

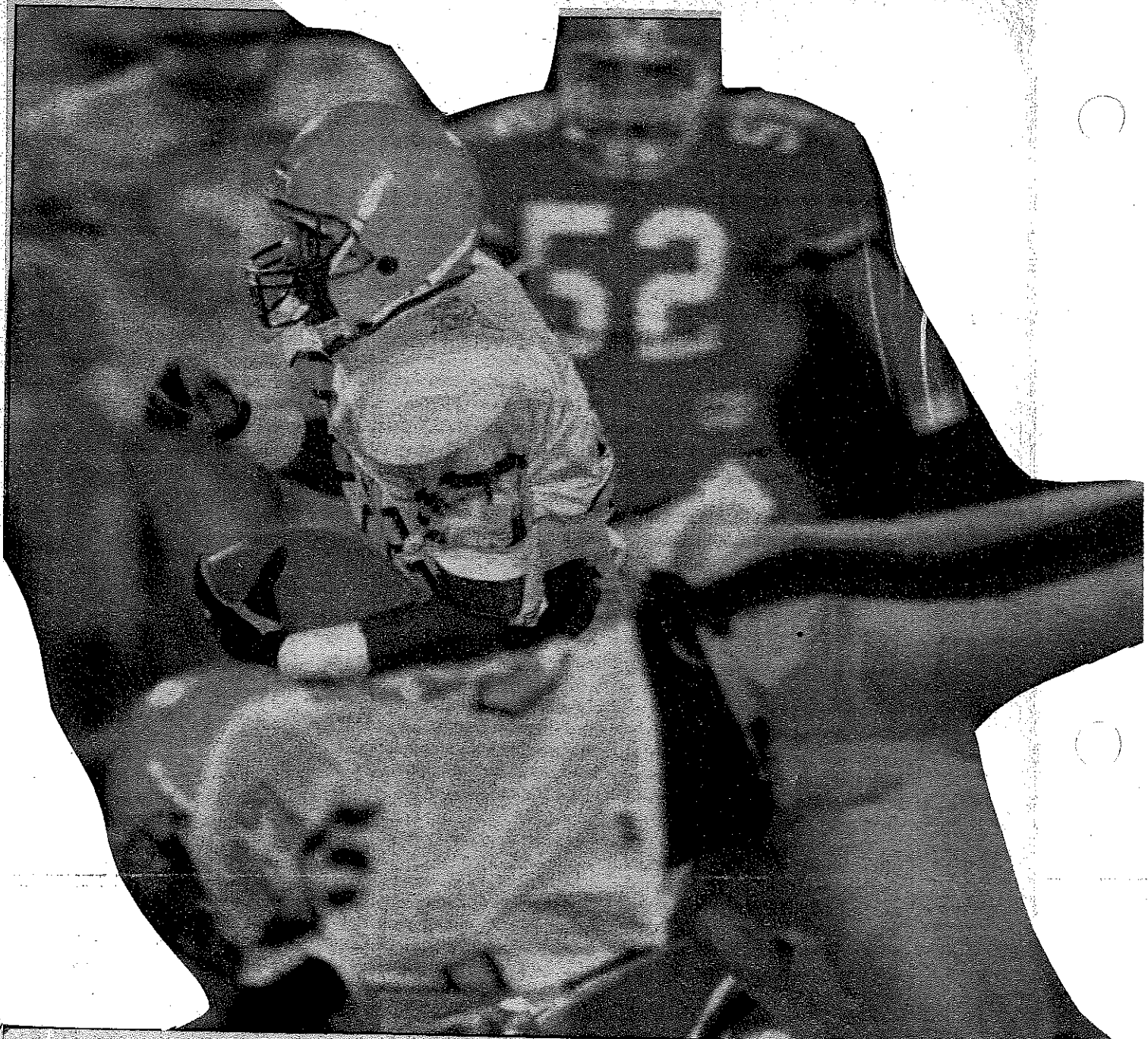
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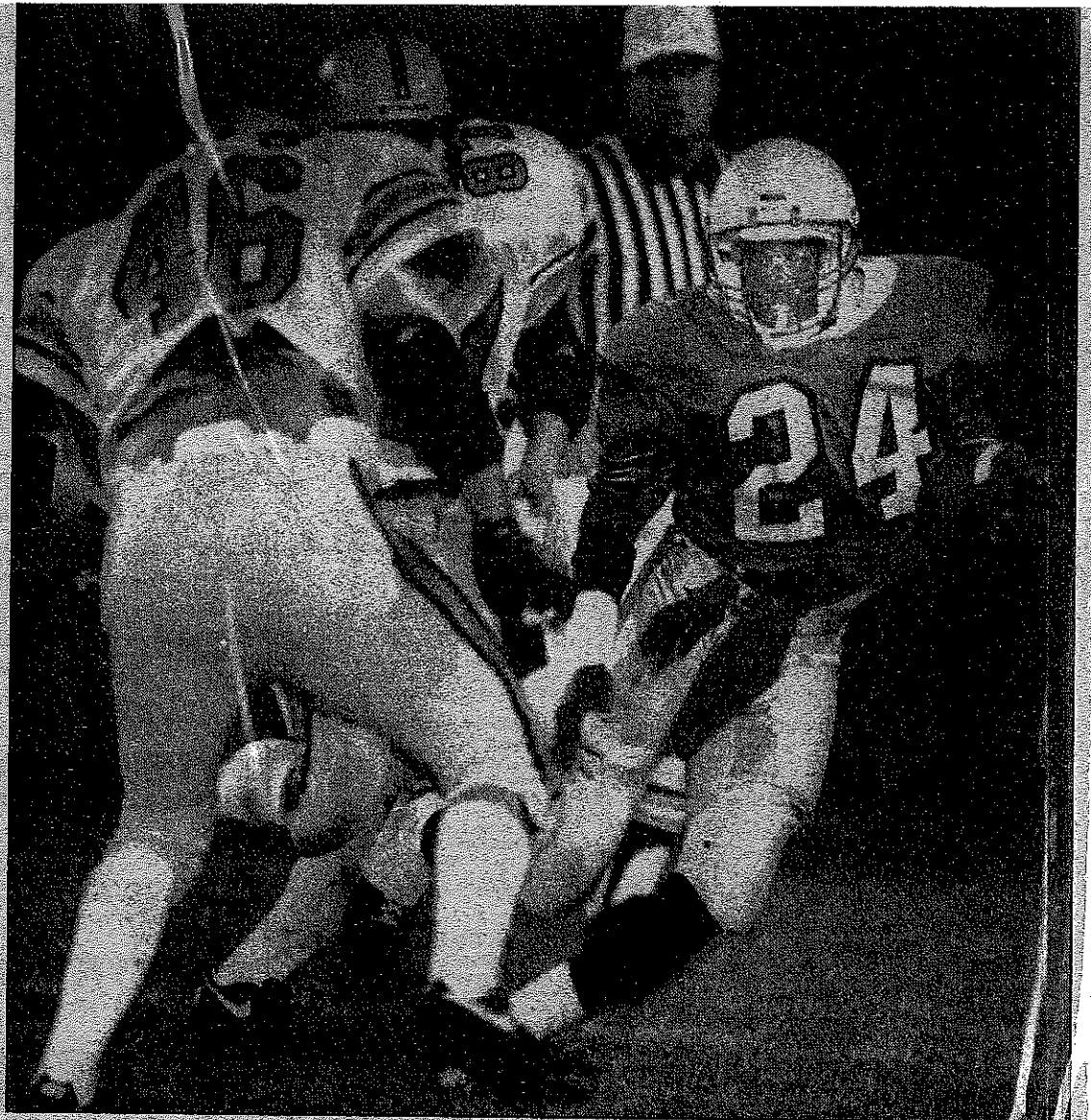


Littleton Ward of Bryan Station ran for touchdowns of 9 and 50 yards in the Defenders' win over Lafayette. Harald-Leader/Tin

**North Hardin 26
Bryan Station 6**

Bryan Station quarterback Adonti Nedab injured his elbow midway through the second quarter, and North Hardin outscored the host Defenders 19-6 in the second half.

