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BLUE AND WHITE DEFEATS A FIGHTING AGGREGATION

Baron And Hertling Carry Ball For Scores That Make History

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New Britain, Dec. 1.

Hartford High defeated New Britain High, score 14 to 6 this afternoon at St. Mary's Field. For the first time since the rivalry began in 1898 the Hardwens City tonight droops with furled red and gold banners. A heavier and stronger team won.

A Game Battle.

Five thousand people saw as game a battle as was ever fought here. Moments came when all that could be seen was a riot of blue and white colors frantically waved. There came times when the gridgers of the New Britain High School seemed invincible and sure of winning and continuing the flux.

New Britain Started It.

The first quarter went to New Britain. In the second half Hartford ran wild, confronted by the score 6 to 0 in favor of the opponent. All the way through the opening quarters it looked like New Britain would win despite that pile driving line and vigor of Hartford. But the pace was falling. The better team assumed the upper hand regardless of a true tradition that the Red and Gold has never been beaten at home.

Hartford Threatens Often.

Hartford High was ever threatening. Even in the half where New Britain held its own the stalwart sons from the Capital City threw a big score. On New Britain's 8-yard line they tried four times to score. Hertling, left halfback, who made the second touchdown after a long run from the forty-yard line, and Baron, fullback, who pushed the ball across when Hartford stood one foot of the goal line, besides Quarterback Fay and right halfback Bush, composed a powerful backfield. Aided greatly by the big line the blue and white was capable of demolishing everything in the way.

New Britain Tricks Fall.

The famed trick formations of the New Britain High School failed. The best bets on which all hope was based to garner victory—Zehrer, Nelpp, Grip Walker, Gerokowski—fought to the limit of their powers and it was not enough. On the other hand Taylor, who made the sole touchdown by running forty-five yards, gave a fine performance. Baron was injured about Taylor at the time but the latter shook him off and burst into a spurt, headed directly for the goal posts. None could catch up with him.

Hertling Kicks Off.

Hertling kicked off to Walker who was downed on the forty-yard line. Walker rumbled the line for five yards. Hartford was penalized five yards for being offside. Zehrer kept up the good work for New Britain by adding seven yards through right tackle.

There were three yards to go. A Zehrer-to-Grip forward pass failed, after successful rushes, making the fourth down. Grip punted to the thirty yard line. Hartford tried a couple of center rushes which were met by a stone wall. Hertling punted to Grip on the forty yard line. Johnny Gerokowski was hurt and there was a delay until the halfback shook it off.

Fay Makes Gain.

Fay gained little on an end run. He resorted to punting again. Fay went through for five yards, and another delay resulted as Ernie Nelpp, New Britain's roving center, regained his breath after being severely banged. Hartford continued its strategy of kicking, and Hertling punted to the twenty-eight-yard line, Grip running it back ten yards. Zehrer dashed his way for twelve yards

through the left side. When he tried it again he made no in luck. Young Grip, however, hurled through and made first down, the initial earned one of the game.

Holes Opened Up.

Zehrer made eight yards through right tackle. Deodorian, Boloin, Hogan and Taylor were doing beautiful work opening holes. Hertling was laid out, but soon he got back into the fray. Gerokowski attempted penetrating the line but he failed. When over Hartford or New Britain tried slipping ground through the line they were met with failure. Both sides resorted to punting.

Hartford Starts.

Grip punted and Hartford started in. Baron made five yards on a center rush. Hertling added 2 on an end run. Bush and Fay gained ground. First down was made. A forward pass did not work. Hartford lost five yards on a penalty for being offside. Hertling made up for it by making seven yards on a crossbuck. Hartford fumbled, a backfield man being called for a twelve-yard loss. Hertling punted out of bounds, the pigskin being placed on the thirty-five yard line.

New Britain Strikes Back.

New Britain started its offensive. Walker made four yards. Gerokowski went twenty yards on a forward pass which was recalled for his team being offside. Grip punted to the forty yard line, realizing it was pretty hard to gain through Hartford's line. Here the first quarter ended.

Incidents Take Ball.

Fay tried rushing but bounced against a stone wall. Hertling on the next play was nabbed neatly by Boloin, New Britain guard, as he tried another of his line smashes. Baron crashed through for seven yards. Hartford punted, and now New Britain made its most gallant attack of the day.

Drive Through Line.

Grip went around the end for ten yards. Zehrer made five right through center. New Britain received a five-yard penalty for offside. Grip fired end for three yards, and Zehrer crashed through the left side of the line for four yards. Grip punted, and a little later Hartford punted back.

Taylor Makes Long Run.

But Hertling had punted low, and New Britain, seemingly inspired by the advantage, flared up. Zehrer slugged his way for five yards. On his forward pass to Taylor, right end, Taylor made his run for a touchdown. Grip tried to kick the goal, but failed.

Hartford Battles.

This score put pep in Hartford. A fighting and eleven faced New Britain when the game was resumed. On Walker's thirty-five yard punt Baron need the ball back to middle field. Three center rushes netted ten yards. First down was made following a couple of plays.

Baron and Bush Rush.

Baron and Bush were the big factors in getting the ball within New Britain's ten yard line. With backs to the wall, desperate, the Red and Gold held Hartford in its tracks for four downs.

Grip punted out of danger, and the first half ended.

Walker Hurt.

Walker punted in the third quarter, and in the next play hurt his leg, causing Dr. Frank Zwick, "assistant" to Coach George M. Cassidy, to treat it on the field. Hartford reportedly tried rushing with little results. Finally Hertling punted.

Play's Collapse.

Zehrer called his team to execute a couple spread plays resembling

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Notre Dame's attack. They collapsed. New Britain once more took to line plunging, and the old grind was continued. McCarthy shone for some brilliant tackling, especially, when a Hartford man recovered a New Britain fumble and was set to speed for a touchdown excepting for McCarthy's alertness.

Baron Carries It Over

The ball, nevertheless, was Hartford's and on the twenty yard line. It advanced within a foot of the goal. The quarter ending removed the ball to the other side of the field, where Baron went over for a touchdown.

Hertling's Long Run

This was the beginning of the end. Hartford kept fighting. New Britain kept trying to regain its own. But when Hertling scored the second touchdown on a long run all hope was lost.

It was a great victory for Hartford. It fell to the 1923 team to do what all former, banner Hartford High teams have failed to accomplish.

Near the end of the game, Coach Newell sent in sub after sub. The new players went in so fast it was almost impossible to keep track of them.

The Lineups:

Hartford		New Britain
Wimblish	lc	McCarthy
Ahern	lt	Bojnowski
Cooney	lg	Deodorian
Capt. Smith	lc	Nolpp
Green	rg	Holoin
Watkinson	rt	Hogin
Even	ra	Taylor
Fay	qb	Grip
Hertling	lib	Zehrer
Bush	rhb	Gerokowski
Baron	fb	Capt. Walker

Substitutions: N. B. H. S.—Danico for Holoin, Nelson for McCarthy, Giana for Taylor. H. P. H. S.—Brown for Bush, Healy for Hertling, Lagano for Healy, Healy for Fay, Havens for Brown, Robinson for Smith, Ring for Even, Provinell for Wimblish, Hawkins for Green.

Touchdowns: Taylor, Baron, Hertling; points after touchdowns, Hertling 2.

Officials: referee, H. L. Cook, Springfield Training School; umpire, Howard Cunn, New York University; headlinesman, R. A. Sexton, Harvard University.

Time of halves: 15 minutes.