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Red Douglas' Imps Shock Windsorites

Johnny Chorostecki Paces Victors With 23-Point Performance

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SARNIA—In this bustling city of oil today, fans were talking excitedly about the 1950 Imperials—not unlike the way its homespun supporters talked about Imperial teams that won 10 senior O.R.F.U. championships in 11 years in the '30's.

For argument they were pointing to Imps' 39-0 victory over Windsor Rockets here Saturday—and to an opening day triumph over Toronto Balmy Beach by the same score. Much acclaim was heaped on Johnny Chorostecki, a snub-nosed 21-year-old halfback out of the school of Bob Masterson at University of Toronto.

DUPLICATE CHORE

Chorostecki scored 23 points against Beaches on Labor Day. He pegged 23 more against Rockets by way of three touchdowns, five converts and a field goal.

Imperials sport a fancy record. They command the O.R.F.U. lead, have overpowered the field without being scored upon and stand the only unbeaten club in Eastern Canada. To the delight of Sarnians, Imperials are the only all-Canadian senior outfit in the country. There is no point in qualifying such a record at this stage.

From the Windsor side of the fence, the feeling is more shell shock than humiliation. Nobody, from Coach Art Massucci down to the water boy, can read significance into either Sarnia's remarkable attacking power or Rockets' failure to cope with it.

But, the script was easy to read. Imperials presented a splendidly conditioned and drilled T-formation machine which discovered early that the Windsor wingline was sluggish and unco-ordinated, and made the most of it. It would be unfair to judge the Rocket backfield because on rare occasions did it enjoy either offensive interference or defensive stubbornness by the wingline.

It is inconceivable that the Rocket machine is 39 points worse than Sarnia's, but until the Windsor boys show something different next Saturday against Imperials at Jackson Park, they'll have to swallow it. It was Windsor's worst drubbing since Hamilton Tigers' 60-1 pulverizer in 1948. With six U.S. imports on the field, it didn't look any better.

SWITCHES TO "T"

Red Douglas, the coaching man on the Imperial sidelines, must have felt good. He switched this season from an unbalanced line to a "T" without a jar. George Curtis, a one-time Western quarterback, worked the slot like he owned it. When he nursed an injury through the second quarter, Ross McKelvie came in and moved the levers with equal efficiency. The Imperials sliced through middle, the outsides and the upper air for 13 first downs, three by passing. Between Curtis and McKelvie, they completed 10 out of 16 passes with one interception.

Along the ground, it was Chorostecki, veterans Bill Weiss and Gus Scheiers, and Denny Davey. Chorostecki did not stand out alone in overall yardage, but he moved like a bolt of lightning with the goal posts in sight. Chorostecki appeared to require no opening to skitter for clutch gains. His touchdown gallops all sprung from inside the Windsor five-yard line. Chorostecki missed only one of six convert attempts. In the third quarter — only interval when Rockets were able to stem the tide — Chorostecki sniped a field goal at 30 degrees from 38 yards out.

After Imps had vaulted to a 13-0 first quarter lead, they became bolder. Young Bob Sokol got in on paydirt when he grabbed a Curtis pass in the end zone in the second quarter. Sarnia increased its passing output with good result. Chorostecki took over following a McKelvie-to-Weiss strike to the 15 and in two rushes made the end zone. It was a 24-0 at the half. To that point, Sarnia had capitalized on four Rocket fumbles —they made exactly four in that half—to score four touchdowns.

In the fourth quarter, Curtis was back with his deadly passing and fine ball handling. He hit Archie McAffer with two passes to the Windsor five. Scheiers lugged it the rest of the way. Curtis sneaked for the last touchdown himself.

BALKED AT TEN

Rockets fought twice inside the Sarnia 10-yard stripe. In the second quarter, Harry Kaloogian recovered a Sarnia fumble at the 20 after McKelvie let a Jack Brown kick get away from him. Jack Murphy got as far as the three in two stabs, but he was stymied on a third down bid after Rockets had lost a down for being offside.