Littleton Ward returned a kick-off 99 yards in the third quarter for Bryan Station's only score. Bryan Station is 0-2.



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Boone downs Defenders

Littleton Ward tried to find a hole in the night at Bryan Station. Boone County beat Boone County defense in the first half last the Defenders 29-6. Details, **Page D23.**

High school honor roll

A look at some top performances from games reported to the Herald-Leader in the past week.

FOOTBALL

Bryan Station

The Defenders finished the season strong, including that stunning upset of the Creekers, to salvage a .500 record.

Among the best of the Bryan Station bunch were junior tailback Littleton Ward, who ran for more than 700 yards and also was a standout at defensive back, senior offensive lineman Meredith Simpson and senior tight end Billy Owens.

Among the Defenders' defensive standouts were junior linebacker Raymond Jones and senior defensive back Tim Wilson.

Brian Young and Littleton Ward, Bryan Station — Young had a 36-yard touchdown run, an interception, a fumble recovery and a touchdown-saving tackle. Ward rushed for 113 yards and two touchdowns and assisted Young on the TD-saving play in the Defenders' 27-6 win over Clark County.

Littleton Ward, Bryan Station — Rushed for 119 yards and two touchdowns as the Defenders continued their dominance of Henry Clay, 14-7.

But Bryan Station bounced back again, tying it on Littleton Ward's 5-yard run and Byrd's two-point conversion run with 5:57 left before halftime.

Defenders' hopes for playoffs end

By **Eric Weston**

Herndon Staff Writer

Tates Creek spotted Bryan Station eight points, then rolled to a 35-14 victory in high school football last night.

The loss ended a playoff hopes of Bryan Station (7, 2-2). Bates Creek improved to 10-1 overall, 6-0 in the playoffs, and earned its 20th consecutive win in Region 4, District 1. The Commodores will be host to Greenup County in the fifth round of the playoffs in two weeks.

After the opening kickoff, it took less than a minute for the Defenders to score.

On first-and-10 from the Defenders' own 36, sophomore running back Littleton Ward gained 17 yards, then broke off a 47-yard run down the left sideline for a touchdown with 11 minutes left in the first quarter. Tim Wilson's

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Among Bryan Station's individual standouts are Littleton Ward, Billy Owens, Meredith Simpson, John Steele, Tim Wilson and Adonti Nedab.

Ward seems to be following in the footsteps of brother Sterling Ward, now a defensive back at UK.

Littleton, a junior, will play tailback and safety for the Defenders.

"He's one of the hardest working football players I've seen in my 19 years of coaching," Cassidy said. "Littleton is a legitimate All-State candidate at defensive back."

Bryan Station	8	0	0	0	14
Tates Creek	6	14	19	0	35

BS—Littleton Ward 47 run (Tim Wilson conversion run); **TC**—Dan Hicks 1 run (run failed); **TC**—Todd Harris 34 run (Hicks conversion run); **TC**—Chris Hammond 6 pass from Eric Jackson (pass failed); **TC**—Shane Gentry 3 run (Hammond conversion pass from Jackson); **TC**—Gentry 2 run (Hammond kick); **BS**—Phillip Donald 15 pass from Shawn Gerton (no PAT attempted).

Records—Tates Creek 10-1 (6-0); Bryan Station 3-7 (2-3)

	BS	TC
First downs	10	14
Passing yards	4-59	8-91
Comp-at-Int.	4-15-0	3-10-1
Rushes-yards	26-146	47-258
Points-avg.	5-30	4-29.7
Total offense	205	289
Fumbles-lost	9-3	3-1
Penalties-yards	5-45	8-58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING—Bryan Station: Shawn Gerton 4-15 (0-59); Tates Creek: Eric Jackson 3-10 (1-31)

RUSHING—Bryan Station: Littleton Ward 19-119; Jarred Brown 4-23; Shawn Gerton 7-17; Phil Henderson 1-4; Brian Young 1 (1-6); Guy Sexton 1 (1-5); Tates Creek: Dan Hicks 19-81; Jackson 11-71; Todd Harris 2-38; Shane Gentry 8-37; Alfred Wingate 7-81.

RECEIVING—Bryan Station: Sexton 1-18; William Henderson 1-15; Anthony Stamper 1-15; Steve Logan 1-11; Tates Creek: Wingate 1-18; Gentry 1-7; Hammond 1-6.

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minutes of the second half to take control.

Junior tailback Littleton Ward lit the fuse on the Defenders' explosion when he broke loose on a 50-yard touchdown run on the second play of the third quarter.

Two minutes later, Bryan Station scored from long distance again. This time the defense did it, with Adonti Nedab scooping up a fumble and returning it 88 yards for a touchdown.

The Defenders weren't finished yet. Later in the quarter they used more conventional means to pad their lead. With fullback Marcus Lamarr churning out some big yardage, they went 70 yards in six plays. Quarterback Kio Sanford did the honors by scoring from 6 yards out.

So Bryan Station went from a four-point deficit to a 17-point advantage in a matter of eight minutes.

"Coach gave us a pep talk at halftime and we got mentally right," said Ward, who rushed 16 times for 130 yards and two touch-

downs. "We won a close game with Woodford County last week, and beating Lafayette really gives us a boost. Now if we can upset Campbell County next week, we'll really take off."

Bryan Station's reserves finished off the scoring with Andrae Embry taking it in from 7 yards.

The Defenders' five-touchdown outburst was quite a change for a team that had managed just seven scores through the first six weeks of the season.

Ward wasn't the only weapon in the winners' 251-yard ground attack. Sanford rushed for 60 yards, and Lamarr added 58.

Records—Lafayette 15-1; Woodford County 14-55; Keith McGraw 5-28; Chris Miller 5 (1-7); Bryan Station: Littleton Ward 9-119; Adonti Nedab 8-20; Andrae Embry 9-17; Raymond Jones 3-5.

But what mattered most to Bryan Station Coach Jack Cassidy was nearly flawless as his Defenders defeated visiting Henry Clay 14-7 last night.

Littleton Ward's first-half touchdown runs of 77 and 9 yards were the difference as the Defenders (1-3 overall, 1-1 district) beat the Blue Devils (1-3, 0-1) for the sixth year in a row.

Ward, a junior tailback, took a pitch around left end on his 77-yard jaunt, which came with 1:38 left in the first quarter.

Bryan Station	6	0	21	7	34
Lafayette	0	10	0	0	10

BS—Littleton Ward 9 run (kick failed); **L**—Bert Hooper 1 run (Paul Etter kick); **L**—Etter 32 field goal; **BS**—Ward 50 run (Drew Logan kick); **BS**—Adonti Nedab 88 fumble return (Logan kick); **BS**—Kio Sanford 6 run (Logan kick); **BS**—Andrae Embry 7 run (Logan kick).

"My linemen — Terrol O'Bannon and Sidney Bates — they threw the blocks to spring me," said Ward, who finished with 119 yards on nine rushes. "I went to the sideline and thought I was going to go out."

"I started to tiptoe down the line, and then I saw daylight."

