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Exler Leads Denison Over Otters 42-29

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Ed Exler, the Ohio Conference's top rusher, carried 24 times for 181 yards and two touchdowns Saturday night to lead Denison University to a 42-29 victory over Otterbein before a Parents' Night crowd of 4,000 in Westerville's Memorial Stadium.

Freshman fullback Bill Harris from Columbus Marion-Franklin also tallied twice for Denison on short plunges as the Big Red squared their season record at 4-4 and won for the second time in six conference starts.

FULLBACK Doug Thomson registered three fourth-period touchdowns for the Otters, who were forced to play catch-up football after Denison jumped out to a 21-0 first-period advantage.

Thompson's first touchdown came on a 60-yard jaunt with 12:05 left in the game two plays after Denison widened its bulge to 35-7. He was also on the receiving end

of a 13-yard touchdown aerial from quarterback Norm Lukey that closed out the scoring with 25 seconds left in the game.

Denison ground out 386 rushing yards in saddling the Otters with their sixth loss in eight starts and Exler—who sat out one game with an injury—ran his season total to 961. Otterbein is now 2-4 in the conference.

Lukey, the conference's top passer, was 17 of 28 for 185 yards.

DENISON took the game's opening kickoff from its own 26 in six plays to go up 7-0 with 11:48 showing, then garnered two more touchdowns within a 58-second span for a 21-0 lead later in the same canto.

Quarterback Trevor Young's 35-yard burst through the right side put the ball at the Otter nine and Harris hit left tackle from the one three plays later for the first TD.

The Big Red only had to go 34 yards for their second six-pointer following an Otter-

bein fourth down turnover at the Cardinal 49 and a subsequent 15-yard personal foul call on the Otters after the completion of the play.

Six plays later, Exler burst through the left side from the five for the tally.

BIG RED linebacker Steve Smiljanich recovered Thomson's fumble at the Otter 34 on the first play from scrimmage following the ensuing kickoff. Two plays and a 15-yard roughing the passer call later Exler circled right end from nine yards out for the tally with 3:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Denison21	0	7	14-42
Otterbein0	7	0	22-29
DEN—Harris	1 run (Bailey kick)			
DEN—Harris	5 run (kick failed)			
DEN—Exler	9 run (Ellis run)			
OTT—Newland	1 run (Newland kick)			
DEN—Exler	3 run (Bailey kick)			
DEN—Trevor Young	4 run (Bailey kick)			
DEN—Bob Young	13 pass from Trevor			
OTT—Thomson	60 run (Bontadelli run)			
Young	(Bailey kick)			
OTT—Thomson	4 run (Newland kick)			
OTT—Thomson	13 pass from Lukey			
(Newland kick)				

STATISTICS		
	Den	Ott
First downs	25	25
Rushing yardage	386	139
Passing yardage	25	185
Return yardage	91	95
Passes	2-4	17-28
Passes intercepted	0	0
Punts	4-32.5	5-35.4
Fumbles lost	1	1
Yards penalized	55	61

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