

Truckers Grab First Win Of Season, 14-6

By DON HOHLER
VERMILION — Grinding out two first half touchdowns and then letting the defense do the work after the intermission, the Norwalk Truckers evened their season record at 1-1

Friday night with a 14-6 independent football victory over Vermilion. The game was the final tuneup prior to Northern Ohio League competition next week at Willard. Both clubs did complete

about faces in the two halves as the Truckers displayed an offense that was good enough to register two first half scores but then one that could muster just one first down and 29 total yards in the second half.

On the other hand Vermilion was held to two yards on the ground and 35 in the air in the first two periods but then rolled to nine first downs and 130 net yards in the second half.

Even though the Sailors showed more offense in the second half, the Norwalk defense gave ground grudgingly, especially when the Sailors moved inside the 20 yard line.

Norwalk scored on the opening kickoff series as it marched 63 yards in 14 plays. All thrusts were into the line with the first line of them going over the Sailors right tackle spot.

Fullback Dan Pugh got much of the yardage and then took complete command of the situation on the last three plays when he chewed up the final 26 yards. The touchdown run was nine yards and came after Pugh narrowly averted being tackled in the backfield by a shooting

linebacker. With 6:06 left in the period, Mike Leak converted to make it 7-0.

The Truckers mounted their second offensive late in the second period when linebacker Sonny Coles jumped on a Vermilion fumble on the Trucker 49.

Coles ate up 16 yards on the second play of the drive with an end run but a 15 yard penalty later for holding looked like it would put the damper on the march. A pass interference call gave the Truckers new life on the Sailors 27.

After five running plays, quarterback Mike Wilde hit end Kevin Fogg on a jump pass good for nine yards and a first down on the two. Pugh got to the one foot line and then Coles blasted through the left side for the six points. Again Leak converted and the Truckers went up 14-0.

Neither team threatened in the third quarter but the fourth period was a different story. Twice the Truckers had their backs to the wall but both times big defensive plays bailed them out.

Early in the final quarter the Sailors got to the four yard line and would have scored had it not been for a desperation ankle tackle by Pugh on a Vermilion pass receiver inside the five.

The Trucker defensive line was tested twice and a two yard loss was the result

for the Sailors. After a pass fell incomplete, Coles decked Vermilion quarterback Jon Clark for a 10 yard loss and the ball returned to more friendly hands.

Slightly more than a minute later, the Sailors were back on offense as a Wilde aerial was picked off on the Truckers 25. Again the line rose to the occasion, tossing ball carriers for six yards in losses in two plays to offset a 10 yard completion on the fourth down attempt which fell short of first down territory.

The only Norwalk defensive lapse came with 45 seconds left in the game. With no time-outs left, the Sailors faced a fourth down and long yardage play.

Quarterback Rick Spencer found halfback Russ Trinter open coming across the middle and laid the pass in 15 yards from the sidelines. Trinter then tight-roped 39 yards for the score. The run for the extra points failed.

Although the hosts tried an on-side kick, it failed and the Truckers ran out the final 45 seconds with quarterback sneaks.

The statistics were just about even. Even the punting and yards penalized were so close it would have been hard to pick a winner.

Trucker Coach Leonard Hardman was all smiles after the game and with good reason. "We hit real good defensively tonight, much better than in our opener with Huron. It was a real team effort," he commented.

"We moved the ball real well in the first half but just could not get any decent field position in the second half. The defense did the job though and that's what counts," Hardman added.

