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Marshall tailback Payton Bailey plunges into middle of Annandale defense in Northern Region title game

Annandale Wins, 14-13

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Annandale survived seven minutes of terror at the finish to defeat Marshall, 14-13, for the Virginia Northern Region title in high school football at Woodson yesterday.

Annandale advanced to the state semifinals by winning a dual victory—the first in a rational, and tactical football game; the second amid pure hysteria.

Annandale won the tactical battle, 14-13, when halfback Mike Lucido scored from four yards out with 7 minutes 43 seconds remaining to cap a rally from a 13-0 deficit.

When the frenzy of the next seven minutes ended, Marshall had been thwarted on downs at Annandale's 21 with 3:11 left and had missed a 36-yard field goal

with 12 seconds left.

As Blair Flynn's kick sailed far enough but wide of the goal post; only two of the 50 stunned Annandale players had enough emotion left to throw up their arms in victory.

Annandale next plays the winner of Friday's Central Region battle in Richmond between Thomas Dale of Chester and Hermitage of Richmond. The semifinal is scheduled Dec. 2 at Woodson.

After Lucido put Annandale ahead, Marshall's frantic first drive was stopped on downs when Payton Bailey, who carried 42 times for 190 yards, was hit one foot short at Annandale's 21 by linemen Tom Miller and Mike Mehlfelt.

The Atoms began celebrat-

ing, jumping and pounding each other, certain of victory. But the hearts of Annandale fans started skipping again three minutes later when a low snap hit Atoms punter Kerry Mullin in the chest and the ball rolled free at Annandale's 22.

Six blue jerseys and one red-clad Atom chased the ball with 26 seconds left. Marshall recovered and Mullin, on the ground thrashing at Marshall players' legs, stacked up a pile of bodies at the 21, then grabbed the jersey of the man with the ball.

Mike Oliff's short pass completion set up Flynn's field-goal attempt.

When Annandale most needed Lucido in its fourth-quarter drive, he was there.

Invisible under Marshall tacklers for three quarters, Lucido finally appeared. The 185-pound junior, who has 3,709 career yards rushing, darted free in the open field on runs of 22, 11 and four yards as Annandale, after receiving a punt at Marshall's 48, drove to the four.

From the four, Lucido plowed through the middle to score. Brian Grainer's second conversion kick was perfect.

"I couldn't ask any more of them," said losing coach Ed Henry whose Great Falls District champions were huge underdogs.

"Marshall's defense did about what we expected," fibbed Annandale coach Bob

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Annandale Picked To Stop Marshall

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"The seniors on this team are kind of cocky," said Fadden, the cockiest Atom, a 5-foot-8, 150-pound receiver, as flashy as one can see in high school. When this year's seniors were only sophomores, Fadden recalled they did not get along perfectly with the upperclassmen of 1970. They were too cocky, too sure of themselves at 15.

Of his team that clobbered Fairfax last week, 41-19, coach Bob Hardage said, "... got a lot of feisty kids, competitors."

About Fadden, who has nine touchdown catches, Hardage said, "Northern Virginia's had other top ends who did well in college and they sure had better size than Tom, but for what he can do as a high-school senior, I'd just as soon have Tom."

Although Marshall also has a 9-1 record, the Statesmen do not make the stylish impression of the red-and-white Atoms, swarming on offense.

Marshall gained the regional last week without quarterback Mike Oliff. The Statesmen defeated a weak opponent, 7-6, because the losers failed on a two-point, fourth-quarter conversion try.

Throughout the second half, Marshall's star linebacker, Steve Perlic, consulted with coach Ed Henry about what to do if the extra-point situation arose. Despite being fully prepared when the pass attempt came, three Marshall defenders ran in the wrong direction.

Henry blamed the performance on more blown assignments than he usually tolerates in a game.

"They had a guy running loose in our end zone," he said. "I was having heart failure. Fortunately, one guy rushed the passer, and one guy was near the primary receiver. Other than those two men, we were in a lot of trouble."

Marshall has survived trouble all year. "The statistics on us are horrible," Henry said. "The only thing better this year is the W's (wins)."

"Every team controlled the ball on us, just about. We beat Washington-Lee, 17-0, and they had 72 plays to our 36. The only team we controlled the ball on was Fairfax, and that's the game we lost."

A close neighbor of Hardage, Henry claims both knowledge and fear of an offense "with two super players—Fadden and Mike Lucido—that you can defense on paper and still not be able to hold on to."

"One time on film I saw their linemen take four-yard splits against Woodson. They had those suckers spread out from hash mark to hash mark and ran all over them."

But no one has run over Marshall. The Statesmen have given up only 59 points, best in Northern Virginia.

Annandale Rallies To Stop Marshall

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ANNANDALE, From C1
Hardage, who has never seen Lucido, passer Pete Conaty and flanker Tom Fadden bottled up as they were for three quarters today.

