

# Otterbein Nips Ashland, 15-13

• Otterbein's Cardinals, flying low for their 13th straight victory in two seasons, sneaked by Ashland's Oilers, 15-13, in a non-conference struggle Saturday night in Otterbein's Memorial Stadium.

Trailing 0-9 in the third period, Ashland rallied for a touchdown, scored again in the final period and the Otters needed their second TD to salvage the victory. Otterbein was on the Ashland 4-yard line when the game ended.

GENE KIDWELL'S 15-yard gallop provided the winning margin for the Otters. The score came in the first minute of the final period, the capping thrust of a 70-yard march. Big play was a 45-yard aerial from southpaw Dave Kull to Gary Reynolds.

Ashland's first tally in the third period required 11 plays over a 44-yard distance with Ron Payne going the final one yard. John Belu booted the kick.

The Oilers scored again in the final period taking the kickoff after the Otters' second TD and scored from the two after an interference penalty on a pass set up the score.

## STATISTICS

	ASH.	OTT.
First downs	10	13
Rushing yardage	130	168
Passing yardage	57	79
Passes	6-12	5-14
Passes Intercpt. by	1	1
Punts	2-41	7-30
Fumbles lost	0	1
Yards penalized	8-60	3-41

THE OTTERS scored before they got their hands on the football for an offensive play. On the opening kickoff Ashland's Bob Schwartz took the ball out of the end zone, was tackled, fumbled and the ball bounced back into the end zone where the Otters' Lee Mannon fell on it. Officials ruled it a safety.

With 1:49 left in the period the Cards high-stepped 62 yards in nine rushes—including 31 yards picked up by Gary Reynolds in three tries—for a touchdown. Gary Reynolds in three tries—for a touchdown. Gary Fields added the point.

Ashland mounted a threat in the second period when they moved from their own 21 to the Otter 14 but were held on downs.

Ashland	0	0	7	6-13
Otterbein	9	0	0	6-15
OTT.—Safety. Schwartz tackled in end zone				
OT.—Messmer 1 run (Fields kick)				
ASH.—Payne 1 run (Belu kick)				
OTT.—Kidwell 15 run (kick failed)				
ASH.—Keefer 2 run (run failed)				

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