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# Central Rips St. John's, 46-0 For 8th In Row

## Follansbee Wins W. Va. Grid Championship, 7-6

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St. John's was getting ready to give up when Follansbee's Joe Prest threw a touchdown pass to Steve Kellum in the first quarter. The game was a rout from the start. Follansbee's offense was too much for St. John's defense. Prest was the key player, leading the team to a 46-0 victory. The game was played at the home of St. John's in Martinsburg.

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# Wilinski's Extra Point Provides Victory Margin

Follansbee High's victorious football forces returned to a thunderous "hail the conquering heroes" welcome, Saturday night, after scoring a stunning 7-6 victory over favored Barboursville at Parkersburg to win the West Virginia Class "A" football championship.

A crowd of 6,000 spectators, nearly half of them from Follansbee, sat in a cold rain to watch Coach Doug Stone's charged up Blue Wave score in the second period and then put on a tremendous demonstration of defensive strength to defeat the defending champions. The victory shattered a string of 28 consecutive conquests for Barboursville.

Stone, who expressed confidence earlier in the week that his team

## Statistics

| Follansbee |                      | Barboursville |
|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 5          | First Downs          | 13            |
| 113        | Yards Rushing        | 209           |
| 2          | Passes Attempted     | 1             |
| 0          | Passes Completed     | 0             |
| 1          | Passes Intercepted   | 0             |
| 0          | Yards Passing        | 0             |
| 7          | Punts                | 5             |
| 24         | Average Punt         | 28            |
| 55         | Yards Lost Penalties | 5             |

could knock off Barboursville, described it as a "magnificent team victory."

And it was just that. Rich Wilinski, a six-foot plus senior end and co-captain, plucked an enemy pass from the air to start Follansbee on a 63-yard touchdown drive in the second period. Raymond Marino, 160-pound junior half-back, crashed through the middle from two yards out for the touchdown. Wilinski kicked the extra point from placement to seal the doom of the Favored Pirates.

### Misses Chance At Tie

A blocked punt in the wake of a 15-yard penalty led to the Barboursville touchdown in the final period after the Wave had turned back one bid in the second quarter.

Quarterback Mel Clark attempted to punt out from his own two-yard line and the ball was batted down by John Plybon, Barboursville guard. It was retrieved by Sonny Midkiff, a substitute end, who charged into the end zone. Fullback Paul Adams punted for the extra point, but a backfield-in-motion penalty nullified the play. Adams punted forward a second time, but was nailed on the Wave three-yard line.

Barboursville rolled up 209 yards rushing and 13 first downs to 113 yards rushing and five first downs for Follansbee.

Stone had an explanation for this, however. He said the light Follansbee backs were at a distinct disadvantage in the heavy going and Follansbee played it tight, taking no chances, after grabbing a seven-point lead.

The husky Adams accounted for the bulk of the Barboursville yardage.

Neither team completed a pass. Barboursville attempted only one and Follansbee two.

#### **Wave Stages Drive**

Follansbee was irked by charges that their schedule did not warrant a shot at the state championship, but the Wave proved its championship caliber to the satisfaction of all critics with a 63-yard touchdown drive. It was started after Wilinski intercepted

Quarterback Jim Maddox's pass on the Wave 31. The rangy Wilinski was hauled down on the Follansbee 27.

That was the signal for the Wave to roll.

Marino smashed through the middle for six yards to set it under way. Freshwater added seven more and a first down in midfield. Dom Salatino and Marino each charged forward one yard before Bob Hudok, substitute fullback, scooted for 14 yards and a first down on the Barboursville 34. Freshwater added 11 and then Marino found an opening at tackle for 16 to plant the ball on the Pirates' 17.

#### Follansbee Scores

Bob Stiff, the seventh back to join in the move, wheeled around end for seven yards to reach the Barboursville 10. Marino and Clark, in successive tries, moved to the five for another first down. Freshwater added three before Marino drove through center for the touchdown midway in the second quarter. Wilinski's placement made it 7-0.

In the final minutes of the second period, Barboursville drove to the Follansbee one yard line only to be stopped by the halftime gun. A 15-yard roughing penalty gave Barboursville the ball on the Follansbee 34 to set up the move. Maddox, after being hauled down on the three made his way to the one on the next play.

Follansbee's final period difficulties also developed from a penalty — a 15 yarder for clipping. It backed the Wave up to its own two yard line. Clark, Freshwater and Marino alternated to move out to the nine as the Wave wisely attempted to consume time.

Clark punted on fourth down and the ball was batted down and carried into the end zone by Midkiff.

Follansbee was forced to put on another display of its defensive strength and sheer determination in the final period when Barboursville surged from its own 25 to the Follansbee 18. There the Wave put up a rock-ribbed defense to halt the advance. Faced with fourth down and two to go, Barboursville saw its hopes vanish when Adams was stopped cold by the Wave line. That wrapped up the ball game.