Marshall gained 301 yards to Annandale's 215, while Lucido finished with 103 yards in 22 carries.

Only one lucky, brilliant play with 1:10 left in the first half kept Annandale close.

After the Atoms gained only 34 yards in the first 23 minutes, quarterback Conaty rolled out from his own 36. He threw a wobbling pass far up the sideline. Without looking, flanker Bruce Belanger threw up his arms, brought them down with the ball and tight-roped the sideline for the last 34 yards of a 64-yard touchdown play.

Hardage called the maneuver a "broken play," and said Belanger improvised his deep route. The play aroused Annandale, a patsy until then.

From the start, Marshall stuck to the simplest of game plans—one play, a pitchout to Bailey to the short side of the field. Annandale saw the play 35 times and never figured how to stop it, Hardage admitted. Bailey finally became exhausted running it.

With Annandale protecting the wide side of the field, quarterback Oliff would fake to the fullback, then option off defensive end Phil Harmon, who tried everything except sticking his tongue out at Oliff.

With many pitchouts very nearly becoming forward laterals, Bailey made eight identical carries for 41 yards as Marshall reached Annandale's five-yard line on its first possession. The drive stalled on two bad passes, and a wild snap killed a field-goal try.

Three plays later, Gary Smerdzinski intercepted at Annandale's 30. Oliff faked that familiar play, then dropped back and threw 30 yards for a touchdown to Mike Gless with two minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Marshall upped its lead to 13-0 with a 70-yard drive five minutes later. The series went pitch to Bailey, pitch to Bailey until Annandale fans stood and screamed at

the left side of their own defensive line.

At the 20, Oliff started the play again, then threw over the middle to Flynn who ran over a defender at the five and scored. But he missed the key extra point.

Annandale	0	7	0	7-14
Marshall	7	6	0	0-13
Marshall—Gless (30, pass from Oliff); Flynn (kick).				
Marshall—Flynn (20, pass from Oliff); kick failed.				
Annandale—Belanger (64, pass from Conaty); Grainer (kick).				
Annandale—Lucido (4, run); Grainer (kick).				
Attendance—8,000.				



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Rough But Worth It

The going was rough and it wasn't over until the last seconds as Annandale defeated Marshall, 14-13, in the

regional championship game at Woodson Saturday afternoon. Above Annandale running back Mike Lucido

goes up and over the shoulders of a Marshall tackler.

(SUN Photo by Ann Stevens)

Title Game Rosters

MARSHALL				
No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Pos.
10	Mike Oliff	QB	53	A. Perry
11	John Cheffens	WR	55	Richard Anna
12	Gree Schwemley	QB	60	Mike Culhan
14	Brent McDaniel	QB	61	Stan Foster
15	Jeff Bush	QB	62	Martin Kinsman
21	Gary Lybrand	DB	63	Dave Caras
22	Jack Bush	DB	64	Jon Wick
23	Mark Bendorf	DB	65	Bill Berg
24	Paul Gural	DB	66	Jim Noble
25	Peyton Bailey	DB	67	Earl Wilkerson
30	Ray Gallagher	DB	68	Mike Burke
31	Charles Payne	DB	70	Jim Day
32	Mark Jones	DB	71	George Seaman
35	Ralph Snead	DB	72	Mike Kinsman
36	John Chryst	DB	73	Mark Snow
40	Tom Davis	DB	74	Paul O'Neil
41	Mike Atalla	DB	75	Lee Berkebile
42	Eric Mondres	DB	76	Jim Larson
43	Gary Smerdzinski	DB	77	Bob Brill
44	Bruce Spiro	DB	79	Al Dews
45	Richard Wayne	DB	80	Stu Heironimus
50	Cliff Caroll	DB	81	Joe Coats
51	Steve Perlik	DB	82	Mike Shannon
52	Kevin Fuller	DB	83	Mike Gless
		c	84	Blair Fulynn
		LB	85	Bill Brown
		LB	86	Steve Douthat
			87	Larry Caynor
			88	Butch Farrell
			89	Neal Smith

ANNANDALE		
No.	Name	Pos.
10	Bruce Belanger	HB
12	Dale Babione	DB
14	Pete Conaty	QB
15	Kenny Burney	HB
17	Rick Rabil	QB
22	John Novak	DB
23	Dave Sylvester	DB
24	John Shipley	DB
25	Jeff Belue	DV
27	Kerry Mullin	HB
30	Mike Witter	DB
31	Donald Eart	LB
33	David Prye	RB
35	Pat Tracy	DB
40	Tom Schaufelberger	DV
41	Bill Williamson	WR
42	Tom Fadden	WR
44	Mike Lucido	RB
50	Bill Sanders	c
51	Fred Kurta	LV
52	Steve Eunpu	OG
53	Rick Fisher	de
55	John Daley	DT
60	Dave Durbon	C
61	Chris Mullen	OG
62	Eric Anderson	MG
63	Bob Holloman	OG
64	Phil Brockway	OG
65	Jeff Malovich	LB
66	Phil Harmon	LB
67	Paul Allison	DR
70	Jim Vickery	OG
71	Scot Vantine	OT
72	John Kennon	OT
73	Bob Tedesco	DR
74	Brian Grainer	C
75	Tom Miller	DT
76	Art White	DT
77	John McGill	OT
80	Bill Bowen	DE
81	Paul Malone	WR
82	Nick Cornwell	DB
83	Dan Dunn	SE
84	Lane Spigener	SE
85	Mike Mehlfelt	MG
87	Kevin Patton	DT
88	David Mork	DR
89	Bob Oliver	TE
	Nick Cornwell	DB
	Lou Bonato	TE
	C. Cunningsworth	C

