



Our Mission Statement

"The Marooners are dedicated to the success and promotion of amateur tackle football in Rocky River. By honoring the past, respecting the present and minding the future we will muster resources, provide leadership, assist with coordination and rally the community so the program can reach its maximum success on the field, in building character of players, and as an enduring community resource."

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Avon

Rocky River



VS



Eagles

Pirates

Div – II, Reg 6

Div – III, Reg 9

Boys - 407

Boys - 324

2012 Pirates Varsity (5-3)

8/24	@ Fairview
8/31	Parma
9/07	Westlake
9/14	@ Midview
9/21	Elyria Catholic
9/28	@ Lakewood
10/05	North Ridgeville (HC)
10/12	@ Bay Village Bay
10/19	Avon
10/26	@ Vermilion

Results

7-0	Win
21-26	Loss
13-29	Loss
14-37	Loss
19-0	Win
21-13	Win
33-16	Win
19-7	Win
7:00 PM	
7:00 PM	

The Series

1984 Rocky River	20	Avon	6
1985 Rocky River	12	Avon	0
1986 Rocky River	7	Avon	12
1987 Rocky River	10	Avon	7
2005 Rocky River	26	Avon	8
2006 Rocky River	29	Avon	15
2007 Rocky River	42	Avon	7
2008 Rocky River	16	Avon	41
2009 Rocky River	21	Avon	18
2010 Rocky River	24	Avon	48
2011 Rocky River	7	Avon	42



Rocky River Leads the All Time series: 7-4 Fourth quarter surge leads Rocky River past scrappy Avon

By JIM SZALAY
C-T Sports Writer

AVON — Cries of "We want Bay" echoed through the Rocky River lockerroom following its 20-6 comeback football victory over stubborn Avon Friday night in non-conference action.

The young Pirate squad continues to find ways to win as it erupted for 20 points in the fourth quarter to run its record to 3-0.

"This is the second week in a row for a comeback," said River coach John Ference. "We have a lot of young talent and they are coming around."

Avon, which fought hard throughout the game, appeared to have things in control through three quarters. The Eagles had bottled up the Pirate offense most of the game, but suddenly found itself facing a hot-throwing quarterback in sophomore Greg Helms.

HELMS HAD thrown for only one completion in the first half, but he connected on five aeriels and two touchdowns in the second half in rallying the Pirates.

Helms got the Pirates on the board with 8:54 left in the game when he hit John Staimpel for a 26-yard score. Bob Yuick's kick made it 7-6.

Following an Avon punt, Helms his Bucko Lavelle on the first play with a 63-yard strike and a 13-6 lead. On its next series, Helms his Lavelle for an 18-yard pickup that setup its

third touchdown, a two-yard run by Mark Miller, who had 72 yards for the game.

"It took us awhile to get our passing game going, but it wasn't ideal conditions out there," said Ference. "We were thinking TD when we threw because we felt that we could get behind them. Maybe we were too greedy earlier in the game."

River had several opportunities taken away by Avon's Joe Hollars who patrolled the airways with two interceptions. Yet it was the turnover that led to Avon's undoing. The Eagles had five fumbles, three of which were lost, to stop drives.

"We played pretty much error-free in the first half, but a couple of turnovers in the second half killed us," said Avon Coach Mike Kelly. "Rocky River took advantage of our mistakes."

"OUR KIDS played just as hard in the second half as they did in the first, but we just made some mistakes. We found out that we could play with them (River). This game was a good test for us and we should be able to progress from this game. We played a bigger school and a good football team and we played them tough. We should be able to play with anybody on our schedule now," Kelly remarked.

Avon junior quarterback Mike Farmer completed his first nine passes in the game for 103 yards; he left the game after getting sacked late in the fourth

quarter with a nine of 13 performance. Joe Hollars had three catches for 47 yards.

Avon scored with 50 seconds left in the opening half. The 10-play, 85-yard march was highlighted by five straight completions by Farmer. Farmer's 24-yard pass to Hollars gave Avon a first and goal at the River nine. Tom Baracskai grabbed an eight-yard pass then Mike Higgins bolted over from the one for the score. The conversion pass was completed, but the referee ruled the receiver failed to reach the endzone.

Avon, 2-1, will travel to Cuyahoga Heights Friday to begin Inland Conference action. Rocky River will be at Bay in a Southwestern Conference matchup.

