

# Indians sink Vikings

Back in the days when Norse long ships terrorized Europe, certain Viking warriors, who called themselves "berserkers," used to charge into battle stark naked, swinging ten pound swords. Like Joe Louis, the berserkers believed that "the best defense is offense." Furthermore, they thought that anyone who attempted to defend himself in battle, rather than concentrating on making the kill, was a coward. In fact, they thought anyone who used skill in a fight was a coward.

If the berserkers were still around today, they would be proud of their namesakes, the Northern Lebanon Vikings, who swept into Lancaster County last Friday and made the usually steel-hard Donegal Indian defense look like soft Swiss cheese.

But, if the DHS defense was Swiss cheese, the Viking defense was over-ripe Liederkrantz. Norlebcos got more than they dealt, and the Indians triumphed, 27-14.

In spite of the win, it was hardly Donegal's finest hour. The Vikings, who have won only once, came close to pulling the rug out from under the best team in Lancaster County.

Although nobody really wanted to say so, the game was probably the Indians' worst performance this season. Even the best teams have bad nights, and the Indians were very fortunate to be playing the Vikings when it happened.

Although coach Deshler said he had no complaints about the offense, there were plenty of missed blocks in that department. The defense was worse. It handed the Vikings 7 fifteen-yard penalties.

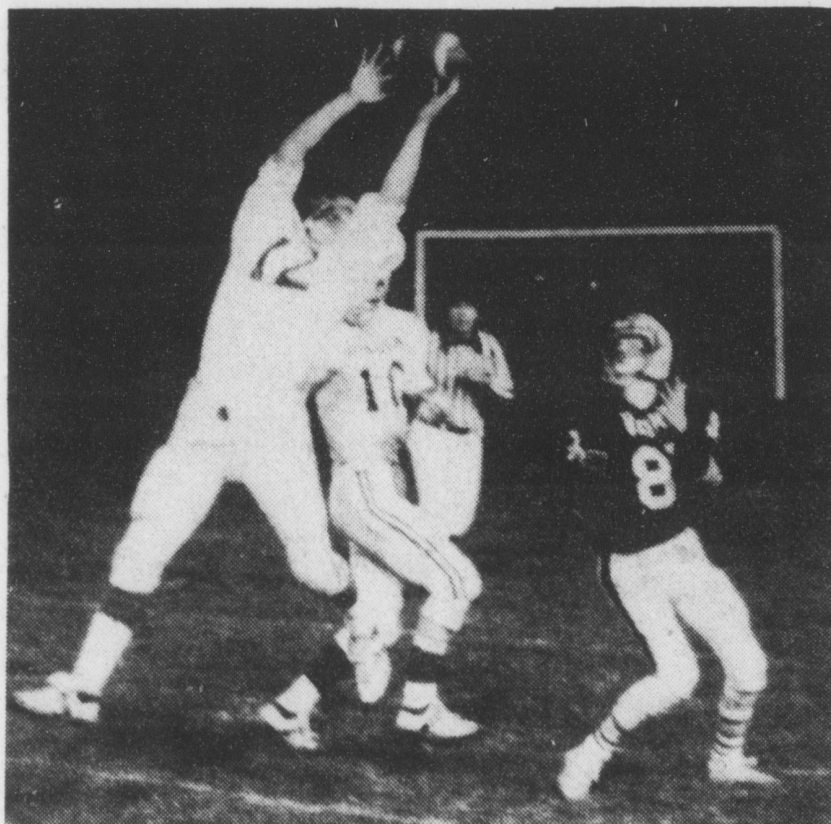
When you consider the fact that the Vikings' total rushing and passing yardage nearly matched Donegal's, and then add those penalties, you get a good idea of how close the game really was.

"Norlebcos had nothing to lose," Indian coach Gayne Deshler notes. "They knew they had to gamble, so they did. They ran when they should have punted, and it worked."