STATISTICS

	NOR.	VER.
First Downs Rushing	9	4
First Downs Passing	1	5
First Downs Penalties	1	1
Total First Downs	11	10
Passes Attempted	7	19
Passes Completed	1	8
Passes Intercepted	1	1
Net Yards Rushing	151	58
Net Yards Passing	9	109
Punts-Average	5-34.0	3-33.2
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Penalties	6	9
Yards Penalized	65	60
SCORES BY QUARTERS		
Nor.	7	7
Ver.	0	0



DEFENSIVE COACH JERRY EMMONS INSTRUCTS Trucker Dan Pugh Listens



TRUCKER HALFBACK SONNY COLES (9) RUNS AROUND LEFT END AS SAILORS CHASE

Firelands Conference Round-Up

Plymouth Tops Another FC Team

By JIM BUSEK
PLYMOUTH — For the second straight week a Firelands Conference team went into the "Lions' den"

called Plymouth and for the second time the "Lion" went away satisfied. This week's victim was Monroeville as the Eagles

fell 24-0 to the devastating ground attack of the Big Red.

Leading the way once again for the charges of head coach Larry Root was workhorse halfback Jim Conley who consistently bulled his way to gains of five yards or more. As if Conley's total rushing effort of 117 yards were not enough, the 155-pound junior seemed to do almost everything else equally well.

As a defensive back, Conley assisted in several tackles and picked off a Dick Winslow aerial in the third quarter to further deflate the Eagles. Receiving passes from his own quarterback is something of a rarity for the bruising Plymouth halfback, but Conley made them count.

Quarterback Mike Beard slipped one unexpected pass by the visiting defenders in the second quarter, but Conley's apparent 46 yard TD reception was nullified by a holding penalty. The Plymouth jack-of-all-trades, however, got his six points via the airways with 6:56 left in the first half when Beard hit him with an 8-yarder over the middle.

Other scoring came in each of the four quarters. Period one featured wide-open offense by both squads and it was just a matter of "breaks" to determine who would get on the board first.

Monroeville received the opening kickoff and was in the process of consuming huge chunks of real estate when an Eagle ball carrier fumbled into the waiting arms of Plymouth defender Lee Wilkins. With that to ignite the offense, the Big Red rolled 71 yards in 15 plays for a 6-0 lead with 3:24 left in the period. Quarterback Beard plunged the last yard to paydirt.

Scoring in the second period came on a Beard-to-Conley pass, and in the third

period the senior signal caller went to the air for another six. This time junior end Jim Cutright broke clear for a 24 yard reception and his first TD of the season.

Scoring was capped in the final period when hard-running Bill Van Wagner fought his way over from the twelve. That play, the first of the fourth quarter, was set up when a Dick Miller punt was deflected and recovered by the Big Red on the Monroeville seven yard line.

Penalties played a big role in the game with 12 infractions committed by the visiting Eagles and nine by the victors. The hosts had their biggest edge in rushing where they outgained the visitors 287 to 111.

All in all, it was a long night for coach Don Graham's black-and-gold team. Conference rushing leader Charles Poths put in another impressive evening of ball carrying, but fumbles, penalties, and interceptions at crucial times kept the Eagle offense stalled.

Keeping the Eagles company in the misery department were many of the same schools who experienced such impressive opening game victories last week.

WELLINGTON 8 EDISON 0

Possibly the biggest Firelands upset of the evening came at Wellington where the Dukes upended the Edison Chargers 8-0.

The low-key game featured only a single score which came in the third quarter on a Russ Hartman aerial to end Gary Krieg. Quarterback Hartman put icing on the victory cake when he hit receiver Tom Mills for the two point conversion.

Statistics show the Dukes in full control of the game. The hosts garnered a dozen

first downs while the Chargers could muster only five. In addition, Wellington's total offense of 204 yards almost doubled the 118 of the visitors.

CRESTLINE 53 SOUTH CENTRAL 0

Taking their lumps in even larger measure were the Trojans from South Central who bowed to Crestline, 53-0.

Coach Dave Mitchell watched his unfriendly hosts cross the end line at least twice in every quarter after the first. Quarterback Brad Stower had an apparent field day as he ran for the first quarter TD and continued to direct the Crestline offense toward a whopping 568-yard total.

From that large total must be deducted 165 yards in penalties assessed against the over-aggressive victors.

