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By Tom Bodle

As autumn leaves continued to fall in the first week of November, 1969, the controversy over the United States involvement in Vietnam continued to be the major focus of national news. The anti-War movement displayed the growing divisions within the fabric of our nation. The October 15th "Moratorium" was the prelude to what would be a massive march on Washington scheduled for November 15th. President Nixon, in an effort to explain his administration's road map for Vietnam, spoke to the nation on November 3rd. In a speech covered by all major networks, Nixon reviewed the history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam and explained his agenda to "win America's peace." He revealed some of the strategies in dealing with the North Vietnamese in efforts to formulate a peace accord as well as his plan to cede military operations to South Vietnam in a process called "Vietnamization." Most of all he appealed to protestors to calm their divisiveness and asked the "Silent Majority" of Americans to support the administration's effort for peace: "The more support I can have from the American people, the sooner the pledge (for peace) can be redeemed; for the more divided we are at home, the less likely the enemy is to negotiate."

In sports, the American League announced a tie in the balloting for the Cy Young Award between Mike Cuellar and Dennis McClain. In a battle of division leaders, the Cleveland Browns thumped the Dallas Cowboys 42-10 at Municipal Stadium. The Browns completed the first half of their season with a 5-1-1 record, leading the Century Division.

The mellow tones of the Fifth Dimension pushed Elvis Presley from number one on the pop music charts. "Wedding Bell Blues" took the top spot and would nestle there for most of November. Making a power play in November was Steam's "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye", that quickly was adopted by many a student cheering section throughout the country.



Vikings' Goal Is Perfection

By DICK ZUNT

St. Joseph High has had the perfect season in its history. Last year the mighty Vikings finished 14-6.

The unbeaten Vikings can't equal that mark this year, not only because they play only nine games. They are 8-1.

Saturday, after Benedictine (8-1) and St. Ignatius (7-1) settle the city championship at the Stadium (kick-off at 12:30 p.m.), St. Joseph will battle St. Edward for the Crown Conference title.

St. Edward, 7-2, never won eight games in one season. Four other times the Eagles have won seven games. They were 7-1-1 (1951), and 7-0 in 1961, 1964 and 1965.

Saturday is the biggest chance to make school history.

A VICTORY for the Eagles of last year's best coach Fred Ott would give the winners an all-time 8-5 record and, of course, the crown.

St. Joseph is riding a 13-game winning streak. A Viking victory would wrap up a second perfect season for veteran coach Bill Gotfred.

St. Joseph, St. Edward and Channel met for the first time in 1967, the league's first season. Last

SATURDAY'S HEROES...

The halls of St. Joe continued to revel in the successes of the prior week. The Cross Country team was honored in school and by local newspapers for bringing home the Ohio Class AA state championship. The football team's exciting victory at Youngstown Ursuline had school buzzing with anticipation of an undefeated season.

Standing in the way of the Vikings was cross town rival, St. Edward. St. Joe and St. Ed were mirror image schools, reflecting the east side-west side competitiveness of the Cleveland area. Both schools were created by Bishop Edward Hoban, with an all male student body based on a comprehensive curriculum to meet the needs of the burgeoning Catholic populations on both sides of the city. St. Ed, opening in 1949 and St. Joe in 1950 grew quickly and developed strong football traditions. During the 1960's the Eagles often met the Vikings in the last game of the season, with the games being legendary for hard hitting and rousing fan spirit. In 1968, St. Joe completed its first undefeated, untied season in the cold, muddy "backyard" of St. Edward, with a 14-6 victory. Once again, in 1969 the Eagles represented the last hurdle for a Viking undefeated year.



The contest was scheduled for November 8th, the last week of high school football in Ohio. However, the attraction of such a notorious rivalry led the Cleveland Plain Dealer to approach both schools to bring the game to Cleveland Municipal Stadium as part of a high school football doubleheader to benefit P.D. Charities. The game would be scheduled a week later, November 15th, in tandem with the East-West Senate Championship. After week nine the stage was set. Benedictine, riding a 9-0 record and touted by many as the best team in northern Ohio, would match with St. Ignatius in the opener. The Vikings would pit their 8-0 record against 7-2 St. Edward in the night-cap. The Viking gridders had two weeks to prepare. At stake was an undefeated season, a Crown Conference championship, an undefeated football class and a comparison to Benedictine for a chance for area accolades as the best team in northeast Ohio. The peaceful first week of November would be just the "calm before the storm" for an epic week in Viking football.

ST. ED'S GAME TO BE "BATTLE OF SURVIVAL"

by Mark Hummer

High School sports history is about to be made! Next Saturday, on Nov. 15 at 3 P.M., the St. Joseph Varsity Football Team will duel west side rival, St. Edward at Cleveland Municipal Stadium in the first annual high school football double-header. In past years this traditional "Charity Game" has been played on Thanksgiving Day. This year the date has been escalated to November 15.

According to St. Joseph varsity football coach, Mr. William Gulbrod, "St. Joseph has been chosen by the Plain Dealer to participate because of the tremendous interest of both students and adults in this year's Viking team." The game between St. Joseph and St. Edward will officially end the season for both teams.

St. Edward, a scrappy west side team, has been an arch rival of the Vikings from the first time the two teams clashed in 1950 till the present time.

This year, the Eagles have proved themselves a formidable opponent for any team, having suffered only two defeats thus far. As coach Gotfred puts it, "This game involves two of the finest teams in the area and has much more significance than past games. It will be a battle of survival."

For the Vikings this year, the entire season has been a "battle of survival." Finishing off the first half of the season with a hard-fought 24-14 victory over Toledo Central Catholic, the Vikings extended their season record to 4-0. Following an open date, the St. Joseph team went on to tie the school's scoring record by trouncing Channel 66-18, in the first Crown Confer-

ence game of the season. Viking quarterback Bob Bobrowski led the team with 193 yards for 13 carries and 5 completed passes out of 7 attempted.

The following week, playing the only Sunday game of the season, The Vikings shut out the Padua Lions 14-0 in another Crown Conference game. After a scoreless first quarter, defensive tackle Craig Myers ended the deadlock by snagging a fumble pass and rambling 55 yards to score, toppling both Bobrowski, who was injured early in the first quarter, senior quarterback Ken Polke three touchdowns pass to tight end Greg Lieb just before the half, to give St. Joseph their second and final score of the game. However, both Lieb and Myers sustained injuries during the second half.

A week later, the Vikings squared off against Cathedral Latin minus four starting players. Bobrowski, Myers, Lieb, and fullback Kevin Flynn were all sidelined with injuries. Nevertheless, the St. Joseph squad went on to beat the Lions by a score of 24-0 and take a leading 3-0 Crown Conference record. Polke threw for three touchdowns and ran for another to pace the Vikings to their 11th consecutive victory over the last three years.

On Nov. 15 at 12:30 P.M., the East and West Senate champions will vie for the city title in Cleveland Stadium. At 3 o'clock St. Joseph High School will battle long-standing rival St. Edward.

SENIOR LARRY GLAUDE is caught from behind by a Channel defender on the Channel 20 yard line.



Tackle Craig Myers, after intercepting a Padua pass, scores the first touchdown on a 55 yard run.