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Pioneer's Tracy French lowers his shoulder to hit Adrian's Dave Gariglio (23) in Friday's 28-0 Maple win

Maples blank Pioneers

By Dave Rigan

Adrian High defeated Pioneer, 28-0, Friday night at Hollway Field and in the process overcame one of its biggest obstacles of the season.

The Maples, now 6-0 and 3-0 in the South Central Conference, defeated the only other undefeated team left in the conference and kept its unbeaten streak alive along with its drive toward a position in the state playoffs.

The cold weather caused some trouble with handoffs and pitches, and Adrian had to overcome five first-half fumbles to take a 13-0 lead. Pioneer mistakes and penalties made things easier.

"I'm pleased with our offensive

consistency in the cold weather," said Adrian Coach Ken Calhoun. "The cold hurt our running attack more than anything because of the handoffs."

Pioneer Coach Chuck Ritter was most concerned with his team's 91 yards in penalties and three turnovers (two interceptions and one lost fumble).

"We made a lot of mistakes tonight," he said. "I am very pleased with how our kids hit, though."

Pioneer's defense only got to Adrian quarterback Scott McNitt once and he had little problem hitting his receivers. He completed 10 of 13 passes for 151 yards and two touchdowns, both to tailback Steve Knorr.

The first one came on a third-and-34 from Adrian's own 39-yard line on a screen pass to the left. Ironically, defensive back Greg Campbell had a sure interception on the previous play out dropped the ball.

McNitt kicked the first extra point and Adrian led 7-0 with 5:36 left in the first quarter.

Knorr's second score came on a 15-yard pass on another short pass to the left over Pioneer defense that was headed to the right side of the field.

Pioneer's best scoring chance came in the second quarter after Tracy French recovered a fumble at the Pioneer 48. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Jim Harbaugh hit French with a

Area Scoreboard

Metro

Huron 24, Jackson 0
Adrian 28, Pioneer 0
Ypsilanti 16, Jackson Parkside 6

Region

South Lyon 28, Pinckney 16
Milan 13, Dexter 8
Morenci 26, Clinton 7
Manchester 32, Blissfield 6
Brighton 8, Hartland 6
Saline 36, Chelsea 29
Lincoln 7, Erie Mason 0
Deerfield 18, Whitmore Lake 12
Livonia Clarenceville 31, Willow Run 23

19-yard pass to bring the ball to the Adrian 33.

A 12-yard gain by fullback Tom Hill moved the ball to the 20 with a first down. Bubba Green was thrown for an eight-yard loss and two passes went incomplete and that finished the drive.

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