

**What a way to "top-off" that first year of football back in 1971!
Beating an undefeated Jeffersonville JV tem in the "Blizzard Game"
and finishing with a winning (5-4) season**

Charlestown Wins 12-0 In Blizzard

Pirates End Season With Winning Mark

Now Charlestown knows what football is REALLY like.

Coach Ron Dowdell and his first year JV team fought the cold and the snow through four quarters Saturday afternoon to record a 12-0 victory over a previously undefeated Jeffersonville junior varsity team.

The win capped off Charlestown's initial season of the pigskin sport. In nine games, the Pirates were winners five times—a good start in anybody's book.

"When I came over here," said Dowdell, "I didn't come to lose. You've got to want to play football if you're going to win, and these kids want to play."

Next year Charlestown enters the varsity ranks. The Pirates will join three other Clark County schools — Jeffersonville, Clarksville and Providence—in the popular sport.

Dowdell said he realized that there's a big difference between varsity and junior varsity football. "We're still a long way

from being competitive," said the former Western Kentucky footballer. "And we'll take our lumps next year, but we'll win a few games too."

Even though the football season is over, Dowdell said his Pirates will be busy this winter getting ready for next fall. Weight-lifting and physical conditioning are on top for the Pirates through the winter months.

"We know what we've got to do before next year," said Dowdell. "They realize they won't be playing against sophomores next season."

But whether sophomores or seniors, "wanting" to play the game will make the difference, said Dowdell.

"They've proved to me that they want to play football. They've got pride."

The win over Jeffersonville obviously was the highlight of the year. The Red Devil JVs came into the contest undefeated, and it took a Charlestown win to give

the Pirates a winning mark.

"We got a winning season. We got a winning season," shouted the Charlestown players in the dressing room after the game.

The battle between the two teams turned into a case of fumbles and pass interceptions.

The cold blowing snow made it almost impossible for ballcarriers to hang onto the pigskin. During one short span in the game, there were three fumbles in five plays.

Offensive plays consisted of dives into the line. Sweeps and option plays were almost nonexistent as backs couldn't make quick cuts on the slick turf.

Jeff and Charlestown battled to a scoreless first quarter as the Charlestown defense stymied a Jeff drive inside the 10.

That was the closest the Devils got to a TD all day.

Finally, Jim Cole broke the scoring ice. On a fourth down situation, Jeff was forced to punt. Cole fumbled the punt, picked the

ball up and ran to his left. As four Jeff tacklers were about to jump on him, the speedy Charlestown back reversed field and scooted up the right side of the field for the touchdown.

Scorekeepers gave him 82 yards on the play, but since the lines on the field were completely obscured by the snow, it could have been more or less.

Charlestown's second TD came late in the second period.

After moving the ball to the Jeff 15-yard line, quarterback Charlie Lewis faked the dive play, and loffed a pass to end Jim Tucker who was standing all alone.

Jeff came out the second half and made one determined try to score, but the effort came up several yards short and that pretty much ended everybody's offense for the afternoon.

It was rather ironic that Cole would have been the offensive star for the Pirates. Earlier in the week he was listed as "doubtful." A mild case of pneumonia had him sidelined, and it wasn't until slightly before game time that Dowdell knew for sure that Cole would be in the line-up.

Dowdell said Cole could "play for anybody." Throughout the year he surprised enemy defenses by rambling for long TD runs.

"When he turns that corner he wants to score," said Dowdell. "He's determined."

Dowdell also had praise for the work of his defensive line. "Our defensive line did a good job," said Dowdell. "Jeffersonville has good speed, but we stopped them."

The Charlestown coach had kind words for his interior linemen—Rick Burchel, Harold Nichols, Don Henson and Don Stillwell.

"They did a beautiful job."

Dowdell also credited his coaching staff with doing a tremendous job. Members of his staff include Jim Congleton, John Mastin, Clayton Root and Harry Long.

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HARTFORD FACES TEST
LONDON (UPI) — Asa Hartford, whose \$424,000 trade by West Bromwich Albion to Leeds United was nullified because of a suspected heart condition, will be examined this week to see if the ailment will affect his playing future.

