, was the man to watch as he booted 10 punts for the Cardinals, averaging an amazing 45.4 yards a punt. He is leading the Ohio Conference in punting and should be in national rankings this week with a season average of 41.8 yards a kick for 32 punts, and a best one of 72 yards.

The Cap Crusaders held the Cardinals to just 89 yards on the ground and 83 in the air while churning out 354 yards rushing and 12 yards passing themselves. Otterbein actually lost a yard on the ground in the second half. They had 90 yards rushing at halftime.

Doug Thomson (Oakville, Ont.), who has led the Cardinal rushing attack this year, attracted a host of Crusaders and was limited to just 7 yards. This season he has carried the ball 175 times for 691 yards, an average of 3.9 yards a run.

Freshman Jim Cox (Middletown), who has been starting at a Cardinal halfback slot, was the best ground-gainer for Otterbein. Cox managed 85 yards in only 7 carries. That's just over 12 yards a run. He has the best average among Cardinal rushers, making 4.4 yards a rush this season overall.

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Sophomore Wayne Blevins (Hamilton) also had a fairly good day against Cap. He gained 34 yards in 9 attempts for an average of 3.8 yards. Blevins has been in the fullback slot much of the season and now has a total of 215 yards in 63 tries this fall for the second place in Cardinal rushing.

Blevins scored two of the three Otterbein TD's Saturday. The first came on a 7 yard pass play from quarterback Greg Miller (Bellefontaine) with just 4:44 left in the first half. His second TD was scored on a 14 yard scramble with 14:55 remaining in the game.

Sam Varney (Waverly), a sophomore, realized the dream of defensemen when he picked off a Cap pass with 13:13 left in the third quarter, and ran 27 yards for a Cardinal touchdown.

This was the final game for nine seniors who wanted more than most to win over Capital. All were instrumental in Cardinal action this fall. Four started on the defensive squad and two were offensive starters. The other four rotated behind the starters.

The defensive men will be sorely missed next year. They have put in a tremendous effort in trying to contain some very strong opponents. Defensive co-captains Porter Kauffman (Lancaster), left cornerback, and Howard 'Butch' Denney (Euclid), left linebacker, were conspicuous on most tackles this fall. Mark Banbury (Danville), right tackle, and John Johnson (Columbus Central), the right linebacker, also gave the opponents many moments to remember. All four will be very hard to replace.

Jerry Elliott (Westerville), who was a transfer, played as a Cardinal only as a senior and was the main signal-caller for the Cardinals this year. He completed 29 of 73 passing attempts for 447 yards as he helped quarterback the team to its 3 wins.

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Gary Kuzyk (Toronto), also a transfer, played two years as a Cardinal halfback. He caught 15 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns this year as he helped the Otterbein squad from his left halfback position.

Eric Nuppola (Toronto), back up man for Kuzyk at left half, gained 116 yards in just 38 attempts this season as he spent most of the time blocking from his backfield position.

Two centers, Wendel Deyo (London) and Robin Bush (Pataskala), played their last game for Otterbein Saturday protecting their quarterback from the center of Cap's mean defensive line.

Dave Mack (Lakewood), who just joined the team this year, was second man at both the right and left end positions. He blocked most of the time for the Cardinals but scored one TD on a pass play in the closing moments of the win over Marietta.

Another season has gone by at Otterbein and Coach Moe Agler and his assistants are already working on next year as they try to get a winning season. A talented group of freshmen and sophomores will move up a notch next fall and should toughen things up considerably if replacements can be found for the senior starters who are leaving.