In the first heat, Rockets moved to the Sarnia 10 on events that saw Lyle Ross intercept a Curtis pass at the 50, a Bill Snyder strike to Murphy to the 25 and a 15-yard penalty against Imps for roughing. But, the threat died when a third-down Jim Caine pass intended for Rube Ainsworth was knocked down by Jim Burr.

Rockets made six first downs, three by passing. They attempted 12 passes, completed four and suffered two interceptions. They fumbled five times, lost all. Imps lost two fumbles. Windsor was penalized 55 yards, Sarnia 45.

Defensively, Rockets' best were Kaloogian, Ainsworth, Caine and Ollie Owens. Murphy, Quarterback Barney Laboe and Owens managed the best offensives. Murphy, Gusba, Larry Plazza and Vic Schmidt suffered injuries, but apparently none will be sidelined for long.

Typical Rocket-Imperial brawling broke out in the first quarter that culminated with a lusty scrap, on the sidelines and ejection of Bob Hollup and Keith Fisher.

At no time in this game were Rockets able to equal the speed, deception and co-ordination of a Sarnia team which displayed mid-season sharpness and scarcely made a mistake.

WINDSOR ROCKETS: Flying wing, Schmidt; halves, Murphy, Caine, Owens, quarter, Snyder; snap, Skorecki; insides, Brtis, Plazza; middles, Westlake, Wright; outsides, Kaloogian, Ainsworth; alternates, Leccese, Gusba, Richmond, Dorian, Lemon, McMillan, Olgnac, Harrison, Hegler, Forster, Shannon, Laboe, Snaglewski, Ritchie, Brown, Hollup, Ross, Sinasac.

SARNIA IMPERIALS: Flying wing, Burr; halves, Miller, McKeever, Weiss, quarter, Curtis; snap, B. Mattingley; insides, Passmore, McIntosh; middles, D. Davey, J. Soper; outsides, Crinchi, Fisher; alternates, McAffer, Lee, Hunt, McRae, Knowles, Glendenning, Sokol, Sutton, Scheiers, Bell, McKelvie, McLean, Graham, Chorostecki, Mullen, McBain, Lewis, D. Mattingley.

Officials: Referee, Jim Griffith, Windsor; umpire, Jim Smiley, Hamilton; head linesman, Ben Atwood, Hamilton.

First Quarter
1—Sarnia Touchdown (Chorostecki)
2—Sarnia Convert (Chorostecki)
3—Sarnia Touchdown (Chorostecki)
4—Sarnia Convert (Chorostecki)
5—Sarnia Single (Weiss)

Second Quarter
6—Sarnia Touchdown (Sokol)
7—Sarnia Touchdown (Chorostecki)
8—Sarnia Convert (Chorostecki)

Third Quarter
9—Sarnia Placement (Chorostecki)

Fourth Quarter
10—Sarnia Touchdown (Scheiers)
11—Sarnia Convert (Chorostecki)
12—Sarnia Touchdown (Curtis)
13—Sarnia Convert (Chorostecki)

Services Edge Union Eleven

A goal in the final minute of play enabled Army, Navy and Air Force to gain victory against U.A.W.-C.I.O. by a score of 4-3 in an Essex County Soccer League game at Wigle Park Saturday night.

The two elevens traded goals in the first half and then both sides settled down to defensive play until the half-time whistle.

The Unionists hiked the score to 3-1 with successive counters after play resumed, but the Army, Navy, Air Force eleven rallied strongly to deadlock the count and then net the clincher as the timer's watch ticked off the fatal seconds of the lone remaining minute of play.

U.A.W.-C.I.O.: Toth, Dunlop, Simmons, Mearns, Healy, Rae, Boyle, Myers, Tomich, Hunter, Angus.

Army, Navy and Air Force: Ross, Symes, Patria, Lagerquist, Barton, Clark, Rume, Dunn, Tranter Laird, Lambert.

Referee: W. Kay.

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