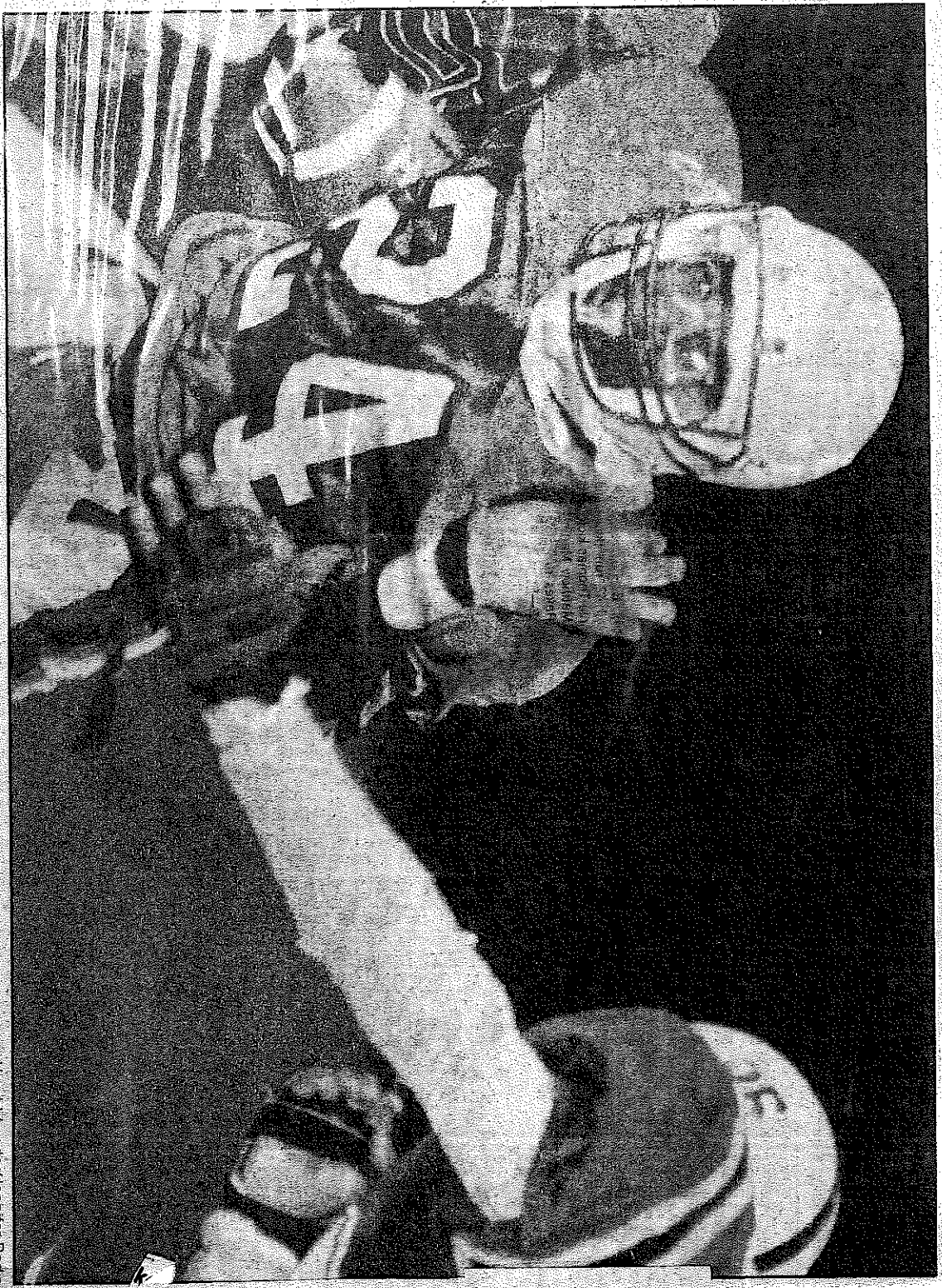
The next time Bryan Station got the ball, Adonti Nedab hit Billy Owens with a short look-in pass. Owens carried the ball 53 yards before being hauled down from behind by Creed Gann at the Henry Clay 15.

On fourth-and-six from the 11, Nedab was sacked by Ron Sweat for a 7-yard loss. However, a facemask penalty gave Bryan Station another try from the 9. Ward ran in from there.

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Bryan Station upsets

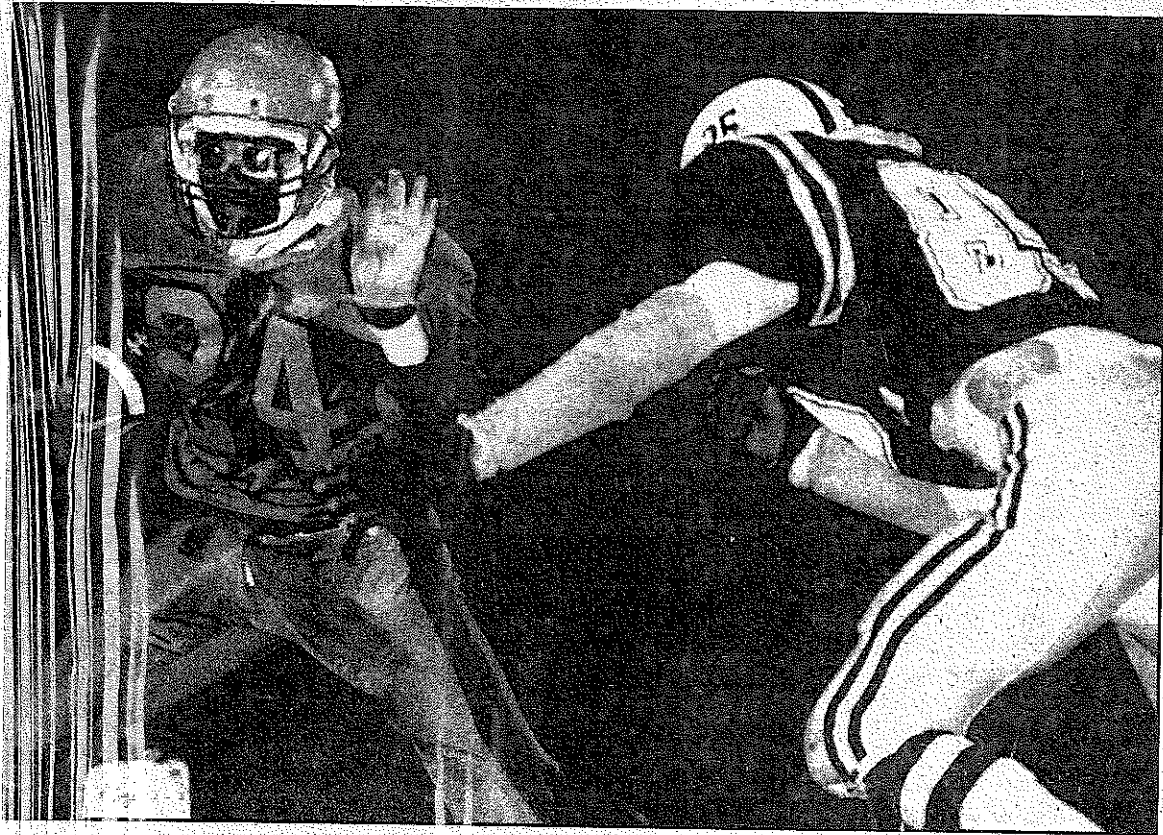
Tates Creek



Bryan Station running back Littleton Ward (24) tried to escape Cedric Gordon of Tates Creek last night.

Ward scored on a 5-yard run in the second quarter in the Defenders' upset win.

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Running back Littleton Ward, left, helped Bryan Station slip past Tates Creek 22-21 in overtime in the last game of the 1991 season.

Defenders to rely on speed to chase winning season

Defenders turn on the speed, rip Clark 27-6

By Mark Maloney

Herald-Leader staff writer

Speed kills

Clark County, which rode the draft of its speedy backfield to the Class 4A state football championship last season, got caught in the wake of Bryan Station's burners last night.

After a scoreless first half, the Defenders (3-0) scored three touchdowns in less than 4½ minutes en route to a 27-6 home-field victory.

Littleton Ward scored on touchdown runs of 1 and 2 yards, rushing 12 times for 113 yards. Brian Young had a 36-yard touchdown run, an interception and a fumble recovery. Quarterback Kio Sanford got the Defenders' other touchdown on a fourth-down run of 1 yard.

Ward, Young, Sanford and Sidney Bates combined for 253 of Bryan Station's 270 rushing yards.

"The speed of our backs was the difference in the second half," Defenders Coach Danny Cassity said. "Once they got in the secondary, they were gone."

And the Bryan Station defense was nearly perfect. Clark (1-2) got its lone score on Kenny Davis' 6-yard fumble return. Raymond Jones recovered two Cardinal fumbles, while Robert Barnes and Harvey Clay led the Defender pass rush.

