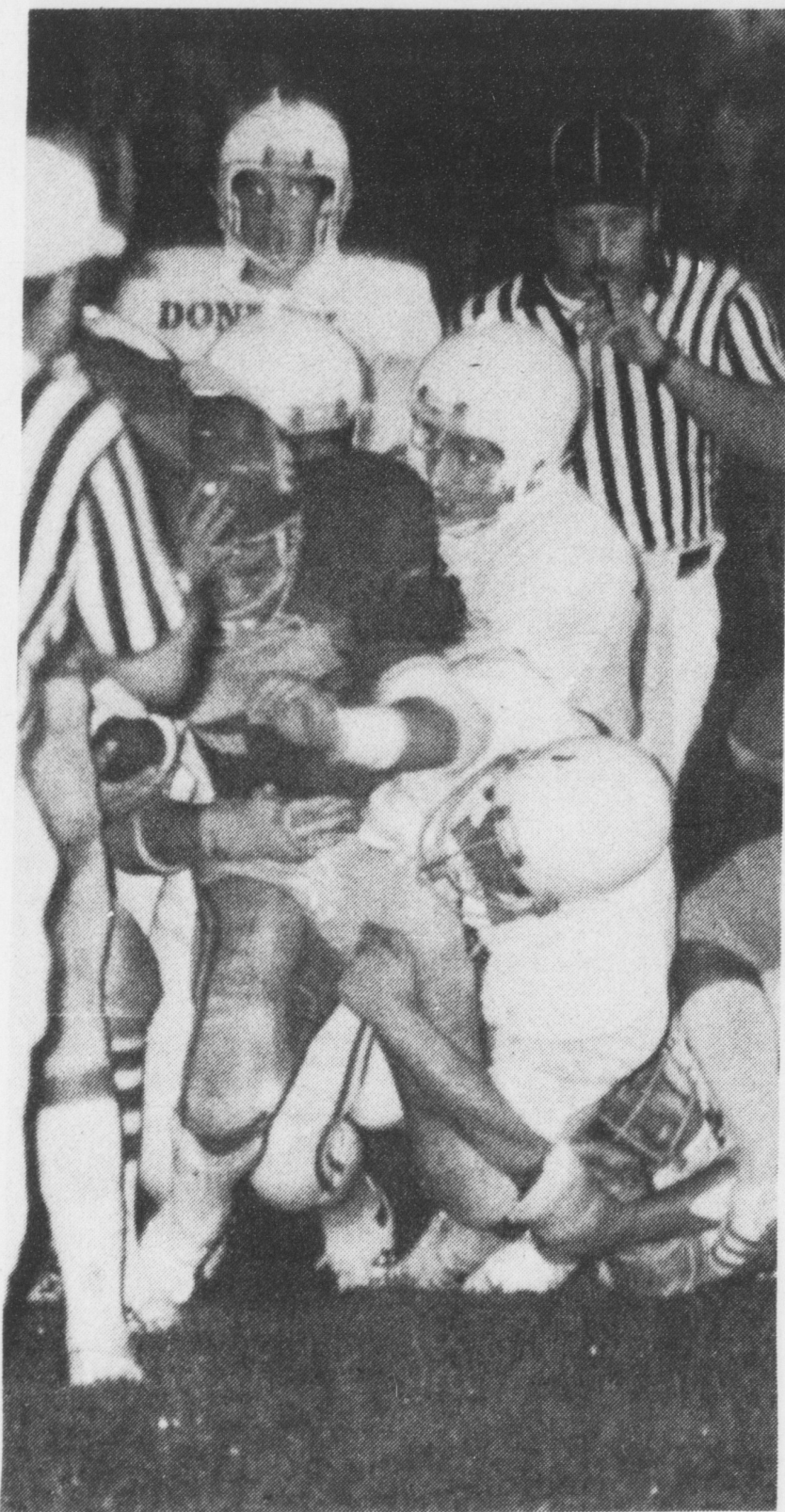


# Donegal mops up Columbia



What does it feel like to be hit by the Donegal defense? Not too pleasant, especially when 5 savage Indians grab you at the same time. If you look hard enough, you'll notice that one Donegal defenseman (almost completely hidden by the official in the foreground) has just stolen the ball from the unfortunate Columbia runner.



