

# Pirates' Den

- Rams Classy
- Defense Tough

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The West Chester Rams were here last week. They left behind them a 42-0 conquest of Millersville's football team.

Even the most partisan Millersville fan who witnessed the game Saturday finds it hard not to give West Chester its due praise. The Rams are good and there is simply no way of getting around that fact.

West Chester is certainly the class of the Eastern Division of the SC Conference. Saturday's game with Millersville and the 21-0 Ram victory over East Stroudsburg should dispel any doubt.

When a team scores 42 points the immediate impulse is to give the lion's share of the credit to the offense. The opinion here, however, is that West Chester's defense was the most important factor in last Saturday's game.

## Rams Alert

Two Ram touchdowns and a safety can be directly attributed to the defense. In the second quarter West Chester's alert defensive crew pounced on a Millersville fumble on the Marauder 10. Three plays later the Rams had a touchdown.

In the same period, the Marauders, with their backs to the wall, saw the WC defense force a bad pass from center which resulted in a safety and two points for West Chester.

In the last period the Ram secondary picked off a Millersville pass and Dick Reynolds ran it back 52 yards for the TD.

Even more important was the fact that West Chester's defense held the Marauder attack in check. The Rams were especially effective in stopping Millersville's ground game. The Marauders picked up only 36 yards rushing.

It was not until the second half that Millersville could launch any sustained drive and even then the Black and Gold could gain only through the air.

The West Chester offense, of course, was not idle while the defense was holding the Marauders. Jim Pribula and Joe Iacone were equally outstanding in the Ram backfield. Pribula scored all five of West Chester's touchdowns in the first half.

## Iacone Sensational

Iacone, a sophomore playing his first season of varsity ball, has been nothing short of sensational. In four games he has run up about 600 yards unofficially. This total includes 125 yards against Millersville and 221 against Fort Eustis in West Chester's opening game.

The question arises whether the backs are that good or the linemen are opening up holes through which anyone could run. In West Chester's case the answer appears to be a little of both. The Ram linemen hit hard and fast. Jim Bonder, now the head coach there, has always been noted for the emphasis which he placed on speed in his linemen. In his years as line coach under Glen Killinger, Bonder made speed the trademark of the WC line. Apparently he still demands it.

The backs know how to use the interference thrown up by their linemen. The backs complement the linemen. This, of course, is a prime ingredient of a successful team.

The team which came here last week was a typical West Chester squad. It had power, speed, and finesse. What more could you ask for in a football team?