

KINGSFORT CLOSES SEASON IN WORST DEFEAT IN YEARS

Mighty Cyclone Blows Over Six Touchdowns to Turn Game Into Rout; Betsy to Meet Shelbyville Next

A battle-weary Kingsport high team hung up its football tattered for the season today taking a back seat while their 39-0 conquerors, the Elizabethton Cyclones, march into the state playoff against Shelbyville at Elizabethton Saturday.

It was a convincing triumph at Elizabethton yesterday for Coach Niles Brown's mighty gridgers who chalked up their ninth win out of 10 starts and kept their record of

TREATED AT HOSPITAL

Hal Morley, Indian fullback, who suffered a broken wrist in yesterday's game with Elizabethton, Oliver Hawk, all-Southern tackle, and Harry Starnes, captain, were given emergency treatment at Community hospital last night.

Morley suffered a broken bone in his right wrist. An examination showed Hawk and Starnes suffered severe shoulder bruises. All were released after receiving treatment.

no defeats intact. Only the 0-0 tie with the Indians earlier in the season marred an otherwise perfect record.

The defeat was the first setback for the Indians this season and brought their winning streak of 17 (See INDIANS CRUSHED, page 2)

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to an abrupt halt.

The Cyclones proved beyond any question of a doubt their superiority over the Indians, shoving across two touchdowns in the second period, one more in the third and then turned the game into a complete rout with three more in the final period.

The Indians were only a ghost of the Kingsport high team, that had swamped Knoxville high 29-6, annihilated Landonville high of Jacksontonville 46-0 and triumphed 12-12 over a good Chattanooga Central eleven.

They were dead on their feet. They lacked the fire that had held them at the top in football circles in this section for the past four years, and injuries, rehurt early in yesterdays' setto did their part in contributing to Elizabethton's victory.

This, however, in no whit detracted from the convincing manner in which the Cyclones paraded to victory. It was one of the greatest ball clubs East Tennessee has had the opportunity of witnessing in action. It had everything necessary including the most vicious blocking this writer has ever seen in a high school team.

Kingsport showed the strain of 12 previous tilts this season, three in the last two weeks, but even at their greatest it is doubtful that the club could have withstood the assaults of an inspired Elizabethton crew that was sparked by a youngster by the name of Hale who knew all the tricks of the trade.

Elizabethton's superior blocking that cut wide swaths in the Kingsport line and even moved downfield with equal venom, proved the principal difference in the two clubs. It was this blocking that six times permitted the Cyclones to cross the Maroon double stripes for the worst defeat a Rich coached eleven has ever suffered.

Bobby Cifers, Kingsport's great junior halfback upon whose shoulders the offensive burden of the Indians has fallen this season, didn't have a chance against the Cyclones.

He sparked the only Kingsport threat early in the third period, but even then he was forced to make his own way and the 11 fighting demons in the opposition quickly throttled his every effort. It was the first game in which Cifers has been compelled to give way to an opponent as the star of the battle, but Hale and Stevenson, the latter Betsy's phenomenal fullback, turned the trick.

Injuries which had plagued the Indians for several weeks, proved too much. Oliver Hawk, all-Southern lineman; Hal Morley, great defensive fullback, and Harry Starnes, the Indians mighty little pilot, played a part of the game materially effecting any chances the Indians might have had to recoup the 12-0 deficit at half time.

Morley was removed from the battle early in the first period with a fractured wrist and Hawk, mainstay of the defensive bulwark all season, was hampered a short time later when his bruised and battered shoulders gave way. He played only one minute of the second half.

Captain Starnes was injured in in the third period, but stuck it out most of the game.

Tom Burgan, Kingsport's great little center, rose to new heights despite the crushing defeat. He shouldered most of the burden throughout the second half and never gave up fighting although most of his teammates appeared to give up in the final stanza when victory seemed remote.

The long rest the Cyclones had enjoyed since they closed their regular schedule with a 23-6 win over Morristown three weeks ago, proved just what the Cyclones needed and they were in top physical as well as mental condition for the fracas.

There were few individual stars as the entire Betsy team joined forces to keep the Indians backed up to their own goal line all afternoon, never allowing Cifers a chance to show his greatness. They pounced on fumbles and intercepted passes like a college eleven, while their linemen rushed Kingsport passers forcing them to toss wildly.

Elizabethton lost little time in getting started. After the opening kickoff the two teams exchanged punts and then Betsy swung into action.

Taking the ball on their own 23 and set back to the 15 by a 15 yard clipping penalty, the Cyclones, with Stevenson, Chambers, and Hale alternating at lugging the oval, marched to the Kingsport 20. Here Hawk recovered Stevenson's fumble to temporarily thwart the drive.

After Kingsport failed to gain, Cifers heaved a long one that Hale intercepted on Kingsport's 41 and the heat was on. Hale carried to the 21 as the quarter ended and in four plays Hale scored from the four yard line.

It was then that Kingsport showed its only spark of life. Taking the kickoff, Cifers ripped the Betsy line for two straight first downs before the Cyclones held and took the ball on their own 20.

On the second play Stevenson found a hole at right tackle, reversed his field and ran 53 yards to the Kingsport 22 where he was brought down by Duncan. Hale and Stevenson made a first down on the 10, but here the Tribe stiffened and held for downs on the three.

Cifers stepped back and booted a beautiful kick to Hale on Kingsport's 45 and behind his tenacious blocking he scampered down the sidelines for a touchdown. Stevenson failed from placement on extra trials.

A Kingsport fumble gave Elizabethton the ball on the Indians 22 early in the third period and the Cyclones drove to the eight where Chambers fumbled. But the drive

was halted only momentarily. Four plays later Maupin intercepted Cifers' pass and returned to the Kingsport 15 and Stevenson ploughed to the 20. Whitaker intercepted Hale's pass behind the goal line for a touchback.

Hale took Cifers' punt from the 10 on his own 45 and returned to the 40. The Cyclones marched on down the field with Stevenson plunging over from the 1 yard line. He passed to Maupin for the extra point.

The fourth period turned into a rout. Chambers skirted left end for 10 yards for one of the markers. Maupin plunged from the one foot line for another and Laws took Stevenson's pass for 30 yards and a touchdown shortly before the game ended.