"Stop him!" pleads Columbia split end Tony Fillmore (on knees, with raised fists) as Donegal's Pete Splain (in white, with back to camera) lumbers toward the goal line, dragging a Columbia defender along like a sack of potatoes. Pete did cross the goal line to score one of his three touchdowns of the evening.

Coach Gayne Deshler wanted to send in the second string — but when your first string football players are mainly juniors, it's hard to find guys on the bench who are big enough to take the field against 200-plus pound opponents.

Eventually, most of the junior varsity did get to play, as Donegal mopped up Columbia in a soggy 43-0 rout in the rain under the new lights in Mount Joy last Friday night.

For the third time this year, an opponent was unable to score against the unbeaten Indians.

The game also marked:  
- the seventh consecutive win in 2 years of play on the Indian's home turf  
- the 4th consecutive win for a Donegal team. Donegal's longest winning streak ever happened in 1963, when the team won seven games in a row.

Since then, the Indians have never won 5 games in a row. The team will be out to break that 14-year team record when they take on Solanco next Friday. (It'll be another home game, which may help.)

Although football-watchers expected the Indians to be losers this season, their impressive record in the first three games of the year has established a reputation as *les enfants magnifiques* of L-L football, and they are favored to win next Friday. The astounding Indian defense will face its toughest challenge to date when it faces Solanco. The Mules have one of the biggest and most experienced offensive lines the Indians will face this year.

The Donegal defenders are not particularly big — and most of them are 11th graders, which is why nobody was predicting that

Donegal would win three shut-outs before the season opened.

"Our guys are small, but they're quick," says Coach Deshler. "In fact, we probably have the smallest defensive linemen in the league."

On paper, the weak link in the Donegal defensive line looks like Randy Derr. At 160 lbs., Randy looks too light to be a top-notch defensive tackle.

Randy is small on paper but larger-than-life on the football field. Sometimes, he makes huge opponents look like paper tigers. At other times, he turns them into confetti.

"Our defensive tackles, Randy Derr and Bill Lambert, have really done an outstanding job for us," says Coach Deshler. "We knew they could be good, but they didn't have much experience, and we thought it would take until the middle of the season for them to become really good — but they did it right away."

He continues, "The whole defensive team has been outstanding. They've practically scored half of our goals for us, by stealing the ball deep in the other side's territory."

The Indian offense is also both young and formidable. Donegal runners gobbled up 234 yards on the ground to Columbia's 145; plus 27 yards in the air to Columbia's 7.

Running back Pete Splain (185 lbs., 11th

grade) did most of the scoring, starting with an 8 yard touchdown run half-way through the first quarter.

He scored two more touchdowns in the game, on a one yard plunge and a 27 yard dash.

An all-out 11 man rush by Columbia spoiled one of Splain's extra point attempts, but he booted a second over the heads of the onrushing Crimson Tide.

Running back Arlen Mummau (170 lbs., 11th grade) added six points to the Indians' total with a spectacular 58 yard run, and quarterback Brian Ney scored on a quarterback sneak.

The most glorious moment of the game, however, belonged to jayvee running back Jim Shue (145 lbs., 11th grade) who carried the ball 78 yards for a touchdown.

Two-point runs by Ney and Splain topped off the score for Donegal.

Pouring rain didn't prevent a big crowd of spectators from overflowing the bleachers, but one incident dampened spirits on the Donegal bench. Jayvee quarterback Mitch Johnson (175 lbs., 10th grade), who took the field late in the game, suffered a dislocated shoulder. He'll be out of action for 6 weeks, which will hurt the junior varsity's chances of compiling a good record this year.

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## Last chance for Chiques

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The Chiques Co-ed Volleyball League has announced that the September 25 meeting will be the last chance for new teams (as well as old teams) to sign up for the '77 - '78

season. All teams should send a representative.

Anyone living within ten miles of Marietta Boro is invited to the session. The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Marietta Community House.