



by Charlie Lewis

PORT TRIUMPHS

The Blue and White charges, led by Ernie Jackson and sparked by the defensive play of junior Ronnie Musselwhite turned down a victory bid by their arch-rivals, Great Neck to a score of 7-6. Port, once-beaten by Manhasset Indians, now boasts a record of 4 wins and a single loss.

This game was truly one for the records. Although Great Neck holds the lead in the 26th year of this inter-school competition, no one can say that the Port team did not deserve its victory last Saturday.

The game proved to be a battle of moral strength and the ability and dependence of all the players of both teams on each other. In the opening period Great Neck met with hard luck, with the calling back of a touchdown pass that slipped through the defensive Port backfield into the end zone. Penalties seemed to be Great Neck's downfall during the game, as they were called several times. Realizing the capability of the Great Neck squad, the Port line soon took hold, and showed their supremacy in withstanding many assaults thrown at them. Standing

out were the ends, Meyer and Thompson; tackles Santiccolli and Utz, guards Ribar and Nuzolese, and the center.

It was plainly seen as the game progressed into the second quarter that victory was going to be hard to earn. The Great Neck backfield was clicking, and the Port defensive team took heed.

In the last half, the Great Neckers tried many pass plays to move the ball deep into Port territory, but sparked by the all-around ability of Ronnie Musselwhite who repeatedly intercepted and blocked possible passes, the Port team turned down any real bid made by the invaders.

Great Neck tried vainly to penetrate the Port territory, trying to keep the ball away from Ernie Jackson, who was making his share of the tackles. They succeeded only on a twenty-three yard pass from Wolf to Giroux which went into the Port end zone for the TD. That ever present fatal extra point try was blocked by the on-charging Port line.

The ball game was coming to a finish very fast, and the Port offensive machine sparked by Cutler, Hamilton, Hall, Jackson, and sophomore Allen Pollock began to move into the Great Neck territory. Runs by Cutler, Hamilton, and Jackson set the ball deep into Great Neck territory, making a possibility for a TD attempt. A quick low pass caught by Billy Thompson set the ball up. Cutler scooted around right end, and hit the Great Neck two yard line only to fumble the ball. After gaining possession again Port was determined to move. Ernie Jackson scooted right through the Great Neck line for the Port tally and to tie the score at six all. Jackson kicked the extra point for the 7

to 6 score in favor of his team. This was the second PAT made by the Port squad this season. The Port defensive team held off the Great Neckers until the final minutes of the game, insuring themselves a well deserved victory.

Farmingdale

Tomorrow Port will be host to undefeated Farmingdale, which boasts a top offensive team, supported by a seemingly un-penetrable defensive club. Many wonder if the Blue and White sparked by Jackson, will be able to turn the tides and tally over this strong squad. A victory is un-predictable, as both teams are in top shape, and both have top records. Anyone attending this tussle will be assured of an exciting game. Farmingdale also boasts an undefeated J.V. team. Coach Horton's club will play this squad next Monday at the Farmingdale field.

Other Scores

- Farmingdale 21, Hicksville 13
Freeport 26, Westbury 7
Long Beach 40, Oceanside 13
Garden City 37, W. H'pst'd 13
Manhasset 39, Oyster Bay 0
Lawrence 26, Glen Cove 0

Player of Week

Ronnie Musselwhite has been selected as the third player of the week because of his fine defensive play during the Great Neck game last week. Due to Ronnie's fine playing, Port won the game 7 to 6.

Ron has participated in the sports world as far back as junior high, when he played freshman basketball. Last year he played on the J.V. football team, which had a very successful season.

Now a junior, Ronnie has earned a berth on the varsity squad. His great defensive play last week turned back Great Neck's bids for touchdowns. He was a threat to Great Neck throughout the game by intercepting many passes. Along with Ernie Jackson, Ronnie Musselwhite will surely be of vital importance in the tussle against Farmingdale tomorrow.

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