"We saw a whole new offense out there, and a whole new defense. They were willing to experiment against us, because they knew it was their only chance to win."

"Also, they were really fired up, which makes a difference. Their kids had been reading in the papers about our unbeaten streak and so on, and they knew they had to be ready. And they were."

Part of Donegal's problem was injuries. Jim



Ney breaks up a deep Viking pass attempt. Persun, who made an interception for the Indians, stands by. Unfortunately, the defense didn't look this good very often.

Shrum, Bill Lambert, and Scott Jones were all sidelined by the hard-hitting Vikings. Pete Splain, who is a pillar of the defense, as well as the workhorse of the offense, was still nursing an injured shoulder from the L-S game, and was available only for kicking duties.

Sophomore Darin Kolp played Pete's defensive slot well, considering his inexperience, but the defense will probably be in much better shape next week, when Splain, Lambert and Shrum are all expected to rejoin the starting lineup.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Scott Jones, who was well on his way to a 100 yard rushing game when a shoulder injury took him out of the game. ("I wouldn't count Scott out," says coach Tom Knorr. "A week is a long time. But, there's a good chance he'll have to sit the next one out.")

As things worked out, Jones finished the game with 75 yards rushing on 11 carries, right behind Arlen Mummau who picked up 84 yards on 14 runs. Meszaros added 28 yards on 6 carries and Ney kept the ball twice for 19 yards.

End Frank Brommer grabbed two passes, both in the end zone, for 17 total yards and two touchdowns. Mummau and Ney scored the other two TDs.

Ney completed 3 of his 4 passes (the two TD tosses to Brommer plus a 34-yarder to Mummau).

Keith Persun intercepted a pass for the Indians.

Next week, the Indians take on Cocalico, away, under the unusual light of the sun. Cocalico has a weak record which belies five very close games. "They are a lot tougher than Norlebcos," coach Deshler warns, "and they're going to gamble. I expect the next three games to be the toughest

we've played all year. They're all young teams, and a young team will improve faster than a veteran team will. I'll be satisfied if we win by one point next week, and I mean that."



## Talk about mobile homes...

This miniature house was parked in front of Harold Keller's Century 21 real estate office when our photographer wandered past. "It's good publicity, and it's fun for the kids," the salesman on duty told him. Upstairs, our photographer found four teenagers. "It's nice and warm up here," one commented.

## Letter

The spooks and goblins will be marching about Mount Joy from door to door, Monday, October 30th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

I would like to caution all who will be out driving that evening to be careful of our children who will be masked and enjoying an evening of fun. I would like to ask the residents of the Mount Joy area to light porch lights for the safety of the Halloweeners entering their property.

A reminder, to parents to warn your children not to dart across streets but to go to the corners and cross at the designated painted cross walks. Also if a child would carry a flash light, this is for the safety of the child.

We hope all little ghosts will enjoy their evening of tricks and treats.

Mayor James A. Gingrich  
"Boo"

## Marietta High reunion, Class of '52



The Marietta High School Class of 1952 gathered at Groff's Farm Restaurant last week for their 25th reunion.

Seated, left to right, are Shirley Cummings Detz, Nancy Groff Regensburger, Annette Portner Knepper,

Shirley Wiseman Hively, Minnie Kurtz Sperla, and Connie Hughes Sargen.

In back are John H. Gates, Anthony C. Libhart, James C. Johnson, Kenneth Jones, Charles D. Marley, and Ronald L. McKain.

## Mount Joy Lions Club pancake breakfast

The annual Mount Joy Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will take place this Saturday, October 28, from 5:30 to 11:00 AM at the Lions Activity Building.

The breakfast is held to benefit various club projects.

In addition to pancakes, the breakfast also features

coffee or milk, juice, and sausage. The price is \$1.75 for adults, and \$1.25 for children under twelve.

This is also the first day

of hunting season, so if you're up for an early start, bring your friends to the Lions Club Activity Building in Mount Joy. They start serving at 5:30 AM.