

Vilseck stays unbeaten 12-8

Buckley's desperation tackle saves win over Fulda

FULDA, Germany — The Vilseck Falcons are still undefeated.

But it took a desperation shoestring tackle by Tom Buckley to keep the visitors' slate perfect with a 12-8 victory over Fulda.

It was the Germany-A Silver debut for both teams, but Vilseck notched its fourth straight win as Fulda suffered its fourth straight defeat.

Vilseck was leading 12-8 with 18 seconds remaining in the game and Fulda had the ball on its 15. Quarterback David Worley uncorked a "Hail Mary" and Dan Mason grabbed the ball on the 38 and headed towards the end zone.

Buckley made a last-ditch lunge and just managed to snare Mason's leg, bringing him down to earth.

"We almost pulled it out," Fulda coach Ken Kuplic screamed over the phone when he made his report. "I thought Dan was going to go all the way, but that kid just managed to nab him. Even though we lost, it was the best game Fulda has ever played."

Buckley came up with another defensive gem in the third period and that was the difference in the final score. He returned a Fulda punt 35 yards for Vilseck's second touchdown.

"We had them stopped," Kuplic said. "They had a first down on our 9 and we held them on the one. But we couldn't make any thing against their defense and had to punt. He made a nice move and went all the way."

Vilseck took a 6-0 lead in the first period on Kenny Byrd's 17-yard run. That jaunt



Vilseck's Kenny Byrd ... 206 yards rushing

two fumble recoveries, two interceptions and seven tackles.

Eaales linebacker Mike Barton had nine individual and 14 assisted tackles, and safety James Cold had six solo and seven assisted tackles.

Nuernberg had 12 first downs and lost three fumbles, and Zweibruecken had 11 first downs and lost one fumble.

Ramstein 32, Frankfurt 7
RAMSTEIN — Pity the Ramstein Royals.

The Germany AAA leaders gave up their first touchdown of the season Saturday, but it didn't do the Frankfurt Eagles much good.

Frankfurt capitalized on a Royal miscue in the first quarter when Ramstein got a bad snap on a punt and the Eagles downed the ball at their opponents' 15.

Then Freddie McSears found Leroy Chisolm open for a 13-yard Eagle touchdown. Marc Cisneros' kick gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

Ramstein came back in the second quarter with a 27-yard Reggie Russell field goal.

Then Ramstein defenders Henry Ford and Glenn Harper combined to sack McSears in the end zone and cut the Eagles' lead at halftime to 7-5.

After intermission, it was all Ramstein as the Royals exploded for 21 third-quarter points.

A 40-yard Tom Koss swing pass to Mike Polk set up a three-yard Russell plunge up the middle off an option play.

Koss followed that with an 18-yard TD run of his own, capping a 60-yard drive. Then Polk grabbed an option pitchout and raced 33 yards to paydirt.

Ramstein added another TD in the fourth period as Mike Williams hauled in a 45-yard pass from Koss.

Ramstein crunched out 204 rushing yards and added another 86 in the air.

Meanwhile the defenders held Frankfurt to 22 yards on 29 rushes and 89 passing yards.

Polk picked up 94 yards on 15 carries. Russell had 58 on 15 totes. Williams caught four passes for 68 yards and a TD.

Defensively, Ford had four sacks, including half a safety, and recovered two fumbles. Polk, who doubles as a defensive back, had two interceptions and Williams one.

Ramstein improved to 4-0; Frankfurt evened at 2-2.

Bitburg 30, Patch 6
STUTTGART, Germany — Charles Byrd scored twice and Robert Zayas contributed a 50-yard pass-interception touchdown as the Barons rolled to their fourth straight Germany AA victory.

Byrd got his first TD on a 51-yard pass from Sean Moreau and his second on a 13-yard jaunt. Bitburg's other touchdown came on a 4-yard run by George Crowley, and Eric Outh accounted for the remaining points with three conversions and a 25-yard field goal.

Zayas also had a non-scoring interception and Bryan Griggs was in on 11 tackles for the Barons. J. D. Gallagher had 10 tackles for for Patch.

Ausbach 33, Munich 0
ANSBACH, Germany — The Ansbach Cougars opened their Germany A-Gold pennant chase with a convincing win over the Mustangs as Larry Meinke passed for two touchdowns and Tony Redman scored twice.

Meinke connected on a 29-yard pass to Jose Manzanaras to get the Cougars on the board in the first period and came back with a 22-yarder to Harold Lester in the second quarter.

Tony Redman added scoring plunges from the 3 and 2 and Charlie Calloway barged over from the 1 to account for the other Ansbach TDs.

Steve Berry's 1-yard run in the fourth period averted a shutout for Munich.

Calloway led Ansbach's attack with 95 yards in 13 carries and Redman added 55 in 16. Calloway also was credited with three solos and 10 assists from his linebacker position and Derek Paris had two solos, eight assists and an interception to pace the Ansbach defense.

Shawn Sevy was in on 19 tackles for Munich and Berry took part in 18.

Stuttgart 7, Kaiserslautern 0
STUTTGART, Germany — The Stations' touchdown came on a one-yard quarterback sneak by John Ballard. It capped a 70-yard drive, which was abetted by two unsportsmanlike penalties against the Red Raiders.