Ward got things rolling on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. He turned a seemingly

Clark Co.	0	0	6	0	6
Bryan Station	0	0	20	7	27

BS—Kio Sanford 1 run (Thomas Pumphrey kick); **BS**—Littleton Ward 2 run (run failed); **BS**—Brian Young 36 run (Pumphrey kick); **CC**—Kenny Davis 6 fumble return (pass failed); **BS**—Ward 1 run (Pumphrey kick).

Records—BS 3-0, CC 1-2		
	CC	BS
First Downs	4	11
Runs-yards	28-59	49-270
Passing yards	100	11
Comp. att-int	3-12-1	1-5-1
Return yards	109	78
Fumbles-lost	4-3	3-1
Penalties-yards	4-20	10-60
Punts-avg	4-39.5	3-32.3

simple inside trap play into a 73-yard romp to the Clark County 6-yard line. Sanford got the fourth-down score by faking a handoff up the middle and scooting around left end with 9:43 left in the quarter.

"It was 'right four,' a trap play," Ward said of his long run. "I just cut through the hole and my fullback, Sidney Bates, did a good job of opening it up. I just skated for daylight and tried to get all I could get."

One Clark County play after Sanford's score, Bryan Station was on the attack again. Young stepped in to intercept Tony Lanning's pass and returned the ball 30 yards to Clark's 28.

Five plays later, Ward ran around right end for a 2-yard score.

Clark ran only three more plays before suffering another turnover.

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"We made three big mistakes in the second half that cost us the ball game," said Don Danko, Clark's coach. "They've got good backs, and I thought we did a good job of containing them the first half."

Held to 66 yards rushing in the first half, Bryan Station ran for 204 yards in the second half.

"You just can't give them a seam," Danko said. "That takes the defense out of the game when they break the big play."

Davis cut the deficit to 20-6

with 42 seconds left in the quarter. Sanford tried a sweep right, found no room, and reversed field. Then he lost the handle without being hit, leaving Davis to scoop up the ball and stumble into the end zone from 6 yards out.

Jones' second fumble recovery, at Clark's 34 early in the fourth quarter, set up the final touchdown. Ward did the honors, finding the right-side sweep wide open after Sanford made a nice fake to Andrae Embry up the middle.

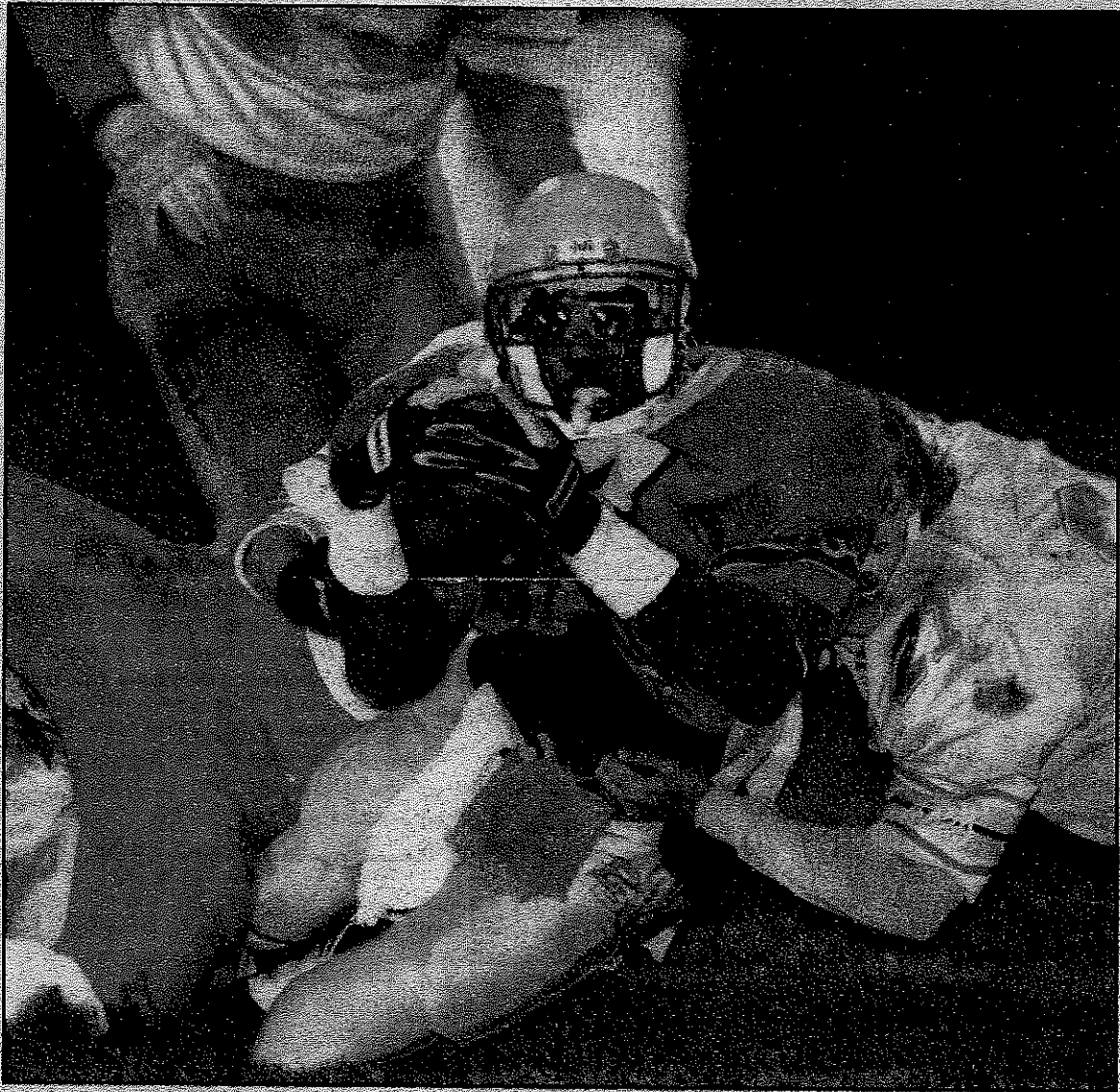
Clark's only offensive threat came after a 67-yard pass play from Lanning to Davis put the ball on the Bryan Station 15 midway through the second quarter. Young, a cornerback, saved a touchdown by catching up with Davis to slow him down. Ward, the strong safety, came on to make the tackle.

"That little rascal works so hard," Cassity said of Young, a 5-foot-8, 150-pound senior. "Who knows what would've happened if they had scored there?"

breezes past South Laurel

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High school football



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Bryan Station's Littleton Ward stretched across the goal line before he was hit by

South Laurel's Chris Berry, right, and Richie Swanner, rear on the ground.



Littleton
Ward
Bryan Station
RB/5-10/165/Jr.

Bryan Station

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offensive weapon. Sidney Bates, Harvey Clay and Littleton Ward have returned interceptions for touchdowns, and Montago Jones has run back a fumble recovery 98 yards for a score.

"They're a very good football team," Brown said. "While I don't think anybody in the region is as strong as Clark County was last year, Bryan Station and Clark County are the two most obvious favorites this season."

The playoffs are a new experience for Pulaski County, which started playing varsity football in 1982. The Maroons are 18-point underdogs, according to Dave Cantrell's ratings.

"I know the kids are awfully happy and proud about being in the playoffs for the first time," Brown said, "but I don't think they're satisfied where they are now. They want to keep winning."

