

Coffeyville No Match

'Dogs Win First SEK Title in 9 Years

Independence's high school Bulldogs—a small band but tenacious and inspired—wrapped themselves in a heavy coat of glory by mastering Coffeyville, 13-6 here Friday night to win the SEK league football championship and finish the season undefeated and untied.

It is the first league championship for Independence since 1948 and the first perfect season for an Independence high school football team since 1932.

The Bulldogs, second ranked high school team in last week's Associated Press poll, were brilliant on defense and executed two first quarter pass plays flawlessly to score touchdowns.

Only 14 Independence players saw action in the excitement-packed battle royal played before a crowd estimated at 4,000. Bleachers on both sides of the field were jammed with fans 30 minutes before the opening kickoff.

Louis Patterson, assistant, had their Bulldog gridmen keyed high and razor sharp for the big game against their traditional county rivals, who won the league championship last year.

The Bulldogs stunned the invaders with the two first period touchdowns and then concentrated efforts on protecting the lead.

Independence received the kickoff and rolled 64 yards in 11 plays to score.

Pack St. Clair, the Bulldogs' outstanding ball handler and field general, teamed with Dick Rumpfelt, sophomore halfback, to score both Independence's touchdowns in the opening 12 minutes.

Bill Burnett, who played practically the entire game despite a charleyhorse and leg cramps, sparked the ground gaining assault on the first TD drive, ripping off 32 yards on four carries.

With fourth down and six to go on the Coffeyville 16, St. Clair passed to the flanker in the flat off the inside belly series.

Rumpfelt, who has been plagued by injuries all season, gathered in the accurate toss and dashed for the game's first touchdown.

Jim Randolph crashed over the Tornado line for the extra point.

A quick kick by Burnett that was downed

on the Coffeyville 2 yard line set the Tornado back in a hole from which they couldn't get out.

The supercharged Bulldog line held and Coffeyville kicked on third down to the Independence 49.

On the first scrimmage down, and on the same play that previously paid off with six-points, St. Clair faked beautifully and fired a 45 yard pass to Rumsfelt who snared the pigskin and went in for the TD.

Randolph's attempted line plunge for the extra point was stopped short but the Canines held a fairly comfortable 13-0 lead.

Early in the second period, Coffeyville started a drive that carried to the Bulldog one-foot line. A great goal line stand by Independence was one of the most sparkling "gems" of the game and no doubt was highly instrumental in the IHS victory.

Coffeyville's Jim Jarrett, a tremendous player both on offense and defense, returned a bulldog punt 21 yards to the Independence 41.

Jarrett, Wooten and Schichtle blasted out gains to a first down on the Independence 10.

Jarrett gained three. Schichtle gained three and Jarrett carried to the one-foot line.

On fourth down Jarrett was stopped in his tracks by the surging Bulldog line and Independence took over.

St. Clair, cool under intense fire, led the Bulldogs out of dangerous territory gaining 6, 9 and 10 yards on keep plays.

With fourth down and two on their own 32, the Bulldogs gambled and lost. Coffeyville held and took over on the 33.

Coffeyville's scoring opportunity was stymied when Dick Rumpfelt recovered a Tornado ball bobble on Independence's 30.

The Bulldogs were on a touchdown march as the first half ended, moving 47 yards to the Tornado 23.

Early in the third period, the Bulldogs mounted another scoring threat, driving to the Tornado 15 before being held on downs. St. Clair, Burnett, Randolph and Rumpfelt all ripped off gainers behind their hard blocking linemen.

Jarrett set up Coffeyville's home touchdown of the game late in the third period by returning a Bulldog punt 36 yards to Independence's 25.

The Bulldogs drew a 15 yard personal foul penalty, giving the Tornado a first down on the 10. On two blasts into the line, Jarrett carried to the 4. On the next play, Schichtle went off tackle for the six-pointer.

Wooten's attempted conversion was wide.

Coffeyville attempted an on-sides kickoff but the ball was downed by alert Bill Burnett on the Bulldog 44.

Randolph and St. Clair spearheaded the Bulldog ground attack to the Coffeyville 27 where Coffeyville held for downs.

With time running out, Coffeyville took to the air. The Bulldogs were content to give the visitors short ground but covered well on deep passes.

A long Tornado areal was grabbed off by St. Clair on the Bulldog 35 to halt a Coffeyville drive. St. Clair lugged the pigskin to the Coffeyville 41.

The Bulldogs, with the score and clock in their favor, took no unnecessary risks most of the third period, using straight ahead bread-and-butter plays.

Coffeyville took possession of the ball with less than two minutes to go after Randolph punted to the Tornado 12.

Jarrett passed to Schichtle for 11 yards. Two other Tornado overhead shots went incomplete. An attempted long pass by Jarrett was intercepted by Randolph at the final gun.

The Bulldogs, at their best defensively, held Coffeyville to a net of 98 rushing and 22 yards by passing.

Blaine Babb and Derrill Unruh were tremendous at the end positions. They made numerous stops or turned Coffeyville's wide plays in so linebackers Wesley Boner, Burnett and Bill Boomis could make the stops.

Boner was a pillar of strength for the Bulldogs on defense throughout the game. Ronnie Boulanger, Stanley Augustine, Jack Beach, Bob Rumpfelt and Danny Plake all turned great jobs along the Bulldog forward wall.

Babb, Unruh and Randolph played the

entire game. Boulanger was out of action for only one play. St. Clair was on the bench only on kickoffs.

Burnett left the battle only briefly to work out leg cramps.

Bob Rumpfelt only missed three or four plays while getting first-aid treatment for a pulled shoulder muscle. Plake was in the game on all Bulldog offensive plays.

The championship 'hungry' Bulldogs carried Coach Emmot off the field after the game. Both Emmot and Patterson were dunked in the showers after the jubilant squad returned to the locker rooms.

Emmot and Patterson were more than happy to be victims of the traditional celebration by a championship team.

Beaming with pride in his team's performance, Emmot said:

"They are a great group of boys with great desire. They love to play football."

Mrs. Emmot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall, of Topeka, planned to be here for the crucial game. However, while leaving their apartment Mrs. Marshall slipped and fell down some stairs, suffering a fractured leg.

The Statistics:

	Indy.	Coff.
First Downs	13	6
Rushing Yardage	192	98
Passing Yardage	76	22
Passes Attempted	6	13
Passes Completed	3	4
Passes Intercepted by	4	0
Punts	4	5
Punting Average	36	34
Fumbles	5	2
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Yards penalized	20	5

The Score by Quarters:

Coffeyville	0	0	0	0	6
Independence	13	0	0	0	13

Independence Touchdowns: D. Rumpfelt 2, (on passes from St. Clair). PAT-Randolph (lunge).

Coffeyville Touchdown: Schichtle