1971 OTTERBEIN COLLEGE
FINAL FOOTBALL STATISTICS--Nine Games--3-6-0 (2-4-0)

TEAM STATISTICS				INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS					
	OTT	OPP		CAR	YG	YL	Net	Ave.	
First Downs	136	130	Rushing	175	717	26	691	3.9	
Rushing	82	82	Doug Thomson	63	220	5	215	3.4	
Passing	46	36	Jim Cox	42	204	17	187	4.4	
Penalty	8	12	Eric Nuppola	38	126	10	116	3.1	
Rushing (Attempts)	439	495	Jim Bontadelli	23	86	28	58	2.5	
Gain	1512	2236	Les Donahue	9	22	1	21	2.3	
Loss	370	218	Jim Albright	2	5	3	2	1.0	
Net Yards	1142	2018	Gary Kuzyk	17	25	41	-16	-1.0	
Ave/Game	126.9	224.2	Greg Miller	16	14	59	-45	-2.8	
			Jerry Elliott	41	53	137	-84	-2.0	
Passing (Attempts)	201	128	Passing	Att	Comp	Yds.	H.I.		
Completions	83	60	Jerry Elliott	73	29	447	5		
Had Intercepted	17	7	Greg Miller	98	44	572	7		
Net Yards	1129	795	Jim Bontadelli	20	10	110	4		
Ave/Game	125.4	88.3	Doug Thomson	2	0	0	1		
			Steve Traylor	1	0	0	0		
Total Offense			Gary Kuzyk	1	0	0	0		
Total Plays	645	623	Total Offense	Rush	Pass	Total			
Net Yards	2271	2814	Doug Thomson	691	0	691			
Ave/Game	252.3	312.7	Greg Miller	-45	572	527			
			Jerry Elliott	-84	447	363			
Punting (No.)	60	58	Jim Bontadelli	58	110	168			
Yds. Punted	2296	2003	Pass Receiving	Caught	Yds.	TD			
Ave/Punt	38.3	34.5	Steve Traylor	28	553	4			
Punts Blocked	0	1	Doug Thomson	16	170	1			
Fumbles (No.)	26	24	Gary Kuzyk	15	194	2			
Lost	15	11	Jim Cox	9	123	1			
Penalties (No.)	58	49	Dan Fagan	3	38				
Yds. Penalized	580	490	Wayne Blevins	6	24	1			
			Neil Mairs	2	17				
SCORING BY QUARTERS			Jim Albright	1	7				
Otterbein	14	24	19	58--115	Leif Pettersen	1	6		
Opponents	83	62	45	52--242	Dave Mack	1	2	1	
					Steve Schnarr	1	-5		
SCORING					Punting	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Best
					Leif Pettersen	32	1339	41.8	72
					Doug Thomson	28	957	34.1	59
					Pass Interceptions	No.	Yards	TD	
					Sam Varney	1	27	1	
					Jim Albright	2	0		
					Mark Leopold	1	20		
					Mike Shannon	1	3		
					John Johnson	1	13		
					Punt Returns	No.	Yards	Ave.	
					Jim Albright	9	89	9.9	
					Jim Cox	3	12	4.0	
					Doug Thomson	1	13	13.0	
					Jim Bontadelli	1	11	11.0	
					Kick Off Returns	No.	Yards	Ave.	
					Jim Albright	18	376	20.9	
					Jim Cox	10	195	19.5	
					Jim Bontadelli	6	110	18.3	
					Sam Varney	2	38	19.0	
					John Schneider	3	24	8.0	
					Les Donahue	2	21	10.5	
					Porter Kauffman	1	17	17.0	
					Ed Hartung	1	7	7.0	

FINAL 1971 RESULTS

Ott	Opp	
15	Kenyon*	14
7	Ashland	42
7	Wittenberg*	21
0	Mount Union*	42
30	Hiram	22
22	Marietta*	10
14	Defiance	21
0	Denison*	35
20	Capital*	35

* Ohio Conference Games

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NEW CONCORD, Ohio--- When you can't win yourself, it's usually nice to have someone you know win. That's what happened to Denison's Ed Exler, the 1970 Ohio Conference rushing leader. Favored to repeat this year, he even had the advantage of seeing his competition everyday, teammate Bill Harris. Harris won this year's title with an average of 115 yards per game, followed by Wooster's Jeff Wise (100.3 ave.) and Exler (99.2).

In the scoring column, Kenyon's Joe Szmania edged Baldwin-Wallace's Terry Nagy eight points per game to 7.8 points per game.

Ohio Wesleyan's Steve Chase not only led his team to a championship, but earned a personal title also as he capped the total offense race with 179 yards rushing and 1157 passing for a total of 1336, 148.6 per game. Steve Morris of Marietta was second with an average of 146yards.

Air-minded Ed Casey of Baldwin-Wallace captured the passing crown with 103 completions in 181 attempts for nine TDs and 1268 yards, an average of 10.3 completions per game. Kenyon's Dan Handel was second with 9.6 completions per outing.

Two of Casey's targets finished in the top three receivers as Tom Graham (50 catches for 765 yds.) and Willie Avery (43, 536 yds) sandwiched Oberlin's Jon Davies (37, 490 yds.).

The team totals show Denison as the rushing leader (253 yds. ave.) and Baldwin-Wallace the passing leader (185.5 yds. ave.).

Mount Union slipped by Baldwin-Wallace in total offense with a season ending average of 352 while the Yellow Jackets averaged 339.9 yards a game.

Defensively, Heidelberg led in rushing defense (104.8 ave.), Denison topped the air defense units (79.8) and Ohio Wesleyan was the total leader (203.2).

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