

*GREAT GAMES!*  
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**ERNIE SCORES  
 6 TOUCHDOWNS,  
 4 EXTRA POINTS**

**Holmer Pass Averts a Shutout**

**Settles City Title**

<b>CARDINALS [40]</b>		<b>BEARS [6]</b>
Kassell,	LE	Cunningham, G.Grange
Slater	LT	Nelson, Poliski
Blumer, Underwood	LG	Carlson
Larson, Bill Rooney	C	Trafton, Pearson
Kiesling, Stein	RG	Kopcha
Tinsley, Hogue	RT	Murry
Dowling	RE	Fleckenstein, Johnsos
C.Rooney, Rose	QB	Sternaman
McDonnell, Hill	LH	Driscoll, Grange
Baker	RH	Walquist, Senn
Nevers, Butts	FB	White, Holmer

  

<b>Bears</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Cardinals</b> .....	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40</b>

- Cards: Nevers 20 run (Nevers kick)
- Cards: Nevers 4 run (Nevers kick failed)
- Cards: Nevers 6 run (Nevers kick)
- Bears: G.Grange 60 pass from Holmer (Holmer kick failed)
- Cards: Nevers 1 run (Nevers kick)
- Cards: Nevers 1 run (Nevers kick failed)
- Cards: Nevers 10 run (Nevers kick)

**By Wilfrid Smith**

Ernie Nevers scored forty points yesterday, all that the Cardinals made and the south side eleven smothered the Bears in the annual battle for the city professional football title at Comiskey Park. The Bears evaded a shutout because Garland Grange received a pass from Walter Holmer and ran 60 yards for a touchdown at the start of the second half.

Forty to six! How the south side's faithful, who had waited four years hoping to see the Cardinals sweep aside its rivals, cheered that score. Eight thousand saw the game and it was a south side crowd. It wanted action. From the time Nevers plunged for the first touchdown until he slid over for his sixth in the final period and, then, place kicked the fortieth point, that crowd yelled for more touchdowns.

The Cardinals needed no such encouragement. It was their day and they made the most of it. It takes a lot of touchdowns to wipe clean the memories of other years when the Bears were the owners of the city title.

**Nine Helps Nevers**

The, too, yesterday's victory virtually assured the Cardinals that they'll finish higher in the National league standing than their rivals. That is more to be sought for its business value than the mythical city title. And the Cards want New York and Friedman's Giants to know about this 40 to 6 victory for Sunday they play those Giants.

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Each of Nevers' touchdowns was manufactured from the same material. A superior line, harder blocking backs, a blend of deception with power plays, banged through the Bear line and carried on into the secondary until the goal was reached.

Nevers did all the scoring; he did his complete share in the interference, but he wasn't the whole show. Mickey McDonnell swung through huge gaps in the line on delayed plays and dodged his way for long gains. Gene Rose, who replaced Cobb Rooney at quarter back, marked up his yardage off the tackles or after receiving short passes.

But the Cardinal line was the foundation on which these ball carriers built their successes. There was no question of its superiority. And it played no favorites. From end to end the Bear line wavered and retreated before massed interference. The guards carried on through to sweep aside the Bears' secondary defense.

### **Lead at Half, 20 to 0**

The Cards scored in the first six minutes. After once losing possession of the ball, Nevers and McDonnell took up the steady march to the goal line. Ernie's place kick was wide, but he made up for the failure by leading his team back to the attack, scoring again before the first quarter ended. The kick was good and the Cards led 13 to 0.

Again in the second quarter the Cardinal wave engulfed the Bears and the score at the rest period was 20 to 0.

The Bears saved face by their touchdown. Unable to gain by running or plunging, they had to turned to passes long since. Walt Holmer placed several in the hands of his receivers in the first half but with no other support passing proved too uncertain a weapon to offset the charging Cardinal line.

But in the early minutes of the third period Holmer shot the ball to Garland Grange as he ran wide. Garland took the ball in stride, eluded Rooney's tackle and outraced his opponents down the side line to the goal. Holmer's place kick was a feeble attempt that didn't clear the scrimmage line.

### **Bad Pass Costs Point**

The score stimulated the Bears and shortly after Holmer's passes advanced them again to the Cards' 30 yard line. But there the attack crumbled and and the Bears never threatened thereafter.

Nevers' fourth touchdown and the point were scored in the third period to give the Cards a 27 to 6 lead. His fifth touchdown came in the first ten minutes of the final quarter. The center's bad pass stopped the try for point after the fifth touchdown, but Ernie made good on the other.

Then Ernie left the game and how those south siders cheered. Forty points plus nineteen points against Dayton last Sunday gave him fifty-nine in a row. Which is some kind of a record, but the south side didn't care. For the Cardinals had defeated the Bears.

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*Notes:* Spelling of names corrected. Length of Nevers' touchdowns, not given in the *Trib's* story, come from other sources.

To the day he died, Mickey McDonnell insisted that he set up most of Nevers' TDs. This story would seem to support that.