

### *The Thirty-Eighth Game — 1950*

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IN ONE of the most amazing upsets of the series, the Rayen Tigers clawed the South High Warriors 19-0 in the meeting Friday night, November 17, at Rayen Stadium. Going into this game Rayen was an underdog with a season's record of three wins and four losses, while the Red and Blue boasted a brilliant seven victories to only one defeat. All of Rayen's touchdowns came on long runs, two by Don Stevens on runs of 55 and 40 yards from scrimmage, and 67 yards by Sam Kasparian on an intercepted pass. This game was high in thrills and low in attendance. A slim crowd of 2200, the smallest in the history of this classic, proved once more that night football in the middle of November is not for the local football fans. It was evident that attendance at the annual contest was slipping noticeably.

In the first quarter Rayen lost the ball when Frank "Jake" Ewashko fumbled and Tom Nadrich recovered on the Rayen 40-yard line. South didn't control the ball for long, however, as Ed Swagger's pass on first down was grabbed by Rayen's Kasparian who outran Bill George and Bill Schoessel trailing him, to register Rayen's first touchdown. Fred Yane's kick for the extra point was off and the Orange and Black led 6-0. South lost sixteen yards on a bad pass from center, and Rayen started moving goalward again with Stevens on short gains and a pass from Di Nunzio to Mechak placing the pigskin on the South 6-yard line. Here the South Warriors took over when Stevens failed on a fourth-down thrust. The Warriors moved out to the 18 but a holding penalty cost them fifteen and Bill Rankin booted out to his 44-yard line. South lost the ball on a fourth-down gamble on its 17-yard stripe, but the half ended before the Tigers could make a play.

Rayen's Joe Golec fumbled the second-half kickoff and Don Edie recovered for South on the Rayen 26, but the Rayen line was impregnable here—South could make only four yards and Rayen took over on downs. A moment later, with Ewashko kicking on third down, the pass from center was bad, causing Ewashko to fumble. However, Rayen retained possession when Don Stevens recovered. The next kick sailed past midfield. South again was repulsed when Mike Koma's boys took over on the 40-yard line. After an exchange of punts Rayen came up with the ball on its 44-yard line where the Rayen second scoring opportunity started as Stevens went for one yard, then darted off tackle and zoomed fifty-five for the score. It was beautiful run, his change of pace marvelous to behold. Yane's kick was good, and the score read Rayen 13, South 0.

South showed its rooters some offensive threats as the fourth quarter opened. Bill Booth and L. C. Morgan sparked a South march that ended on the Rayen 35 when Larry Jiminez threw "L.C." for a 10-yard loss and Morgan's fourth-down pass went astray. Stevens and Jim McClendon shared the work as Rayen moved to the South 35, but a penalty and huge loss put Rayen back to its 40 where it was fourth down and 15. With Ewashko in punting position, Rayen quarterback Al Di Nunzio fooled the Warriors with a pitchout to Stevens, who shot through the line and scampered forty yards for his second touchdown and the third for the Northsiders. Yane's attempted kick was no good and Rayen led 19-0, the final score as the game ended moments later.

Fan enthusiasm was about all one could expect from a small crowd, but when it became apparent an upset was in the making Rayen cohorts made merry and their band, silent most of the evening except for half-time festivities, suddenly

came to life. When the game ended the band marched in majestic triumph.

This was Rayen's first win over South since 1946 and the series now stood at seventeen wins for South, fifteen wins for Rayen, and six ties. South had a total of 309 points to Rayen's 262 for the thirty-eight games.

For Rayen, the work of Don Stevens and Sam Kasparian on offense was brilliant. On defense, center Fred Yane and guard Larry Jiminez, with 135-pound Frank Mechak at end, were outstanding. The line-backing of Jake Ewashko was at times sensational for the Orange and Black. The little offensive power shown by South High was contributed by L.C. Morgan, Lingar Humphrey and Bill Booth, with Tom Nadrich and Vincent De Vincent bulwarking on the forward wall.

### *The Thirty-Ninth Game — 1951*

ON Friday night, November 2, the South High Warriors defeated the Rayen Tigers 13-0 before 2000 fans, the smallest crowd that ever witnessed these annual classics. The snow-covered field hampered both teams and kept the crowd to a new low.

After a scoreless first half, featured by a stone-wall defense by the Rayen line, two plays gave South its eighteenth victory against fifteen defeats and six ties. A blocked punt by South center George Triakoff in the third period and a sensational punt return by L.C. Morgan, which he

returned sixty yards for the score, were the two plays that turned the trick.

South went into this game without its regular fullback, Lingar Humphrey, who came up with a sore back and stomach ailment on the afternoon of the game. This necessitated putting Bill Booth at fullback for part-time duties in addition to his backfield duties. Second-string quarterback George Kantarze became a starter in this switch by South Coach Johnny McAfee. Booth was terrific in his first-half running and passing. About halfway through the first quarter he passed to Morgan for sixty yards to the Rayen 9-yard line. South could move only six yards in four plays and the Tigers took over.

In the second quarter South moved sixty yards in four plays: 33- and 15-yard passes from Booth to Morgan and one of twelve yards from Morgan to Booth, accounting for three first downs in this drive which rolled to the Rayen 10. Here Rayen center Fred Yane intercepted a Booth pass, ending this threat and the first half in a scoreless deadlock.

About midway in the second half, South center George Triakoff spoiled a punting duel between Rayen's Joe Golec and South's Dick Rankin when he blocked Golec's punt and recovered on the Rayen 4-yard line. In two plays Booth was back of the goal line for a South touchdown. Bob Durkin's place kick was blocked and South took the lead 6-0.

In the fourth quarter Rayen's Golec kicked from his 24-yard line and South speedster Morgan grabbed the oval on the 40-yard line and, aided by the key blocks of Dick Rankin and Bill Booth, went all the way for the second South score. This time Booth passed to Morgan for the extra point and a 13-0 score in favor of the Warriors.