Ian Morley's 25-yard pass to Dave Stahl also was a big play in the drive.

Danny Middleton was in on 14 tackles, blocked two passes and had two fumble recoveries from his tackle slot to spark the Stallion defenders. Steve Hanson was in on 11 tackles and Mike Trayers was credited with 10 assists and a fumble recovery.

Anthony Harris had 12 tackles and Tony Dingwell 11 for Kaiserslautern, which dropped its first game against two wins and a tie.

SHAPE 61, Hahn 20
SHAPE, Belgium — SHAPE and Hahn nearly blew a fuse in the scoreboard by lighting it up with 81 points.

Led by two All-Europe selections from last year, the SHAPE Spartans rolled to their 15th straight victory with a 61-20 thumping of the Hahn Hi-Hawks here Saturday in a Benconer Conference game.

Quarterback Eric Faison and Everett Grant had a field day. Grant scored four touchdowns, and Faison tallied on an 82-yard punt return and threw a pair of TD passes, one a 66-yarder to Grant.

SHAPE scored 13 points or better in every quarter in winning its second game of the season.

The Spartans ran up 552 yards in total offense — 346 in the air and 206 on the ground.

Faison hit on 6 of 12 passes for 209 yards; his replacement Joe Matthews connected on 5 of 6 for 137 yards and two scores.

Grant was all over the field. Besides his four touchdowns, he caught 10 passes for 169 yards.

Faison put SHAPE on the board in the first period with an 82-yard punt return and a 66-yard pass to Grant for a 14-0 lead.

Emanuelle Piondino added the first two of his nine extra points. His only two misses were blocked.

A 63-yard Faison-to-Mathis TD pass sandwiched between two touchdown runs of 50 and 45 yards by Grant gave SHAPE

a handsome 35-0 lead. Hahn scored late in the first half on a Ben Verdunc to Doug Simpson 10-yard pass.

SHAPE continued its assault in the third period with a 4-yard run by Allen Ford and Grant's fourth TD on a run of 16 yards. In between those two scores was a one-yard run by Hahn's Leonard Peters. Bobby Haafjord ran over the two-point conversion.

Hahn scored first in the fourth period on Peters's 3-yard run.

Then Matthews hit Neil Begek with a 63-yard strike and later connected for 10 yards to Mathis.

Both Hegely and Mathis were all-Benconer selections last season.

Sparking Hahn, which is 1-1 in conference and 1-2 overall, was Verdunc with 11 completions in 27 attempts for 110 yards. Simpson gained 101 yards on six catches. David McCorkle was the Hi-Hawks' leading rusher with 47 yards.

Osterholz 33, Hanau 14
OSTERHOLZ, Germany — It was a running game all the way — 764 yards.

The Blackhaws of Osterholz rolled up 388 yards rushing that included Ondra Johnson's 73-yard gallop, Greg Ervin's 69-yard sprint and two TDs by quarterback Mike Armando as they went on to smash the Hanau Panthers in a Germany AA game.

Johnson was the game's workhorse, gaining 259 yards on 37 carries. Ervin picked up 104 on six tries.

The Panthers, who had a strong rushing game with 316 yards, received a 75-yard dash from quarterback Keith Selders that gave them a 14-7 lead after the first quarter.

But that was the last time Hanau led as Osterholz tallied twice in the second quarter and once each in the final two periods.

Osterholz struck first in the opening quarter with a 1-yard sneak by Armando and Marcus Bunnell added the PAT kick.

But two TDs by Selders, the first one a 5-yard run pushed Hanau ahead. Selders' 75-yarder came on a pitchout in which he criss-crossed the field twice. The conversion run after the first TD failed but Rich McDonald ran over the two-pointer after the second tally.

Osterholz went ahead 15-14 when Armando ran 19 yards for the score and then passed to James Roberts for the two-pointer.

With 5 minutes left in the half, Johnson broke off tackle and streaked 73 yards down the left sideline. The run failed and Osterholz led at the half 21-14.

On the fourth play of the second half, Ervin, a fullback, broke open on a dive play and raced 69 yards for the score.

In the final period, Armando passed 20 yards to James Roberts for the Blackhaws' final TD.

McDonald, a tailback, gained 159 yards on 8 carries. Selders picked up 105 yards on just three runs.

Passing was practically non-existent — the Blackhaws gaining 26 and the Panthers 12.

Pacing Osterholz on defense was safely Hiawatha Porter with an interception and fumble recovery. Ervin, who is the other member of Osterholz's double safety, had nine tackles and cornerback Steve Langston six tackles.

Hanau linebacker Paul Rystrom had nine solo tackles, five assists and one interception and end Mike Knapp recorded seven tackles.

The win evened Osterholz's record at 2-2; Hanau is 1-3.

Brussels 34, Bonn 0
BONN — Junior halfback Eric Wayker ran for 153 yards and two touchdowns to power the Brigands to their first victory of the year in Benconer play.

Brussels, 1-1 in the conference and 1-2 overall, rushed for 300 yards and dominated. See VILSECK on Page 25