Team Statistics	Rocky Riv	Avon
First downs	13	14
Rushing	6	7
Passing	5	6
Penalty	2	1
Yards rushing	97	78
Yards passing	172	120
Total offense	269	198
Passes att.-comp.	14-6	17-10
Intercepted by	0	2
Fumbles-lost	1-0	5-3
Punts-yards	1-30	3-77
Average	30	25.6
Yards penalized	35	25
Rushing plays	32	37

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	T
Rocky River	0	0	0	20	20
Avon	0	6	0	0	6

Scoring

A — Mike Higgins, one run (pass failed)
R — John Staimpel, 26 pass from Greg Helms (Bob Yuick kick)
R — Bucko Lavelle, 63 pass from Helms (kick failed)
R — Mark Miller, 2 run (Yuick kick)

JV (3-4)

8/25	RR - 36	Fairview - 0	8/23	RR - 35	Black River - 0
9/01	RR - 0	Parma - 20	9/01	RR - 33	Parma - 6
9/08	RR - 0	Westlake - 33	9/06	RR - 41	Westlake - 52
9/15	RR - 12	Midview - 20	9/13	RR - 7	Midview - 8
9/22	RR	E C - Canceled	9/20	RR - 14	E Catholic - 30
9/29	RR - 28	Lakewood - 18	9/27	RR - 12	Lakewood - 31
10/06	RR - 0	N Ridgeville - 14	10/04	RR - 6	N Ridgeville - 40
10/13	RR - 16	Bay - 14	10/11	RR - 14	Bay - 27
10/20	@ Avon	10:00 A M	10/18	@ Avon	4:30 PM
10/27	Vermilion	10:00 AM	10/25	Vermilion	5:00 PM

8th Grade (2-6)

8/21	RR - 6	Bay - 34	8/21	RR - 6	Bay - 30
8/28	RR - 8	Lakewood Gar-28	8/28	RR - 6	Lakewood Gar- 14
9/05	RR - 34	Lakewood Har- 0	9/05	RR - 22	Lakewood Harding- 6
9/11	RR - 0	Avon - 36	9/13	RR - 30	Avon -30
9/18	RR - 12	Vermilion - 0	9/18	RR - 8	Vermilion - 24
9/25	RR - 6	Midview - 44	9/25	RR - 18	Midview - 32
10/02	RR - 0	North Ridgeville - 36	10/02	RR - 0	North Ridgeville - 24
10/09	RR - 10	Lakewood Gar-30	10/09	RR - 8	Lakewood Gar-18

7th Grade (1-6-1)

Honoring Our Championship Coaches

		Rocky River Varsity Football			
				ALL TIME	
<u># of Titles</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Conference Championships</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>W-L-T</u>	<u>WIN PCT %</u>
6	Frank Beam	1920,1921, 1923,1924, 1925,1933	17	68-71-16	0.438
5	Vince Gandolfi	1955,1956, 1958, 1960,1961	9	55-18-2	0.753
3	Randall Motts	1948 ,1949, 1951	9	48-29-2	0.607
2	Bill Jones	1990,1997	10	59-41-0	0.591
2	Ron Lewis	2006,2007	6	36-27-0	0.571
2	Don Frail	1962,1964	5	24-13-6	0.558
1	Rick Adams	2009	5	28-21-0	0.571
1	Paul Crites	1944	2	10-5-3	0.555
1	Vern Sharbaugh	1979	2	11-8-1	0.555



Frank Beam



Vince Gandolfi



Don Frail



Randall Motts



*Week 9
Players to Watch*



Rocky River – The Legendary “Albanians”

- * **#52 Klaudio Merizaj – SR - (OT)**
- * **#75 Franko Mucaj - SR - (OG/DT)**
- * **#27 Kejvi Janku – SR - (OLB)**
- * **#4 Xhulio Harunaj – SR - (SS)**
- * **#35 Enli Hamzai – SR - (LB)**

This group of 5 seniors have been a major key to the Pirates success this year. Their roles on the offensive line and on defense have been nothing short of stupendous. Their workman like attitude and aggressive physical play sets them apart from the competition. These guys have been so important to the make-up of the team, the Pirate Pit flies the Albanian flag at every game in “The Albanians” honor

Rocky River Team Awards – Week 8 @ Bay

Offense – Jesse Singler (JUMBO Back)

Defense – Bobby Osborn (LB) & Phil Bero (DE)

Special Teams – Alex Theiling (P)

Practice – PJ Sperli (DB)

Big Hit - Luke Lowery (TE) & Jess Singler (JUMBO)

Danny Boy's Dinner – Michael Dickey (FB)

Lineman – Klaudio Merizaj (OT)

Avon

- * **#21 Ross Douglas SR (RB/DB) -** this SR is one of the top DB's in the State of Ohio. He decommitted from Penn State after the sanctions and signed with the University of Michigan. He leads the team with 13 TD's in his 4th year of Varsity football.