Halfback John Smith rushed for many of the 354 yards gained on the ground, including two touchdowns, while Stower was unleashing passes for 214 yards.

NEW LONDON 35 ROOTSTOWN 6

The only FC team to follow its success pattern of last week was New London as the Wildcats of coach Merv Nugent hustled by Rootstown, 35-6.

Senior running back Burshel Kidd inflicted most of the damage as the 'Cats surged to their second win of the year. Kidd set the scoreboard in action three times with runs of seven, five and 58 yards.

Other scoring was quarterback Mike Nugent who tallied on a nine yard scamper and Milt Harris who rambled for a 32 yard score. All five PAT's were booted by Garry Jackson.

Further illustration of the mismatch is seen in the statistics which show a 465 to 104 bulge for the Wildcats in the total offense department and a 16-4 lead in first downs.



VERMILION DEFENDER TAKES DOWN SONNY COLES AS REFEREE WATCHES

Willard Wins 7-2

WILLARD — The Willard Flashes registered their first win of the season, and first in two years, Friday night, nipping Lexington 7-2.

Cesar Rodriguez rambled over from the three yard line with 7:06 left in the second quarter. Harvey Danhoff kicked the extra point to put the Flashes ahead 7-0.

Willard gave Lexington its two points with just six seconds left in the game. Willard downed the ball in the end zone on a Lexington punt, rather than risk fumbling the ball.

In other non-conference games by Northern Ohio League teams, Shelby won its first of the season, 22-15, over Ashland. Tiffin Columbian defeated Fostoria 42-14, and Bucyrus won its second in a row, romping over Marion Catholic 49-0. Galion tied with Ontario, 8-8. Tiffin Calvert handed Upper Sandusky a 26-16 loss, and Bellevue lost to Avon Lake, 18-6.

Todd Albert scored 14 points to lead Shelby, who overcame a 15-0 halftime deficit. Dan Bowersox had two touchdowns for the losers.

Rick Wilson tallied three touchdowns for Bucyrus while teammate quarterback Duane Beal passed for three extra points.

Galion tied the game in the third quarter when quarterback Chip Durtsci hit Rick Potter from the eight yard line and then threw to Dick James for the extra points.