Jones Aids Ferrum to Loop Title

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DINKY JONES

FERRUM, Va.—A former Falls Church scholastic football star is presently helping Ferrum College to another outstanding season.

Sophomore James "Dinky" Jones, an All-Stater while at George C. Marshall High, has been the Panthers' starting wingback for two seasons.

The 6-1, 185-pounder is Ferrum's second leading receiver this year with 19 receptions for 245 yards and two touchdowns. Jones has also picked up 127 yards rushing, scoring once, and leads the team in punt returns. He returned one 36-yards for a touchdown in a 35-24 win over the University of Virginia JVs.

Atoms Survive Biggg To Gain State Semi

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FAIRFAX—On the third play from scrimmage Marshall's Peyton Bailey took a pitchout for eight yards and a first down and, as it turned out, this was just an example of what was to come.

Bailey, a 5-10, 160-pound junior, and his Marshall teammates, played with the football most of the afternoon but in the end, Annandale emerged with a well-earned 14-13 victory in the Northern Reginnal AAA championship game at Woodson Saturday afternoon.

Much credit must go to the Annandale team for coming back from a 13-0 deficit while Marshall, definitely the underdog, went into this game better prepared than at any other time during the season.

For Annandale the victory means a two-week layoff before the state semifinals.

On Dec. 2 the Atoms will return to the well-manicured turf at Woodson to play the winner of this Friday night's Central Region championship game between Hermitage and Thomas Dale.

Marshall completed its season with a 9-2 record and will be looking forward to next season with Bailey and a few other underclassmen returning.

Actually Marshall missed victory by only a few feet when, with 17 seconds remaining, Blair Flynn's field goal of 28 yards went wide to the left. It was at this point that it appeared Annandale

had the victory sewed up. Annandale had time for one play and wisely, quarterback Pete Conaty took the snap from center and fell forward as the final seconds expired.

Twice in the fourth quarter Marshall drove deep into Annandale territory trying to pull it out and both times the Statesmen were repelled by a

With less than three minutes remaining the Statesmen were at the Annandale 22 with a fourth-and-inches situation. Bailey got the ball and a host of Annandale tacklers got Bailey to turn things around.

Annandale took over at the 22 and had moved to the 40 before a bad pass from center on fourth down gave the ball back to Marshall at the 22 with 22 seconds remaining.

Quarterback Mike Oliff passed to wide receiver Mike Gless to advance the ball four yards to the 18, the point from which Flynn tried his field goal.

"You can't take anything away from our kids. They came from 13 points down and made the tackles to stop them when they had to. That's the mark of a good football team," commented Annandale coach Bob Hardage after the game.

From the start it appeared Annandale wasn't to have the overpowering offensive machine of the past in its favor. The Atoms took the opening kickoff and managed to get four yards in three downs before punting. All four of the yards were picked up by Mike Lucido, who like the bread-and-butter back he is, was there later on when his teammates needed him the most.

Annandale punted and Marshall put the ball in play at its own 25 after no return of the kick.

Then, it started.

Bailey, who was to carry the ball 41 times for 180 yards during the afternoon, got nothing on his first try but on the next two plays picked up 12 yards and a first down to the 42. Bailey ran three of the next four plays after Marshall was put back to the 36 for illegal motion and the next first down was compliments of Bailey as he motored to the Annandale 44 with another



Under this pile of football players is Annandale's Mike Lucido and in his arms rests the ball and the winning touchdown in Saturday's Northern Region championship game at Woodson High. Lucido scored from four yards away from placement necessary point in Marshall. Marshall's Mark Snow 73

The Annandale stands were almost silent with the exception of a few fickle shouts in regards to poor tackling. Down on the field, however, it wasn't a case of poor tackling - it was Marshall's offensive game plan being carried out by 11 men who know what they

were doing.

Here was a Marshall team doing what head coach Henry didn't think it would be able to do - control the football.

Marshall was using Bailey like never before, running from an I-set in the backfield. Prior to this game the Statesmen had been running from a

Bailey for two more he picked up a first down. The Annandale 32 pass clicked for 15 yards and a first down at the 17.

From this point Bailey for a yard right back with the 5-11, 185-pou