

### *The Fortieth Game — 1952*

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IN A free-scoring fray at Rayen Stadium, the South High footballers crushed the Rayen Tigers 39-19, with South fullback Bob Zack romping for three touchdowns and throwing for a fourth on Friday night, October 31. Attendance was up, an estimated 5000 in the stands for the greatest aerial display in the history of Rayen-South competition. Of the nine touchdowns no fewer than five came on forward passes, three by South and two by Rayen. The defeat was the eighth loss in a row for Rayen this season—hard to believe for a team with a passing attack such as was exhibited in this game. With quarterback John Buggs pitching, the Tigers completed eleven of twenty-eight throws for 303 yards and two touchdowns. Alternate quarterback Bob Timlin completed two of six throws for twenty-five yards. The Warriors were also adept at throwing the pigskin. The Red and Blue tried seventeen passes and completed eleven for 190 yards; this, coupled with a superior ground attack (South gained 277 yards on the ground compared to Rayen's puny 27 yards), sewed up the victory for the Southsiders.

In the first quarter, following the opening kickoff, Buggs' arm went into action to complete 27- and 28-yard passes to ends John Jay and Frank Prevec, respectively. These carried to the South 19-yard line. With less than a minute gone,

Buggs hit Jay for a touchdown, but Rayen was guilty of backfield in motion and the score was nullified. South took over on downs on the 13-yard line and marched to the Rayen 2-yard line where fullback Bob Zack made the first of his three touchdowns. Bob Durkin kicked for the extra point and South led 7-0. The Tigers came right back, however, and thrilled the crowd with the longest touchdown play of the game. After the ensuing South kickoff, Rayen had the ball on its 21-yard line. Buggs tossed a long one that South halfback Wes Overly apparently had in his grasp, but the ball slipped through Wes' fingers and was taken by Rayen back Jack Sisso, who went seventy-nine yards into the end zone for the Rayen score. Jim Vechiarella's kick was wide and South was in front 7-6.

South retaliated pronto with a 63-yard journey featured by Bob Zack's 18-yard jaunt for the score. Durkin's kick made it 14-6 in favor of South. The third South score of the first period came when Bob Timlin's kick was bad due to a poor pass from center. South took over on Rayen's 49 and on the first play Zack tossed to Bob Scheidemantel, who grabbed the ball on the 12 and romped for the score. The point attempt was no good; the score 20-6, South.

Early in the second period South scored again on a screen pass, L.C. Morgan to Bob Durkin, for sixty-two yards, with Durkin running for fifty yards. The blocking was superb and Durkin had no trouble reaching the goal. The boot by Durkin was good and the score rocketed to 27-6, South's favor, which was how the half ended.

Rayen scored first in the third period when Buggs tossed to his brother Henry, who went to South's 16-yard line for a 59-yard advance. Bob then missed Cal Patterson but hit Frank Prevec in the end zone for the tally. The try for point was no good and the score stood South 27, Rayen 12. The Red and Blue was inspired and another Morgan-to-Durkin heave was good for thirty-three yards and the score. The kick proved of no value and the period ended 33-12, South.

Both teams scored again in the fourth quarter. South's Bob Zack went over for his third touchdown on a 3-yard rush that ended a 59-yard drive. The point try was unsuccessful and South had 39 points to Rayen's 12. Abandoning their overhead game, the Tigers drove sixty-four yards with Henry Buggs lugging the final six around end. Timlin passed to Patterson for the point, ending the scoring for both teams with the final tally 39-19 in favor of South High.

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The aggregate of 58 points was the highest total for a game in the series, exceeding the 49-point total of the 1949 game which South High won 30-19.

Sixteen penalties were called during the game with Rayen the victim nine times for a loss of 105 yards and South seven times for 75 yards.

South lost its star punter Bob Ripple in the first period for rough play.

### *The Forty-First Game — 1953*

WITH THEIR sights on the city title, the South High Warriors trounced the Rayen Tigers 26-7 on Friday night, November 6, at South Field. About 5000 fans were on hand to watch the Red and Blue score its twentieth win of the series as against fifteen defeats and six ties. It was also the fourth win in five city-series starts for the Warriors in the race for the local grid crown. Halfback Randy McElroy was the key man in this lopsided victory which was a team effort all the way with South completely in charge except in the third quarter when Rayen scored its touchdown.

South played alert ball, taking advantage of three inter-

ceptions of Rayen passes, two setting up touchdowns. Rayen's forward wall, already weakened by the loss of guard Tom Koker and tackle Dave McBride in the East game, was further handicapped by the absence of Dave's brother Charles, who injured his knee in the early minutes of the game.

Early in the first period, McElroy got loose for a 60-yard jaunt to the Rayen 8-yard line. He was caught from behind by Rayen tackle Jim Vechiarella; three plays later McElroy fired a 12-yard pass to quarterback Bob Durkin for the touchdown. Durkin booted the point and South led 7-0.

In the second period South scored two more touchdowns, the first set up when South fullback Frank Mancini intercepted Jerry Angelo's pass and ran to the Rayen 24-yard line. McElroy made three and then Durkin hit Mancini in the end zone. Durkin's placement was wide, but South led 13-0. Minutes later, South's Bob Burich kicked forty-nine yards, but Rayen's Dick Horvath took it on the 6-yard line. Guy Williams went to the 10, but on the next play Horvath fumbled and recovered for an 8-yard loss. This necessitated a Rayen punt, which McElroy took and returned six yards to the Rayen 28-yard stripe. Durkin passed to McElroy, who went to the 12. Joe Siman lost two yards; then McElroy passed to end Ron Chimielewski for the score, and Durkin's placement made the score 20-0, South, as the half ended.

Rayen rooters enjoyed their greatest moments early in the third period when Bob Timlin, who sat out much of the first half, dashed twenty-four yards on the first play of the second half. He reached the South 47-yard line and after a 3-yard loss, halfback Art Cashwell got twenty-two more to the Warrior 28. Rayen pushed to the 17, but Timlin was smeared on the 26 on an attempted pass play, and scoring chances were dimmed. But left-end Phil Vasko hauled in a fourth-down pass from Timlin in the end zone and the Tigers were saved from a shutout. Timlin ran for the extra point to cut South's lead to 20-7. Minutes later, South's Karl Mandry quashed any Rayen hopes when he grabbed Timlin's