

pass on the Rayen 27-yard line. McElroy, Siman and Mancini drove to the Rayen 12 as the third quarter came to a close.

On the first play of the final quarter Mancini went to the 8 and McElroy got the remaining four yards through tackle; when the try for point went astray, South led 26-7, the final score as South killed the clock with ground plays.

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The Warriors had eleven first downs to Rayen's seven. South had 179 yards rushing to Rayen's 89 yards. South completed eight passes out of fifteen for 88 yards, Rayen six of fourteen for 79 yards gained. However, Rayen had three intercepted and this hurt in its scoring bids.

The forty-first meeting of these ancient grid foes was also South High's homecoming game. At half-time festivities, Joyce Thomas was crowned Homecoming Queen, accepting the crown from Shirley Reardon, last year's queen.

The Forty-Second Game — 1954

THE Rayen Tigers, after a mediocre 6-6 tie first half, cut loose with an aerial barrage in the second half to down a stubborn South High outfit 27-13. It was the eighth straight triumph of the year for Ralph Robinette's charges and gave them undisputed possession of the city-series crown. There was a "Dads' Night" crowd of 9000 fans, the largest Rayen-South attendance since 1947, and the biggest scholastic turnout of the season.

In the second quarter the Tigers moved to the South 39; there, on fourth down, "Red" Timlin faked a kick and lateraled to Dick Horvath, who was nailed on the 32 where the Warriors took over. Bill Rouse started South off on a

68-yard touchdown drive when he circled end and was driven out of bounds at midfield. In his journey he upset the South High bench and bumped into an official. With Rouse and Eddie Sarisky alternating at ball-carrying, South gained Rayen's 21-yard line. Sarisky went to the 15 and Rouse drove to the 6 in three tries and on fourth and one to go he made first down on the 4-yard line. After two Sarisky plunges the ball was still a foot short of a touchdown. On the next play he dived over left tackle for the touchdown. Bob Vitto's kick was wide, but Rayen was off side; with the ball on the 1-yard line, Sarisky failed on a plunge, and South led 6-0.

Rayen went to work immediately after the kickoff, going seventy-eight yards in six plays in two minutes' playing time. This drive featured Horvath's 16-yard run, which placed the ball on the South 46-yard line. Timlin passed to Horvath, who grabbed the oval on the South 45 and, with three men leading the way, went all the way to the Warrior 8-yard line where Rouse nailed him. Ron Billock barreled to the 4 and Horvath took a lateral from Timlin, whirling around left end all alone for the Rayen touchdown. On the try for point Timlin's attempted conversion failed and the score was deadlocked 6-6.

After the ensuing kickoff South was on its 44-yard line where Burich tried a fake kick, passing to Joe Markovicz, who dropped the ball. Rayen took over on downs on its 48-yard line. A Timlin-to-Ken Korhan pass was good on an interference call, putting the ball on the South 27. With a fourth-and-two situation, Timlin's pass was intercepted by Sarisky on the 6-yard line, where the first half ended with the score tied 6-all.

Rayen's superiority began to tell in the third period when the Tigers came up with the ball on their 44-yard line following a quick kick by South co-captain Bob Burich. With about five minutes remaining, Timlin hit Horvath for a 17-yard gain on a pass play. Horvath picked up fifteen yards, and Billock made a first and goal to go and repeated for one

yard. Then Ernie "Night Train" Dotson carried three consecutive times, finally going through right tackle for the score. He repeated through the same spot for the extra point and Rayen took the lead, 13-6. The Northsiders made it 20-6 minutes later when Burich's kick bounded to the Rayen 43. On the first play Timlin caught Ken Korhan in the open. Korhan took the pass on the South 22 and raced to the 10—the play, forty-six yards. Billock ran to the 6-yard line but a holding penalty put the Rayenites back to the 21-yard line. Timlin again tossed to Korhan, who made a sensational grab and fell over the goal line for Rayen's third touchdown. Dotson again plunged for the extra point and the Orange and Black took the lead, never to be behind again.

In the fourth quarter both teams filled the air with passes, with Rayen coming up with a fourth down and six to go on the Warriors' 36-yard line. Then came the gem of the evening. With Timlin back to punt, he faked the kick and lateraled to Billock who, just as a South man crashed into him, tossed to Horvath, who shot to his left and with a beautiful display of twisting and dodging went all the way to register the fourth Rayen touchdown. For the third time Dotson plunged for the point after touchdown and the Northsiders increased their margin to 27-6.

But the Warriors were not finished yet. With nine minutes to go, Rouse again upset the players' bench, but this time it was the Rayen bench, and he was forced to leave the game after being shaken up. Karl Mandry intercepted a Timlin pass midfield, and a pass-interference call on Burich's toss to John Viggiano put the ball on the Rayen 26-yard line. Sarisky bulled to the 21, and on the next play the very proficient Burich threw a strike to Mandry for the touchdown. With three minutes to go, Burich ran for the extra point, and the scoreboard read Rayen 27, South 13.

After taking the next kickoff, Rayen launched another drive from its 23-yard line and Timlin, Billock and Horvath moved the pigskin to the South 40. Then Timlin, who ap-

peared to be trapped for a loss, let go with a long heave to Horvath, who stepped out on the 3-yard line. Timlin carried to the 1-yard line as the final gun sounded.

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The jubilant Tigers hoisted their Coach "Robby" high on their shoulders and marched to the dressing-room showers, where he was dunked fully clothed in his usual garb of maroon shirt and blue-and-white striped painter's cap.

An unusual situation—out of six attempts all four conversions were on running plays.

Rayen outgained the Red and Blue Warriors 420 yards to 168, and had eighteen first downs to South's ten. Rayen attempted eighteen passes, completing seven for 192 yards; South completed three of nine for thirty-three yards. Rayen punted twice for an average of thirty-seven yards; South five times for an average of thirty yards.

This Rayen victory was the eighth in a row and only the coming game with East High stood in the way of a perfect season for the Tigers. But Rayen defeated East High and thus completed its first perfect season since 1923, winning all nine games, scoring 318 points to its opponents' 57.

This was the second-highest point total in Rayen history; one had to go all the way back to 1907 to find a larger total. The Rayen team that year also finished with a perfect record, winning eight games for a 381-point total to its opponents' 12. This was the fourth perfect season in Rayen's history, the 1907, 1908 and 1923 teams all undefeated and untied. The 1906 team was undefeated but had two tie games; the 1928 team was undefeated in nine games but was held to a scoreless tie by South High. (These records go back to 1901.)

It was a great year for Rayen coach Ralph Robinette in more ways than one. In 1952, his first year at the helm, the Rayen Tigers lost all nine games on the schedule, scoring a mere 83 points to their opponents' 296. To bring a team

from these depths to the topmost spot in two years was a little short of phenomenal.