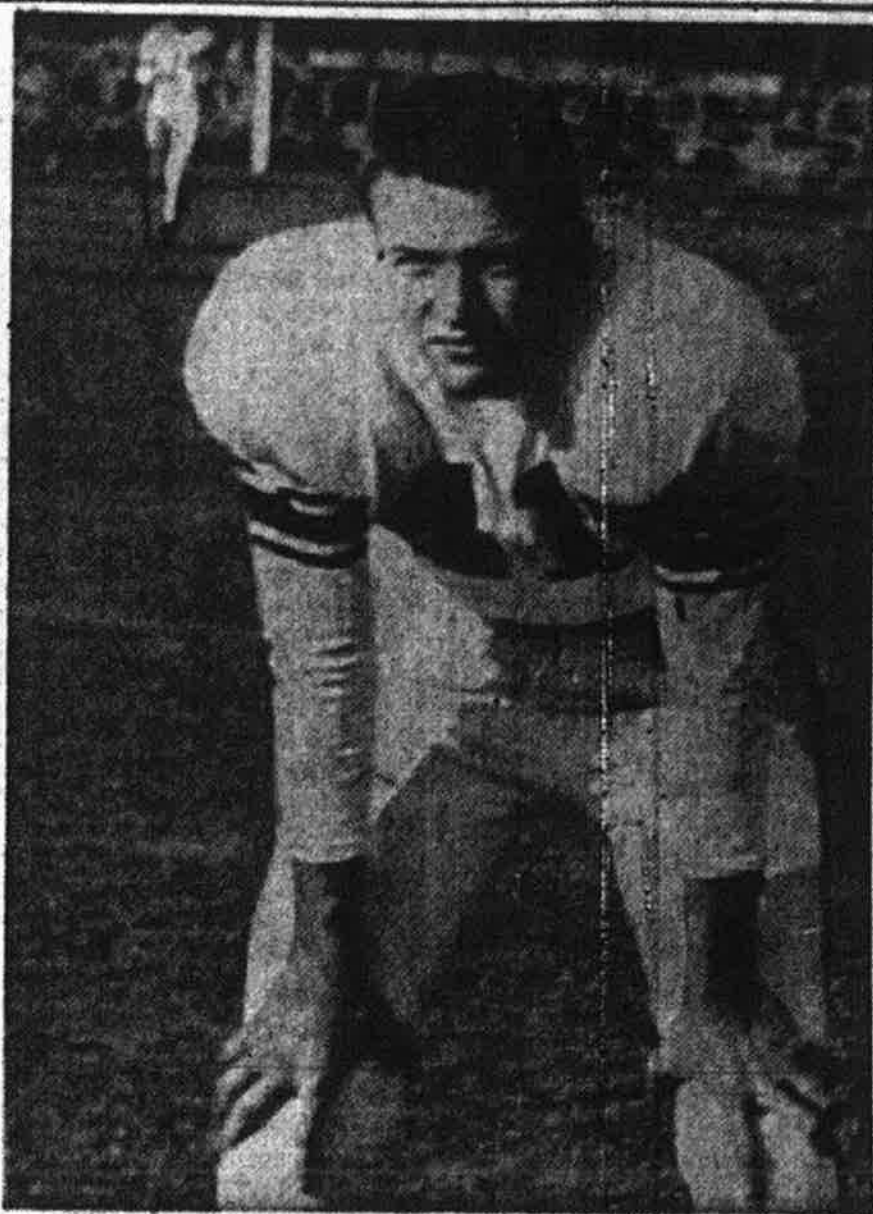
The Wave took over on its own 18 to run out the clock.

### **Second Panhandle Champ**

Follansbee became the second panhandle championship since the playoff plan was instituted in West Virginia in 1949. Weirton defeated Milton in the first championship game in 1949. Benwood-Union was walloped by Barboursville, 27-0, a year ago.

Follansbee townspeople and the team met the special train, bearing hundreds of Follansbee fans Follansbee station shortly before and the Blue Wave band, at the 10 p.m. They paraded through the city to the football field where a fireworks display was presented.

An all day celebration is on the



**HE PROVIDED MARGIN:** Rich Wilinski, six-foot, two-inch, 185-pound end, kicked the extra point that provided Follansbee with its 7-6 victory margin over Barboursville in the W. Va. championship game at Parkersburg.

docket for today.

The lineups:

**FOLLANSBEE, (7)**

**ENDS:** Wilinski, Benzo, Gruber

**TACKLES:** Floyd, Ralph Stiff, Pekarsik

**GUARDS:** Falbo, Oughton, Allsopp

**CENTER:** Bowen

**QUARTERBACK:** Clark

**HALFBACKS:** Marino, Freshwater, Flowers, Bob Stiff

**FULLBACKS:** Salantino, Hudok

**BARBOURSVILLE, (6 )**

**ENDS:** Keller, Parker

**TACKLES:** Adkins, Tickfer

**GUARDS:** Flybon, Dean

**CENTER:** Sharp

**QUARTERBACK:** Maddox

**HALFBACKS:** Wookey, Woods

**FULLBACK:** Adams

|               |   |   |   |     |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Follansbee    | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0-7 |
| Barboursville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6-6 |

**Touchdowns:** Follansbee — Marino; Barboursville — Midkiff. Extra point: Follansbee — Wilinski.