

TMA captures 2nd straight championship

Hines, Gallin spark Town Men

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Town Men won a hard fought victory for the Independent league Monday night in the Intramural Super Bowl with a brilliant comeback in the second half sparked by the running of David Hines and a savage defense led by stout Andy Gallin that claimed a 26-13 win over Pi Kappa Alpha.

TMA was down 13-7 at the half but Hines broke a pair of long runs in the second half while Gallin and Co. were holding PiKa at the goal line three times. Marty Appel was the big PiKa weapon but he was not enough to keep the Town Men from their second straight Campus Championship.

In the first quarter of play PiKa jumped out to an early 6-0 lead on a 22 yard pass from Appel to John Hudlund.

After Town Men received the ensuing kickoff they drove down field, using the running of Hines and the blocking of Gallin, Chuck Skipper, Joe Detz, and Tony LiVornese.

TMA scored on a 14-yard run by Brian Mahelsky straight up the middle. The PAT was good as Jerry Sanders caught a pass from Mahelsky, the first quarter ending with the score 7-6 in favor of the independent entry.

In the opening minutes of the second quarter Appel led PiKa down to the Town Men five-yard line where PiKa had the ball first and goal. A stubborn defense led by the brutal Gallin and Skipper pushed PiKa back to the 25 where TMA took over.

The ball exchanged hands a couple of times before PiKa finally took over and drove to midfield. With two minutes left in the first half PiKa could not move the ball on three downs. On a very long fourth and goal Appel called for a half-back pass down the sideline.

The play worked as Jim Chapin threw to Appel who scampered into the end zone for the TD. PiKa made it 13-7 with the PAT on a pass from Appel to Brad Everett. The score at half time was PiKa, 13-7.

At the start of the third quarter Town Men really came to life. After PiKa punted the ball away TMA took over on their own 25. Hines then scored his first TD of the night on a 55 yard run with Joe Detz and Gallin throwing key blocks, knotting the score at 13-13.

PiKa then drove down field using the running and passing of Appel to gain yardage inside the opposing 10. Once again they were stopped from scoring as Gallin and Joe Sodano made key defensive plays.

In the fourth quarter Town Men used the running of Sanders and Hines to great advantage. Town Men then scored on a pass from Mahelsky to Danny Bove who was all alone in the end zone.

PiKa took over with about five minutes left to play and moved down to the TMA two where they had the ball on first and goal with less than two minutes left to play. Three times Appel ran into Gallin, three times he was stopped short of the goal line.

It was fourth and one foot to go when Appel took the snap from center. Around the left end came Mike Bahr to make his biggest defensive play of the year. Bahr grabbed Appel's flags and the

championship was in the hands of TMA.

Still, with 30 seconds left to play, the independents took over on their ten. They moved to the 20 where on a third and five Hines duplicated

his earlier run by out-sprinting PiKa defenders. David Howell, A. J. Sexton, and Rick Silvernail threw key blocks that sprung Hines on his scoring jaunt. Brian Mahelsky threw the PAT to Danny

Bove.

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Pi Kappa Alpha 6 7 0 0 --13

PiKa--Hudlund 22 pass from Appel (pass failed)

TMA-- Mahelsky 14 run (Sanders pass from

Mahelsky)

PiKa-- Chapin 25 pass to Appel (Everett pass from Appel)

TMA-- Hines 55 run (run failed)

TMA-- Bove 18 pass from Mahelsky (Pass failed)

TMA--Hines 61 run (Bove pass from Mahelsky)

Salvatore praises team

'We played a good defensive game'

BY JIM HERSH
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Town Men Coach Paul Salvatore praised his offensive line and defensive backs after the Independent League champions defeated PiKa, 26-13, to successfully defend their intramural championship, Monday night.

"We played a real fine game," Salvatore said following the championship game. The win capped a 10-1 season for the Town Men.

Salvatore was especially pleased with his team's defensive performance. "We played a good defensive game," he commented.

In the first half PiKa went to the air for two touchdowns. However, in the second half the TownMen defense contained the Greek League champions' passing game, which was spearheaded by PiKa quarterback Marty Appel.

PiKa was unable to score in the second half even though they had several scoring opportunities. Once in the third quarter and again with less than two minutes left in the game, PiKa had first downs inside the TMA ten yard line but was unable to crack the TownMen goal line defense.

Offensively TMA relied on their powerful running game, led by speedy running back Dave Hines, to move the ball. Occasionally quarterback Brian Mahelsky kept the PiKa defense honest by putting the ball in the air, but overall the Town Men offense stayed on the ground.

"We are basically a running team," Salvatore commented. "Our offensive line did a real good job," he said of the linemen who opened the holes for the Town Men ball carriers.

Hines ran for two touchdowns in the second half while

Mahelsky ran for a first half score. Mahelsky also hit Danny Bove with a second half touchdown pass for the other TMA score.

The turning points in the game were the three goal line stands made by the TownMen defense. In the third quarter PiKa had a chance to break a 13-13 tie but was unable to score when they were halted inside the Townmen five. Then, with TMA ahead 19-13 with two minutes to go, PiKa moved to the TownMen two and could not score.

Salvatore summed up the

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Town Men effort by saying, "You can credit the of- fensive line and defensive backs for the win."

Layoff gives USC break before final two game finish

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After nearly three months of football, the Gamecocks will take a Saturday off before the last two games of the 1971 season.

"It's a really good break for us," said Carolina head coach Paul Dietzel. "After three games like we just had, the guys needed a layoff."

"This gives our boys a chance to heal some of those bruises and rest up," said Dietzel. "It isn't so much that anyone is really hurt, but when you're playing week after week, you're getting bruises on top of bruises. When a player has a bruise or a hurt ankle, he can't go full speed, and the only way some injuries can heal is by rest."

"Linemen, of course, are always bruised," said the Carolina mentor. "And some boys simply won't tell you that they're hurt. But learning to go under circumstances like that is one of the lasting benefits of athletics."

"I really am happy about the layoff because it gives us the opportunity to get some people well."

"We went into that game (Tennessee) for instance, with some injuries that really scared me. Jimmy Mitchel had a pulled hamstring and we didn't know if he would play or not, and Robbie Reynolds had broken his finger on a tackle (See CAROLINA, p. 7, col. 1)



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