

### *The Twenty-Second Game — 1934*

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IN THE twenty-second renewal of the Rayen-South rivalry, the Rayen Tigers defeated South High at South Field on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1934, by the score 19-0. About 9000 fans were on hand to witness this battle in the mud, for South Field, as usual, was a veritable quagmire. Any fast or tricky plays were out of the question, the field so slippery and sticky that even walking over it was next to impossible.

However, no time was lost getting started after Coach Lansing and Captain Dom Rosselli of Rayen, and Coach Ashbaugh and Captain Schulz of South met to toss the coin. South won the toss and elected to receive. Truitt of Rayen kicked off to Schulz and the game was on. South had a couple of breaks in the first period, but nothing came of them. Schulz of South tried a field goal from the 26-yard line, but was way off. The quarter ended in a scoreless draw.

Early in the second quarter Rayen began to move offensively. Rosselli tossed a lateral to Desimone, who skidded twenty-two yards to the South 5. Three line bucks proved unproductive, and Rosselli tried a short pass over the goal line; it was batted down. South took over on the 20-yard

line. Here was a big break for Rayen. Maxim of Rayen blocked Schulz's attempted punt and recovered on the South 13-yard line. On the next play Rosselli passed to Desimone for a touchdown. Martin of South knocked down Rosselli's pass for the extra point and Rayen led 6-0.

Near the end of the third quarter, Schulz of South had one of his passes intercepted by Desimone, who raced forty-six yards through a broken field for the second Rayen touchdown. Rosselli's pass to Desimone was good for the extra point and Rayen led, 13-0.

In the fourth quarter Rayen salted it away when Storey took Schulz's punt and ran thirty-five unmolested yards for Rayen's third touchdown. The pass for the extra point failed and Rayen led 19-0, the final score.

Before the game, Rayen was the favored team, South experiencing one of the worst seasons in its history—one win, five losses and four ties—while Rayen sported a record of four wins, three losses and one tie.

Rosselli, Desimone, Truitt, Storey and Maxim were outstanding. For South it was Schulz, Domhoff, C. Baer, Ash and Martin. Martin at quarterback showed great promise, though still a little undersized; he could run like a deer.

South had ten first downs to Rayen's five. South completed four out of thirteen passes, Rayen three out of seven. Each team punted eight times, Rayen averaging 32 yards to South High's 24 yards.

### *The Twenty-Third Game — 1935*

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ON SATURDAY afternoon, November 23, 1935, the Rayen High gridders defeated the South High Warriors 7-0. With a sharp wind swirling around the Rayen Stadium, about 12,000 fans braved the coldest weather of the season to watch Rayen wrap up the game on one play in the second quarter and then protect that lead until the final whistle. As in the twenty-two previous encounters, school colors were very much in evidence and the musical program by the school bands had the fans stamping their feet to keep warm.

South won the toss and elected to receive. With the wind at its back the team drove to within scoring distance several times, but was denied any scoring by a determined Rayen forward wall. The first quarter ended with the ball in South's possession on the Rayen 42-yard line. Most of the play in this period was in Rayen territory.

The first play of the second quarter was a pass from Collins of South intercepted by Rayen center Purkhiser and he was downed on the 45-yard line. Then, with dramatic suddenness, Bortz of Rayen shot through the left side of the South line and sped fifty-five yards. It was a nifty bit of broken-field running and the only man who had a chance to nail him was the South safety man Domhoff, but Bortz flew past him and Rayen took the lead 6-0. The extra point was good when Kohan lateraled to Simione, who had no trouble stepping over the goal line to hike the total to Rayen 7, South 0. Rayen threatened again minutes later, but South staged a great defensive effort and took over on downs on its own 6-yard line. Domhoff booted out as the half ended 7-0 in Rayen's favor. The third period consisted mainly of midfield play with an about even punting duel between Simione of Rayen and Domhoff of South.

Only moments of the fourth quarter had elapsed when Simione kicked out of bounds to the South 11-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage Cortelezie of South got loose for twenty-nine yards, but Bortz nailed him with a clear field ahead.

Near the end of the game South was holed when Martin fumbled Simione's kick but recovered on the 2-yard line. Domhoff kicked out pronto to Kohan, who was downed by Bush on the 30-yard line. Rayen then worked the ball back to the South 10-yard line, but the sound of the gun stopped this drive and the game ended with Rayen the victor, 7-0.

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This was the fourth win in a row for Rayen and one of the cleanest games in the history of the classic—only three offside penalties were called, two on South for ten yards, and one on Rayen for five yards; one time out was called for an injury but the player got up and walked off the kinks in short order.

For Rayen, Bortz was outstanding on both offense and defense, with Pachell the workhorse on the line. Sontag, South's fullback, worked like a Trojan but could not get anywhere on his plunges into the Rayen line. Domhoff and Collins took care of most of the South High offensive threats, with Stabilito the power on the line.

At the game's conclusion Bortz was presented with a big turkey by the Septimo Club who had promised it to the player who scored the first touchdown. Bortz certainly deserves a significant place in Rayen-South history, a hard-running, driving backfield star who never stopped until at least two men brought him to earth.