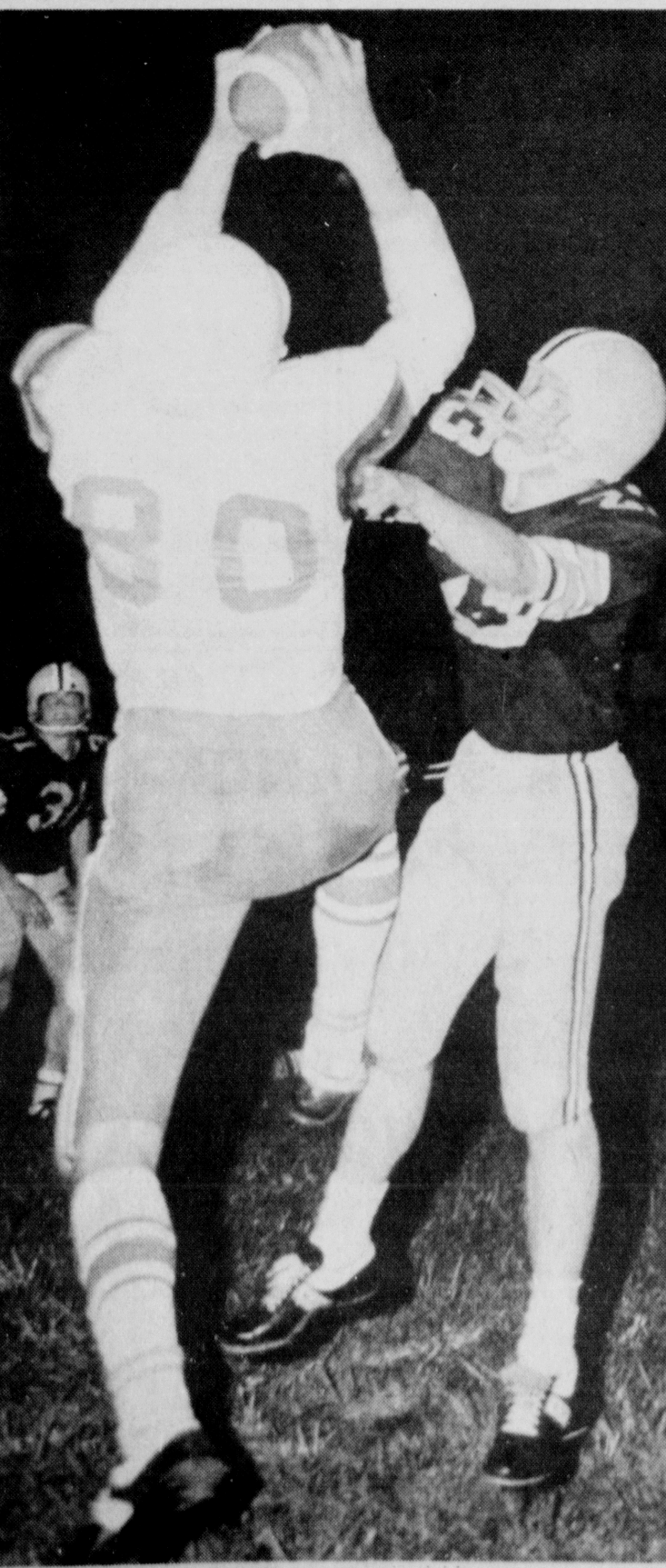
Sophomore quarterback Rick Warnement passed for three touchdowns and ran for another to pace Tiffin Calvert over Upper Sandusky.

Mike Green scored the only touchdown for the Bellevue Redmen, a 16 yard run in the first period.

Tiffin Columbian tailback, Chuck Heater, was more than Fostoria could handle. He scored five touchdowns.

