pass and skirts up the left sideline for a key gain. In the fourth period Nagie caught a pass off a fake field goal for a touchdown.

Devil-Streak Thanksgiving Contest Decides 50 Game Grid Dominance

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The final game of any season has to have something extra as because of its position on the schedule it can't always be for all the marbles.

This year's meeting between Hunterdon Central and Warren Hills falls into that category as the Red Devils (6-2) are coming off two straight disheartening losses while the Blue Streaks (7-1-1) are just having one of those years.

But the significance rests in the 50 game rivalry which has existed since the initial game in 1917.

At present the series is tied at 24-24-2. Both teams have managed to win 24 games with two ending in ties. Thus the victor this Thanksgiving will pull ahead in the annual series.

Pre-season expectations for Hunterdon Central called for the Red Devils to be in the thick of the race for the Delaware River Conference crown. And that's how it turned out.

Two weeks ago Central was 6-0 going into the big North Hunterdon contest.

The Red Devils opened the 1975 campaign in typical fashion as they handled Belvidere, 34-8. The County Seat went down stubbornly, however, which was a hint to the complement of both teams' futures this year.

The following week Central hosted Phillipsburg Catholic and the Terriers didn't show much. The Red and Black gridders made short work of them by a 40-6 margin.

In the third game of the season Central played Bridgewater Raritan East, and although the Devils couldn't hold onto the football, they still took an easy 28-7 victory.

After losing two consecutive years to Hackettstown, the Red Devils decided to put a stop to the present trend.

Top Tigers

On a muddy afternoon, Hunterdon Central took advantage of every Tiger miscue to pull away a big 46-0 victory. The win was the fourth in as many outings for coach Jerry Keller.

Delaware Valley didn't prove much of an obstacle for the Red Machine as the Terriers succumbed 40-8. Central continued its dominance in its next outing also, as it swamped Bridgewater West 32-0.

Both Central and North Hunterdon were 6-0 before the big confrontation and the game was everything it was built up to be. North came out on top, 26-12.

In the contest the Lions utilized ball control and forced the Red Devils to the air in the hard hitting affair.

Last week South (7-1) locked up a post season bid when it came from behind to bump off the Red Devils, 34-26. The explosive Eagles have topped Central a surprising three of the last five meetings.

For Warren Hills the season has been most disappointing. With new mentor Frank Springer at the helm the Streaks seemed headed for DRC contention, but it was not to be.

In the opener the Streaks found a ground game late in the contest to catch Delaware Valley at the wire, 14-14. It unfortunately proved to be the only game the Blue and White team wasn't lost this year.

The following week Belvidere spilled some of its magic to win 24-23 and one week later Hackettstown overpowered the Streaks, 24-16.

Although Warren Hills has been close to victory a few times throughout the campaign the Streaks just haven't pulled it off.

North Hunterdon topped them, 21-6. South ran up 42-8 score. Mount Olive squeaked out a 15-12 win. Phillipsburg Catholic handled them 35-28, and Toxbury just got away, 12-6.

'Streak' Series

Warren Hills was formerly Washington High School and Hunterdon Central. Mixed under the Flemington High name.

Streaks stand out in the 50 year series.

Hunterdon Central won in 1954 and 1955. Warren Hills bounced back for three straight victories before the Red Devils reeled off four wins from 1960-1963.

The Blue Streaks reversed the trend by running out ahead in the next five games.

And until two years ago Central had won four straight.

The school series started back in 1917, a year in which the two teams faced each other twice.

The Red Devils won both outings and triumphed the following year also.

Then the series was suspended until 1926.

Since that time the series has been played regularly except in 1941, 1943, and 1944 when the game was cancelled because of the war.

In 1937 the schools met twice again and split.

That was the season the game originated.

Before both the Red Devils played South Hunterdon at Lambertville on Turkey Day. But due to the lack of manpower South cancelled the sport for four years.

The 46 points which Hunterdon Central scored four years ago were the most registered by either team in a shutout.

Warren Hills tallied a series high 61-46 points in 1968.

The most points scored by both teams was 61, in the 48-13 win by Warren Hills in 1968.

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Organized Youth Sports Detrimental

Instead of instilling good habits, many organized sports for children are squeezing the youngsters into highly structured leagues run by hypertensive adults, urged on by overenthusiastic fathers and mothers, according to Pulitzer Prize winning author James A. Michener.

In a December Reader's Digest article, "The Jungle World of Juvenile Sports," Michener notes that professional athletes, physicians and sociologists all agree that the present team-oriented trend in juvenile sports shortchanges rather than benefits the youngsters that participate.

For example, Jonathan S. Brower, assistant professor of sociology at California State University, studied 28 different, playground leagues teams for ten months. Then concluded that the program probably had no effect on character building and produced more tension than fun.

Parents all too frequently influence the tension-producing aspects of the game says Michener. Joe Tomlin who organized the Pop Warner Junior League Football, wanted to have a rule that whenever a team was leading by 18 points all of its substitutes had to go in to the game — a chance for more boys to play and for the opposing team to catch up.

We couldn't enforce the rule Tomlin says. Mothers especially wanted their gifted boys to play the whole game and score the maximum points.

Parents who want the best for their children, Michener writes, should keep a close eye on Little League and Pop Warner activities, to ensure that the games are not dominated by adults who are too competitive.