2012 Rocky River Roster

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>OFF/DEF</u>
2	Kelly, Austin (Capt)	12	WR/DB
4	Harunaj, Xhuljo (Capt)	12	WR/DB
5	Lowry, Matt	10	QB/DB
6	Ruckman, Josh	11	WR/DB
8	Heider, Cam	10	WR/DB
9	Osborn, Bob	12	TE/LB
10	Kadlec, Matt	12	WR/DB
11	Co, Jason	10	WR/DB
12	Hendricks, Rob	12	WR/DB
13	Pyros, Nick	11	WR/DB
14	Boettcher, Keelan	12	QB
15	Bouria, Eric	11	WR/DB
17	Sawyer, Zeph	12	WR/OLB
19	Tayeh, Ihsaan	12	WR/DB
20	Poe, Mike	12	RB/OLB
21	Finnegan, Martin	12	RB/DB
23	Palker, Brendan	12	WR/DB
24	Connors, Pat	10	WR/DB
25	Lowery, Luke (Capt)	12	TE/DE
27	Janku, Kejvi	12	RB/OLB
29	Smith, Travis	10	RB/DB
30	Gadelsayed, David	12	WR/DB
32	Sucheck, Jacob	11	WR/DB
33	Dickey, Michael (Capt)	12	RB/LB
34	Rodgers, Nick	10	QB/LB
35	Hamzai, Enil	12	RB/LB
37	Hallal, Alec	12	WR/OLB
41	Smith, Jimi	10	RB/LB
43	Lizanich, Dave	11	TE/DE
44	McNamara, Tom	12	TE/DE
45	Bero, Phil	12	TE/DE
47	Kelly, Bill	12	DE
50	Hinson, Jonathon (Capt)	12	OT/DE
51	Lewis, Billy	11	OG/DT
52	Merizaj, Klaudio	12	OT/DE
53	Eichler, Charlie	12	OG/DT
55	Singler, Jesse	12	OT/DT
56	Adams, Noah	10	OT/DE
65	Reynolds, Nick	12	OG/DT
69	Bouchaya, Brandon	10	OG/DT
73	Pelger, Billy	11	C/DT
74	Cox, David	10	OT/LB
75	Mucaj, Franko	12	OG/DT
76	Wodzisz, Tyler	12	OT/DE/K
77	Kysela, Cam	10	C/DT
80	Theiling, Alex	11	WR/DB/P
82	Kelly, Jack	10	WR/DB
83	Sperli, P.J.	10	WR/DB
84	Chiyam, Phoenix	10	TE/DB
88	Riemenschneider, Brock	11	WR/DB
89	Wenner, Adam	10	TE/DB

Rocky River Varsity Football Coaches

All Time Won/Loss

		W-L-T	
<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>WIN PCT%</u>
Vince Gandolfi	1953-1961	55-18-2	0.753
Randall Motts	1942-43, 1946-52	48-29-2	.607
Bill Jones	1988-1997	59-41-0	.590
Ron Lewis	2002-2007	36-27-0	.571
Rick Adams	2008-present	28-21-0	.571
Don Frail	1962-1966	24-13-6	.558
Paul Crites	1944-1945	10-5-3	.555
Vern Sharbaugh	1979-1980	11-8-1	.555
Craig Weaver	1987	5-5-0	.500
John Ference	1981-1985	22-27-1	.440
Frank Beam	1919-1935	68-71-16	.438
Harry Workman	1940-1941	6-9-1	.375
Les Wojciechowski	1986	3-7-0	.300
Audrey Skomp	1936-1939	10-23-2	.285
Mark Hoyga	1998-2001	11-29-0	.275
Fred Churchill	1967-1971	11-30-4	.240
Jerry Olsen	1975-1978	7-31-1	.179
Jim Cordiak	1972-1974	2-25-0	.080
<i>NO Head Coach</i>	1917-1918	0-3-0	.000