LITTLETON WARD

Defensive back
5-10, 155, Lexington
Bryan Station

Three-year starter at tailback and defensive back at Bryan Station High School. Consensus first team All-State by The Associated Press, The Courier-Journal and Lexington Herald-Leader. "Class of the Commonwealth" . . . Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report All-Southeast Team Bluechips Illustrated All-Southeast Team . . . Helped lead Bryan Station to third round of state 4A playoffs and 10-3 record as a senior . . . Rushed for over 500 yards while averaging 7.1 yards per carry . . . Scored seven touchdowns . . . Career-best 145 yards on 12 attempts vs. Lexington Henry Clay as a junior. Second team All-State by The Associated Press in 1991 . . . Three-year letterman in track . . . All-State selection as junior in 400-meter relay and 1600-meter relay . . . Sectional champion in 200 meters with time of 21.9 seconds . . . His brothers, Sterling and Bethel, have completed successful athletics careers at Kentucky. Sterling lettered four years in football at rover (1989-92) and Bethel was the 1981 Southeastern Conference champion in the triple jump . . . Also considered Vanderbilt and Eastern Kentucky.



Danville leaders head all-state list

By Mike Embry December 5, 1992
Associated Press

Linemen Joe Meyer and Randy Dignan, key performers in Danville's 28-game winning streak, head the 1992 Kentucky Associated Press All-State football team announced yesterday.

Lynn Ray, who guided Covington Catholic to a 12-1 record and the semifinals of the Class 3A playoffs, was selected Coach of the Year in voting by sportswriters and sportscasters across the state.

Meyer, a three-year starter, is being recruited by several Ivy League schools.

"Joey's a very consistent and heady player," said Danville Coach Sam Harp, whose team meets Mayfield for the Class 2A championship today.

Dignan, who averages seven tackles a game, has received attention from Illinois, Penn State, Vanderbilt and some Ohio Valley Conference schools.

"His first reaction is extremely quick," Harp said. "He does a great job playing technique football."

Two Lexington players made the first team: place-kicker David Akers of Bates Creek on offense and back Littleton Ward of Bryan Station on defense.

Akers, a first-team selection last year, connected on five of six field goals, 12 of 13 point-after conversions and averaged 40.7 yards on punts. Vanderbilt, Ohio, Illinois and Louisville are recruiting him.

"He's got unbelievable strength in his lower body and great leg speed," Bates Creek assistant coach Joe Ruddell said of the former soccer standout.

Ward, a second-team pick a year ago, has drawn the attention of Illinois and Kentucky. He is a three-year starter for the Defenders.

"He is probably the hardest-working player I've ever had," Bryan Station Coach Dan Cassity said. "He's worked extremely hard and made himself a great football player."

Also on the first-team defense is lineman Dion Washington of Woodford County. Washington, a four-year starter, has attracted the attention of Nebraska, Pittsburgh and Morehead State.

All-State football first team

OFFENSE

P	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Adam McCormack	Cov. Catholic	6-3	195	Sr.
RB	Donnell Gordon	South Oldham	6-1	195	Sr.
RB	Brandon Berger	Beechwood	6-2	205	Sr.
RB	Anwan Floyd	Apollo	6-0	198	Sr.
C	Chris Denham	Highman	6-1	250	Sr.
E	Brad Lamprey	Trinity	6-5	255	Sr.
E	J.C. Reed	Washington Co.	6-3	258	Sr.
E	Joe Meyer	Danville	6-2	220	Sr.
E	Brandon Morris	Russellville	6-0	240	Sr.
E	Anthony Epps	Marion Co.	6-2	185	Sr.
TE	Darrin Clark	Bell Co.	6-6	225	Sr.
PK	David Akers	Bates Creek	6-10	180	Sr.

DEFENSE

P	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
L	Randy Dignan	Danville	6-2	230	Sr.
L	Brian Meyers	Newport Galt	6-3	220	Sr.
L	Dion Washington	Woodford Co.	6-3	225	Sr.
L	Tony Tricase	Trinity	6-0	216	Sr.
L	Shane Lowe	Holly	6-10	190	Sr.
LB	Chris Barnes	Mayfield	6-6	195	Sr.
LB	Tony McCombs	Christian Co.	6-2	195	Sr.
LB	Corey Scariata	Highlands	6-1	210	Sr.
DE	Littleton Ward	Bryan Station	6-10	195	Sr.
DE	Charles Tinsley	Cumberland	6-1	191	Sr.
DE	Ben Brown	Mayfield	6-0	185	Sr.
P	Brad Wulfsck	Beechwood	6-2	150	Sr.

Coach of the Year — Lynn Ray, Covington Catholic

"He's got good feet and good quickness and agility," Woodford County Coach Mike Burkich said.

Danville's opponent today, Mayfield, also landed two players on the first team: linebacker Chris Barnes and defensive back Ben Brown.

Barnes, who is being recruited by Illinois, Kentucky, Memphis State and several OVC schools, was involved in 77 tackles. He is also a standout running back.

Brown intercepted five passes for 119 yards at

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Defender track teams trying to recall past by looking to future

By Mark Maloney

Herald-Leader staff writer

Don't look now, but Bryan Station's track-and-field program may be back.

The husband-wife coaching team of Paul and Reba Woodall has 15 state team championships — eight by Reba's girls and seven by Paul's boys. However, the Bryan Station boys have not won since 1983, and the girls' last crown came in 1988.

The 1991 teams begin the outdoor season Saturday, playing host to the 21st Defender Invitational. Field events start at 10 a.m.; running events at noon, except for the two-mile relay, which will go off at 11 a.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students.

About 18 boys' teams and 15 girls' teams are expected to compete. Neither Woodall expects to win a team title this weekend, but both hope to see some encouraging signs.

"We've got some real young talent, as green as they come," Paul Woodall said. "And we've got some that are going to be excellent before they graduate. Excellent."

The Defender boys have only three seniors: shot-putter James Orton, hurdler/relay runner William Henderson, and first-year 400-meter runner William Crowder.

A "green" group of sophomores includes: Kio Sanford (high jump, triple jump, relays), Antoine Smith (long jump, triple jump, sprints), Barry Bowman Jr. (long, triple and high jumps), Marcus Lamar (sprints), Brian Young (sprints), and Littleton Ward (long jump, relays, sprints).

Bowman is the son of Victoria Gay, a former state discus champion for Bryan Station who went on to compete in the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials. Ward is the brother of ex-Defender Sterling Ward and ex-Lafayette standout Bethel Ward, both state champion triple-jumpers.

Reba Woodall has only one girl back from last year's five-member team, Denise Bledso. All-State performer Ericka Muncy graduated, two girls are attending the

said Reba Woodall, who in her 17th season as Lady Defenders coach has 20 girls. "There's some talent there and we're going to try to make the best of it."

Paul Woodall, who has 17 athletes, had considered making this year — his 26th as a coach and 24th at Bryan Station — his last. No longer.

"If everything goes well this year, I'll be around next year," he said.

The key is eligibility. A year ago, only eight Defenders were eligible. Fayette County schools require student athletes have a "C" average, with grades reviewed in 18-week periods. That's tougher than statewide guidelines: pass four subjects, regardless of grade-point average; grades reviewed every six weeks.

"The last five years have been very frustrating for me," Paul Woodall said. "We had good teams and, then eligibility . . . we had a wipe-out."

"We have a whole bunch of talent, and there's so much they have to do that they don't know about, and that's kind of promising. If all that comes together, within a year we may be state champion. If luck falls our way, we'll be there."

The Defender boys did well in an abbreviated season. Highlights include: up finish in the 800-meter race at the Mason-Dixon Games meet-record victory in the 400-meter dash at the Panther Indoor Games.

Neither 1990 team from the Woodford County Milford (Ohio) girls — in the Defender Invita-

Track

Panther Indoor Games

Saturday at Frankfort. Race distances in meters.

