
The Thirty-Fourth Game — 1946

A GALLANT band of victory-starved Rayen High gridders, with seven losses in seven games, unleashed a terrific attack to smear its traditional rival South High at Rayen Stadium, 24-6. A crowd of about 6000 looked on as the Rayenites roared to their second-highest point total of the series. In 1932 the Orange and Black tallied 25 points to South's 7. This Rayen victory squared the series at fourteen wins each with six tie games.

No matter how dismal a season either team might have had, a victory for one over the other made the season a success. Thus, Rayen could rejoice, but since this loss was the seventh in eight starts for the Red and Blue (the lone win was against a weak Boardman team), South did not have much to cheer about. The game saw the return of Del Anderson to the coaching berth at South High.

South started off very auspiciously—Tom Bell, Ira Guilford and Arnold Pinkney rolled for two first downs before they were forced to kick. Jack Beach's punt went to Rayen's 18-yard line. South later got a break on a 15-yard penalty against Rayen, which put South on its 35. Two first downs in a row moved South to the Rayen 35-yard line where the team was pushed back to the 50, and Beach punted out of bounds on the Rayen 8-yard line. After John Penn got a first and ten for Rayen, a holding penalty put the Northsiders back to the 1, and John Fortunato punted out to the South 46 where Guilford returned to the Rayen 38. This play was called back; South was charged with defensive holding and Rayen had the ball on its 60. George Heyman went to the 10 as the first quarter expired with no score.

As the second period got under way Rayen started its drive for the first touchdown. South suffered a 15-yard penalty and this, coupled with a 28-yard run by Steve Markulin, put Rayen on the South 42-yard stripe. Markulin almost got clear, only a shoestring grab by South safety-man Bill Harmicar preventing a score. A pass and line plunges by Carmen Anzivino put the ball on the South 8. After a violation by South set the ball on the 3-yard line, John Penn went over for the touchdown. Don Harkabus of South blocked Eugene Tarica's kick and Rayen led 6-0. Later Rayen threatened again when Anzivino intercepted Guilford's pass and carried to the South 27. A pass, Anzivino to Penn, was ruled good for interference and put Rayen on the 1-yard line. But a 5-yard penalty and a failure at end set the Orange and Black back to the 7. George Heyman fumbled on fourth down with Herb Luckey recovering for South on the 4. Jack Beach kicked out of danger as the half ended with Rayen leading 6-0.

South tied the score in the third period when Herb Luckey again recovered Anzivino's fumble on the 25-yard line. On second down English Preston hit Arnold Pinkney

on the 18 and outran Anzivino to register the marker. Tom Bell's plunge for the extra point was short, and the score was tied at 6-6. This deadlock was short-lived, however, as Rayen took the ensuing kickoff and marched for a score. This drive was highlighted by Heyman's 21-yard run and steady hammering at the South line by Markulin and Heyman to the 3-yard line. Heyman scored on his second try and Rayen went ahead 12-6. A bad pass from center spoiled the try for extra point. Later in the same period Rayen's Bob Dent blocked Jack Beach's punt and recovered on the South 17-yard line. It took just two plays for another Rayen touchdown—Markulin's 15-yard dash and Anzivino's toss to Fortunato in the end zone. For the third time the conversion try went awry and Rayen led 18-6.

Early in the fourth chapter Beach kicked to Anzivino on the Rayen 32-yard stripe, where the Northsiders started another drive to pay dirt. Bob Ellashak picked up five and John Penn nineteen yards. On the next play Penn scampered to South's 30. Anzivino hit Fortunato with a 19-yard heave and Markulin went to the 6 where Ellashak scored the fourth and final touchdown. Tarica's try for the point failed, but Rayen drew a 15-yard penalty, and Gige went in to try a long placement. However, it was far too short and the final score was Rayen 24, South 6.

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For Rayen the defensive hero was center Fred Reali, who was all over the field. John Penn, George Heyman and Carmen Anzivino shone on offense with John Fortunato at end. For South High, Herb Luckey was outstanding on the forward wall; there were no outstanding performers on the attack, proved by the unusually low of 34 net yards rushing and 39 yards on pass completions.

Rayen accounted for fifteen first downs to seven for South, and a total of 306 yards gained by rushing and passing to 78 for the Red and Blue.