League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	PCT.	GB.		W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
x-Baltimore	97	53	.647		Pittsburgh	80	69	.537	
New York	84	67	.556	13½	Chicago	79	71	.527	1½
Boston	77	73	.513	20	New York	78	72	.520	2½
Detroit	76	74	.507	21	St. Louis	72	78	.480	9
Cleveland	73	78	.483	24½	Philadelphia	68	83	.450	13
Washington	70	78	.473	26	Montreal	66	84	.440	14½
WEST					WEST				
	W.	L.	PCT.	GB.		W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
Minnesota	90	60	.600		x-Cincinnati	95	57	.625	
Oakland	83	68	.550	7½	Los Angeles	81	69	.540	13
California	79	71	.527	11	San Francisco	81	70	.536	13½
Kansas City	58	90	.392	31	Houston	72	78	.480	22
Milwaukee	58	92	.387	32	Atlanta	73	79	.480	22
Chicago	53	94	.361	35½	San Diego	59	93	.388	36
x-Clinched Division Title					x-Clinched division title				
Friday's Results					Friday's Results				
Minnesota 5 Chicago 4					Chicago 3 Montreal 2 1st				
New York 5 Detroit 0					Chicago 5 Montreal 4, 2nd				
Balt 4 Cleveland 3, 11 inns.					Pittsburgh 3 New York 2				
Milwaukee 4 Kansas City 3					Philadelphia 5 St. Louis 7				
Wash at Boston p.p., rain.					Cincinnati 11 Atlanta 6				
Oakland 3 California 2					Los Angeles 3 Houston 2				
Today's Probable Pitchers					Today's Probable Pitchers				
All Times EDT					All Times EDT				
California May 6-13 at Oakland Hunter					Chicago Holtzman 15-11 at Montreal				
16-13, 4:30 p.m.					Morton 16-10, 2:15 p.m.				
Kansas City Rooker 9-15 at Milwaukee					San Francisco Perry 21-13 at San Diego				
Lockwood 3-11, 2:30 p.m.					Combs 10-12, 4 p.m.				
Minnesota Hall 8-6 at Chicago Wynne 1-					Houston Dierker 14-12 at Los Angeles				
2, 9 p.m.					Osteen 15-13, 4:15 p.m.				
New York Bahnsen 14-11 at Detroit Cain					Pittsburgh Walker 13-16 at New York				
12-7, 2:15 p.m.					Carlton 9-8, 2:15 p.m.				
Cleveland Hand 6-11 at Baltimore					Philadelphia Wise 11-13 at St. Louis				
McNally 23-8, 8 p.m.					Carlton 9-19, 2:15 p.m.				
Washington Coleman 8-9 and Hannan 9-8					Cincinnati McGlothlin 13-9 at Atlanta				
at Boston Brett 7-8 and Nagy 5-4, 2 day-					Barber 0-1, 2:15 p.m.				
night, 2 p.m., 8 p.m.					Sunday's Games				
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Washington at Boston					Chicago at Montreal				
Cleveland at Baltimore					Pittsburgh at New York, 2				
New York at Detroit					Philadelphia at St. Louis				
Minnesota at Chicago					Philadelphia at St. Louis				
Kansas City at Seattle					Cincinnati at Atlanta				
California at Oakland					Houston at Los Angeles				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Wash. at Boston p.p., rain.					1st game				
11 inns.					Chicago 120 000 000-3 5 1				
Clev. 000 003 000 00-3 9 1					Montreal 100 000 012-2 5 0				
Balt. 200 100 000 01-4 6 0					Jenkins 20-15 and Hundley; Stoneman,				
Hargan, Higgins 9, Lasher 11 and Sims;					Marshall 9 and Bateman, LP-Stoneman				
Phoebeus, Hardin 8, Richert 10 and					5-15. HRs-Williams 4th, Fairry 3rd.				
Oates, WP-Richert 6-2, LP-Lasher 2-9.					2nd game 10 inns				
K.C. 101 000 100-3 5 1					Chi 000 003 100 1-5 9 0				
Milw. 400 000 002-4 6 0					Mtl 111 000 010-4 7 1				
Butler, Fitzmorris 2, Abernathy 9 and					Miller, Gura 3, Colborn 5, Regan 7,				
Rodriguez, Downing, Ellsworth 9 and					Hands 10 and Hundley; Wegner, McGinn				
Roof, WP-Downing 5-12, LP-Butler 4-12.					7, Strohmayer 8, O'Donoghue 9,				
N.Y. 410 000 000-5 7 0					Marshall 10 and Bateman, WP-Regan 5-				
Det. 000 000 000-0 3 0					8, LP-O'Donoghue 2-3, HRs-Bateman				
Klimkowski 6-7 and Munson; Kilkenny,					14th, Williams 4th.				
Reed 1, McRae 4, Patterson 6,					Pittsburgh 000 000 300-3 11 0				
Schermer 8 and Price, LP-Kilkenny 7-6.					New York 000 000 020-2 9 1				
HR-Ellis 7th.					Blass, Guisti 8 and Sanguinelli;				
Minn. 302 000 000-5 8 1					McAndrew, Frisella 8 and Grote, WP-				
Chi. 021 000 010-4 9 1					Bliss 10-12, LP-McAndrew 10-12, HRs-				
Zepp, Perranoski 7 and Mitterwald;					Robertson 27th, Pagan 6th.				
Johnson, Eddy 8 and Herrmann,					Edison's Ron Wynn (21) Digs For Paydirt				
Brinkman 3, WP-Zepp 9-4, LP-Johnson 3-					Teammate Steve Kuhl (71) Tries To Help.				
6, HR-Melton 29th.									



PLYMOUTH'S LEE WILKINS (80) GRABS A PASS Monroeville Defender Goes For Tackle.



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