GIRLS

50 hurdles — Shonna Johnson, Valley, 8.1 seconds; Clarissa Gay, Henry Clay, 8.2; W. Collins, Mason Co., 9.2. **80** — Charlene Shobe, Holy Cross, 7.0; Johnson, Valley, 7.0; Ronkanie-Downing, Henry Clay, 7.0. **400** — Shobe, Holy Cross, 1:06.4; Rebecca White, Scott Co., 1:08.1; Ebonae Sutton, Valley, 1:09.2. **800** — Cassie Newton, Daviess Co., 2:36.7; Colleen Guy, Thoroughbred TC, 2:38.1; Karen Ausbon, Grayson Co., 2:41.6. **1,500** — Mlaty Bozarth, Daviess Co., 2:35.7; Townsend, Montgomery Co., 5:40.0; Anna Stillner, Henry Clay, 5:44.8. **High jump** — White, Scott Co., 4 feet 8 inches; Bradford, Mason Co., 4-8; Melissa Watts, Henry Clay, 4-4. **Shot put** — Solitaire Schachtel, Meads Co., 37-1 (meet record); Renee Taylor, Jessamine Co., 35-3/4; Tammy Vinegar, Scott Co., 31-5. **4 x 2 lap relay** — Valley 5:12.3; Henry Clay 5:16.6; Ballard 5:37.9. **4 x 50 shuttle relay** — Henry Clay 28.5; Valley 29.7; Montgomery Co., 30.6. **Shuttle hurdle relay** — Scott Co., 59.8; Grayson Co., 40.8; Bishop Brossart 42.2. **4 x 4 lap relay** — Daviess Co., 12:08.7; Grayson Co., 12:55.0; Ballard 13:28.4.

BOYS

50 hurdles — Adam Manning, Oldham Co., 7.1; John Ray, Carroll Co., 7.7; Brian Larson, Woodford Co., 7.7. **80** — Chris Jackson, Woodford Co., 6.0; Littleton Ward, Bryan Station, 6.0; Bryant Williams, Mustang TC, 6.0. **400** — Charlie Boggs, Scott Co., 56.8; Steve Glubbe, Scott Co., 57.6; Clyde Pickett, Central, 58.0. **800** — Stubbs, Scott Co., 2:11.5; Dan Saegeer, Scott Co., 2:12.9; George Padilla, Scott Co., 2:12.7. **1,500** — Houston Barber, Frankfort 4:25.8; Saegeer, Scott Co., 4:29.6; Brian Lilly, Holy Cross, 4:40.0. **High jump** — Rob Bradshaw, Anderson Co., 5-3; Stubbs, Scott Co., 5-10; Joe Slown, Anderson Co., 5-10. **Shot put** — Clyde Wilkins, Scott Co., 44-10 1/2; Brian Mason Co., 44-4 1/4; C.W. 44-2. **4 x 2 lap relay** — Central 4:14.1; Mason Co. 50 shuttle relay — Bryan Station Co., 25.7; Mason Co. shuttle relay — Mason Co., 37.9. **4 x 4 lap relay** — Bishop Brossart, Grayson Co., 10:16.0.

Panther Indoor Games open today in Frankfort

Special to the Herald-Leader

The Ninth Panther Indoor Games track meet, featuring more than 600 athletes from 30 schools, starts at 9 a.m. today at the Frankfort Civic Center.

Several of the state's top track and field athletes are scheduled to compete, including Class AAA high-jump champion Spring Wall of Grayson County, state runner-up in hurdles Clarissa Gay of Henry Clay, 400 champion Rian Livisay of Henry Clay and sprinter Shamon Horan of Bishop Brossart.

Boys competition will include Littleton Ward of Bryan Station, distance runners Houston Barber and Justin Thompson of Frankfort and state champion hurdler Adam Manning of Oldham County.

Admission is \$3.

Defenders win section, want more

By Mark Maloney
Herald-Examiner staff writer

A year ago, Bryan Station won one event in the Boys' State Track and Field Meet.

Next week, the Defenders hope to win the whole meet.

"I think we've got a good shot at it," Coach Paul Woodall said after his Defenders romped away with the Class 3A crown in the Section 4 meet yesterday at the University of Kentucky's Shively Sports Center, site of Saturday's State Meet. "It depends how many breakdowns you have.

"We may have enough steam next week."

Bryan Station has won seven boys' state crowns but none since taking the last of five consecutive titles in 1983.

The Defenders rang up 140 points yesterday, 44 more than runner-up Scott County. Paul Laurence Dunbar was third with 79.

The other boys' team championships went to Anderson County in Class 2A and Bellevue in 1A. All three team champs successfully defended section crowns.

The top two finishers in each event advance to the State Meet.

Bryan Station had four individuals with first-place finishes and another four in second, and won two relays. The Defenders blew away the competition in the 4 x 100-meter relay and are set to defend their state title in that event. Marcus LaMarr, Kio Sanford, Littleton Ward and Barry Bowman, all juniors, combined to finish in 43.07 seconds, more than two seconds ahead of Dunbar.

Sanford also won the high jump (6-foot-1). Ward took the 200 (22.66 seconds) and Bowman edged Ward in the long jump (22-2½), while LaMarr was runner-up in the 100.

Sanford jumped 5 inches lower than his personal best of 6-6, but he said, "Today I didn't have to jump that high."

He found the 4 x 100 relay most satisfying "because last year we won the state and all we've been looking forward to is winning it again this year."

Ward won the 200 in one of the closest finishes of the day, outleaping Scott County's Charlie Boggs to win by one-hundredth of a second. Earlier, Boggs won the 100 (10.96).

Bryan Station turned back the clock by playing beat the clock in the Section 4 Boys' High School Track and Field Meet yesterday.

The Defenders' performance was reminiscent of those turned in by the Lexington team a decade ago. Bryan Station won its seventh boys' state championship in 1983, the last of five in a row.

Yesterday, Bryan Station sped to victories in both Class 3A relay events at the University of Kentucky's Shively Sports Center. Marcus LaMarr and Littleton Ward ran in both relays, combining with Kio Sanford and Barry Bowman in the 400 meters, and with Antoine Smith and William Crowders in the 1,600.

The Defenders had second-place finishes from Sanford in the 100, LaMarr in the 200, Crowders in the 400 and Smith in the long jump. All

Results

Section 4 meet
Shively Sports Center
University of Kentucky

Race distances in meters

Boys' Class 3A

Teams — Bryan Station 140; Scott 96; P.L. Dunbar 79; Madison Central 36½; Bell Co., 35; Pulaski Co., 25; Lafayette 24; Laurel Co., 20; Henry Clay 18; Whitley Co., 15½; Jessamine Co., 11; Tates Creek 10; Johnson Central 8; Knox Central 8; Lincoln Co., 3; Clark Co., 2.

100 — Charlie Boggs, Scott Co., 10.96; Marcus LaMarr, Bryan Station, 11.06; Kio Sanford, Bryan Station, 11.23; Jerry Campbell, Madison Central, 11.46.

200 — Littleton Ward, Bryan Station, 22.66; Charlie Boggs, Scott Co., 22.67; Marcus LaMarr, Bryan Station, 23.08; Tyrone Holman, P.L. Dunbar, 23.63.

400 — Brian Black, Scott Co., 52.37; Greg Brice, Bryan Station, 52.75; Shawn Redmond, Henry Clay, 52.77; Jamie Meade, Johnson Central, 52.82.

800 — Jason Joy, P.L. Dunbar, 2:04.72; Daniel Saager, Scott Co., 2:05.48; Steve Stubbs, Scott Co., 2:06.80; Randall Williams, Bryan Station, 2:06.83.

1,600 — Jason Joy, P.L. Dunbar, 4:41.36; Jeff Black, Pulaski Co., 4:42.79; Randall Williams, Bryan Station, 4:49.93; Shane Robertson, P.L. Dunbar, 4:53.87.

3,200 — Jason Joy, P.L. Dunbar, 10:14.32; Daniel Saager, Scott Co., 10:29.30; Bobby Eldridge, Pulaski Co., 10:36.87; Abel Bogale, Lafayette, 10:36.89.

4 x 100 relay — Bryan Station (Marcus LaMarr, Kio Sanford, Littleton Ward, Barry Bowman) 43.07; P.L. Dunbar 45.10; Lafayette 45.14; Madison Central 45.47.

4 x 400 relay — Bryan Station (Antoine Smith, Marcus LaMarr, Kio Sanford, Littleton Ward) 3:31.00; Scott Co., 3:34.28; P.L. Dunbar 3:42.46; Whitley Co., 3:44.26.

4 x 800 relay — Scott Co. (Brian Black, George Padilla, Daniel Saager, Steven Stubbs), 8 minutes, 29.69 seconds; Pulaski Co., 8:30.36; P.L. Dunbar 8:44.27; Lafayette 8:46.81.

110 hurdles — Nathan Burnett, Bell Co., 18.18; Tony Esters, Bryan Station, 18.29; Shannon Snapp, Madison Central, 18.71; Karl Schwantes, P.L. Dunbar, 18.72.

300 hurdles — Tony Esters, Bryan Station, 42.28; Nathan Burnett, Bell Co., 43.13; Eric Smith, Scott Co., 43.57; Shannon Snapp, Madison Central, 44.35.

Long jump — Barry Bowman, Bryan Station, 22-2½; Littleton Ward, Bryan Station, 21-11½; Ronnie Davis, Madison Central, 19-1½; Charlie Boggs, Scott Co., 18-11.

Triple jump — Don Webb, Lafayette, 44-8; Barry Bowman, Bryan Station, 43-11; Obadach Owens, Bryan Station, 43-8; Vince Bingham, Jessamine Co., 40-10½.

High jump — Kio Sanford, Bryan Station, 6-1; Shane Smith, Laurel Co., 6-0; Barry Bowman, Bryan Station, 5-11; Danny Osborne, P.L. Dunbar, 5-8.

Pole vault — Todd Johnson, Scott Co., 12 feet; Carlin Muncy, Bell Co., 11-6; Jimmy McKinney, Jessamine Co., 11-8; Drashea Stevenson, Bryan Station, 11-0.

Shot put — Randy Moser, Tates Creek, 46-1½; Steve Fuller, Henry Clay, 43-10½; Shane Moore, Whitley Co., 43-1½; Charles Creekmore, Whitley Co., 40-4½.

Discus — Tall Adams, P.L. Dunbar, 127-0; Clyde Wilkins, Scott Co., 122-4; Mitchell Kelly, Knox Central, 120-9; Brian Terry, Johnson Central, 117-4.

The slimmest margin of victory — i.e., most exciting — went to Bryan Station, though. The Defenders' all-sophomore 400-meter relay team of Marcus Lamarr, Barry Bowman, Littleton Ward and Kio Sanford came from behind to nip North Hardin on Sanford's final stride, 42.68 to 42.69. Those are the fastest high school times of the year in the state.

Some hard-nose individual performances allowed the relay team to hold up their end of the bargain. The 4x100 relay team, made up of Marcus LaMar, Barry Bowman, Littleton Ward and Kio Sanford, won the event in a time of 42.97 seconds. The 1600 meter relay team, made up of the same group with one exception (plug in Antoine Smith for Barry Bowman), won the event in a time of 3:27.64.

**Bryan Station 34
Boone County 0**

Bryan Station	0	14	07	13	—34
Boone County	0	0	0	0	—0

BS—Brian Young 11 run (kick failed); **BS**—Kio Sanford 62 run (Ward run); **BS**—Glenn Gardner 50 pass from Sanford (Pumphrey kick); **BS**—Littleton Ward 38 interception return (kick failed); **BS**—Harvey Clay 66 interception return (Pumphrey kick).

Another Ward to play football at Kentucky

By MARK COOMES
Staff Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Littleton Ward, a Courier-Journal first-team all-state defensive back from Lexington Bryan Station High School, verbally committed to the University of Kentucky yesterday, UK's 10th commitment this recruiting season.

Ward, a 5-foot-10, 165 pounder, is the brother of former UK strong safety Sterling Ward, who finished his career last season.

"Littleton is very similar," Bryan Station coach Dan Cassity said. "He's a real hard-working young man, someone who's going to go over there and every day, he's going to go all out."

Ward had three career interceptions, including one for a touchdown last season against Boone County. He also averaged 7.1 yards a carry and scored seven touchdowns on offense.

Ward, who will be academically eligible as a freshman, also was recruited by Illinois, Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky and Morehead State.

"He had contact with a lot of schools, but I think they knew that if UK wanted Littleton, Littleton wanted UK," Cassity said. "And I

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think Littleton has always wanted to go to UK."

Ward's highly-touted teammate, quarterback Kio Sanford, is one of more than 40 high school prospects making an official visit to UK this weekend. Sanford, who runs a 4.4-second 40-yard dash, is projected as a wide receiver in college but could be an option quarterback at UK.

"Kentucky has done a fantastic job recruiting Kio," Cassity said. "I just don't know if he wants to stay in Lexington."

Cassity said Sanford also has scheduled visits to Georgia Tech, Alabama and Tennessee, whose head coach, Phil Fulmer, made a home visit Thursday.

Ward is the fourth player to commit to UK in the past week. The others are Paducah Tilghman quarterback Billy Jack Haskins, the state's Mr. Football; center Chad Hudson of Lilburn, Ga.; and defensive end Kurt Supe of Cincinnati.

UK expects to have 15 to 20 scholarships available for next season. The NCAA's official signing period opens Feb. 5.

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ering Maryland as well as UK.

Tanner is a 6-3, 225-pound linebacker from Marianna, Fla., in the state's panhandle. Tanner played both tight end and linebacker at Marianna High School.

"He's a full qualifier, just a good student and a good athlete," Marianna Coach Ronnie Tanner, no relation, said yesterday. "Kentucky did good when they got him."

Tanner was considering Indiana, Auburn, Samford, Troy State before picking Kentucky. He, too, committed last weekend.

Ward, a 5-10, 165-pound defensive back from Bryan Station High, is the brother of Sterling Ward, a three-year starter in the secondary for Kentucky. Sterling Ward was a senior last season.

"I think he'll contribute to the team," Bryan Station Coach Dan Cassity said yesterday. "He's a workaholic. He works as hard as any player I've had in my 20 years of coaching. Apparently Sterling was the same way."

UK's previous commitments have come from one quarterback (Billy Jack Haskins), four offensive linemen (John Schlarmann, J.D. Reed, Rob Reynolds and Chad Hudson), two tight ends (Darrin Clark and John Gibson), a defensive end (Kurt Supe) and a linebacker (David Ginn).

ignore his size, he packs a wallop

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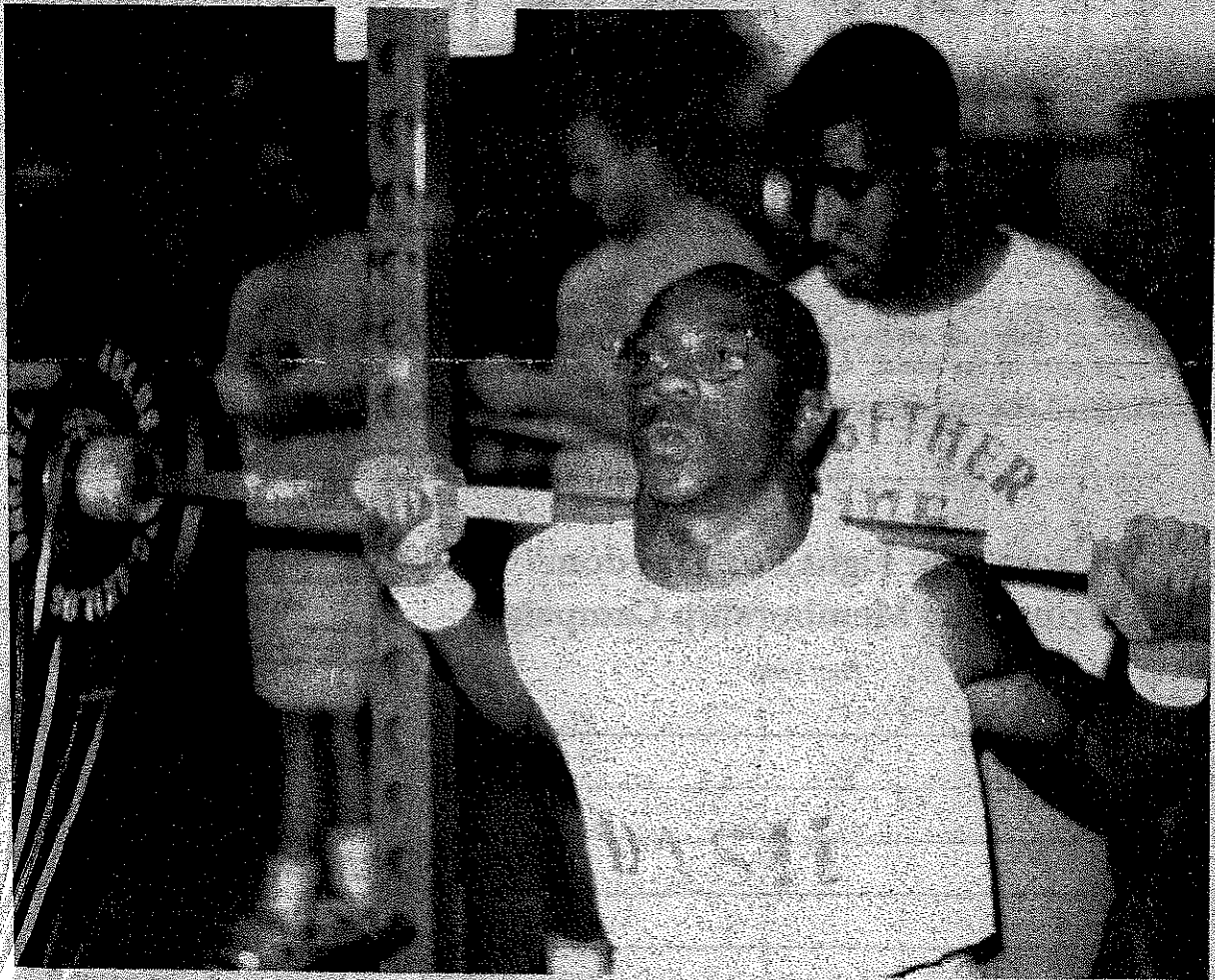
Besides Hiles, Smith said true freshman Littleton Ward, the 5-foot-10 Bryan Station product and brother of recently graduated Sterling Ward, could play this season.

"He came in here and weighs 165 pounds and he bench presses 280," Smith said. "He's the same type person his brother was. I don't think I can redshirt him because we're slim at corner and he's got such physical strength he's able to play even though he's small."

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Ward Makes Mark with Big Blue;

Home Boy Achieves His Goal



Littleton Ward (foreground) working out with the weights at Nuter Center.

In the words of R&B singer Luther Vandross, "A House Is Not A Home," when you're sitting there (on the bench). This would be the thought of a fiery competitor, ala Littleton Ward, who played his high school football at Bryan Station in Lexington and now is a junior to be ('96 season) at UK.

Sitting on the bench has never been a thing that sat well with Ward, whose brother Sterling started in the defensive backfield for UK. They also had another brother, Bethel, who still holds the triple-jump record at UK.

So one can see that Ward comes from a very athletic and competitive family. Given that, it's not hard to see that patience would not be a virtue in the Ward family. Consequently, there has been some anxious moments for Ward since coming to UK. "Everybody wants to play right away when he first comes to college," Ward said. "I learned a lot from my brother while sitting out being redshirted my first year."

One of the ironies associated with Ward's arrival at UK was the plight of one of his BS teammates who also walked on at UK. Walk-on, Raymond Jones also was a competitor but was handicapped by not being able to match his height and speed with a recruitable position on the Division I level. But Jones, who was also fiery and tough, earned a spot on the Kamikaze units (special teams) his freshman year while Ward and Kio Sanford sat.

tacostal Church (House of God #1).

Ward, who's blessed with 4.4 / 40-yard speed and is the second fastest defensive back on the team, has often been seen charging down the field on the kick-off, making the tackle, and jumping up off the ball carrier leaping as if on a pogo stick. This is the type of enthusiasm Ward exhibits all the time -- he knows no other way. He is a very hyper person.

He said: "I put a lot of pressure on myself to start, and that most often made me self-destruct in my assignments in practice. Hyper-activity has always been me. Players use to rap on me but they like it. I eventually gained their respect. Coach Curry told me to keep that enthusiasm, but channel it in the right direction."

We asked Ward if he ever thought about transferring.

Ward claims that this did not bother him; but knowing him, if you believe that, I've got some swamp land down in Florida I'd like to sell you.

"Redshirting was the best thing for me," Ward, who gained a starting berth against Vandy this year, said. "I learned a lot from Don Robinson, Willie Cannon, and Adrian Sherwood. However, it was pretty frustrating waiting to play -- waiting my time. Lots of time, you don't want to practice. I prayed to God a lot." Ward, who often mentions his belief in God, is a member of the Hebrew Pen-

"When you are frustrated, everything runs through your mind," he said.

Ward came to UK a small 5-foot-9 153 pounder, but through extreme hard work is a surprisingly strong 165 pounder now. He can be seen anytime in the weight room, squatting in the neighborhood of 500 pounds. Dynamite sometimes comes in small packages.

Ward missed about three games in the middle of the season with a sprained knee and upon his return was required to wear a knee brace the rest of the season. This was against his desire, as he felt the brace slowed him down.

Ward, commenting on the recent Tennessee game: "I watched the upset of Florida State by Virginia and was kind of shocked, but it made us want it more. Tennessee breathes the same air we do."

Ward got the starting nod because of a rash of injuries in the defensive backfield. "I was tickled to death with L T's play," said UK defensive backfield coach, Rick Smith, commenting on Littleton -- affectionately known by his teammates as "L T." "I'm surprised at how intelligently he has played. He has not had one mental error and has graded out extremely high.

"L T didn't play defense in high school and this hurt a lot of players in making the transition. You're graded on pattern recognition, formation recognition, and coverage recognition. L T now has a chance to be a two year starter."

One of the things I noticed in the three games he started, is that L T is a deft tackler despite his size. He was as hard to jook and never missed a tackle.

In speaking about injuries, coach Curry often talks about not using them as an excuse; the next man just has to step up and do the job. Well, this does not always happen, but in the case of L



LITTLETON WARD (Kentucky) • Junior, Cornerback, 5-9, 180, Lexington, Ky. -

Littleton Ward is very active in Kentucky's mentor program. He has served as a mentor for the Kentucky Excel Mentor Program, which matches an athlete with a problem youth. He is also active in UK's Buddy Program, serving as a "big brother" to local students. He has been a guest speaker for Winburn Middle School's "Do The Right Thing" program and a speaker at other area schools. Littleton has also worked with the DARE program at Bryan Station Middle/High School in Lexington and was given UK Athletics' Center for Academics and Tutorial Services (CATS) All-Around Student Award in 1996.

1996 Southeastern Conference Football "Good Works Team"

<u>Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>
Nathan Cole	Arkansas	Linebacker	Sophomore	Marketing
Chad Goss	Alabama	Flanker/Punt Ret.	Junior	Public Relations
Mark Ingram	Tennessee	Center	Senior	Sports Management
Walker Jones	Ole Miss	Linebacker/Safety	Junior	General Business
Paul Lacoste	Miss. State	Linebacker	Senior	Teaching/Coaching Education
Jessie McCovery	Auburn	Tight End	Senior	Health Promotions
Jamar Nesbit	South Carolina	Offensive Tackle	Sophomore	Business Administration
Rosevelt Noble	Vanderbilt	Safety	Sophomore	Human & Organizational Develop.
Willie Rodgers	Florida	Defensive End	Junior	Recreation
Allen Stansberry	LSU	Linebacker	Senior	Environmental Management
Matt Stinchcomb	Georgia	Offensive Tackle	Sophomore	General Business/Pre-Medicine
Littleton Ward	Kentucky	Cornerback	Junior	Education



Wildcats football players Jaysuma Simms (left) and Littleton Ward presented plaques to students selected for the Kentucky Excel Incentive Scholarship Program. Simms and Ward serve as mentors in the program.

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