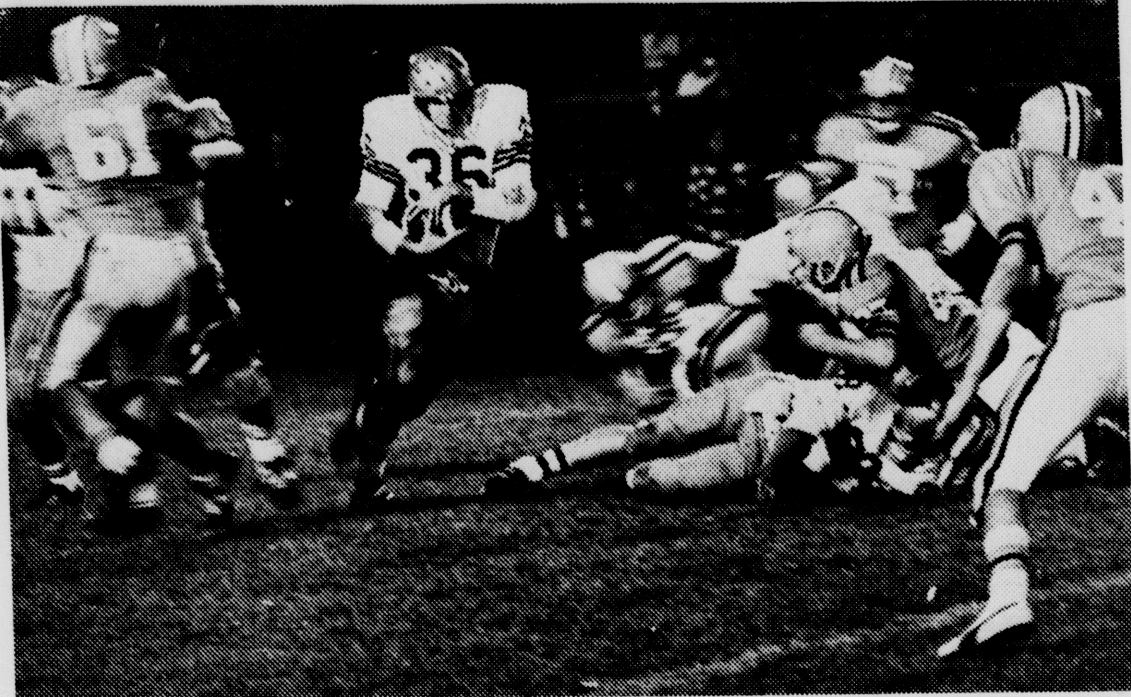
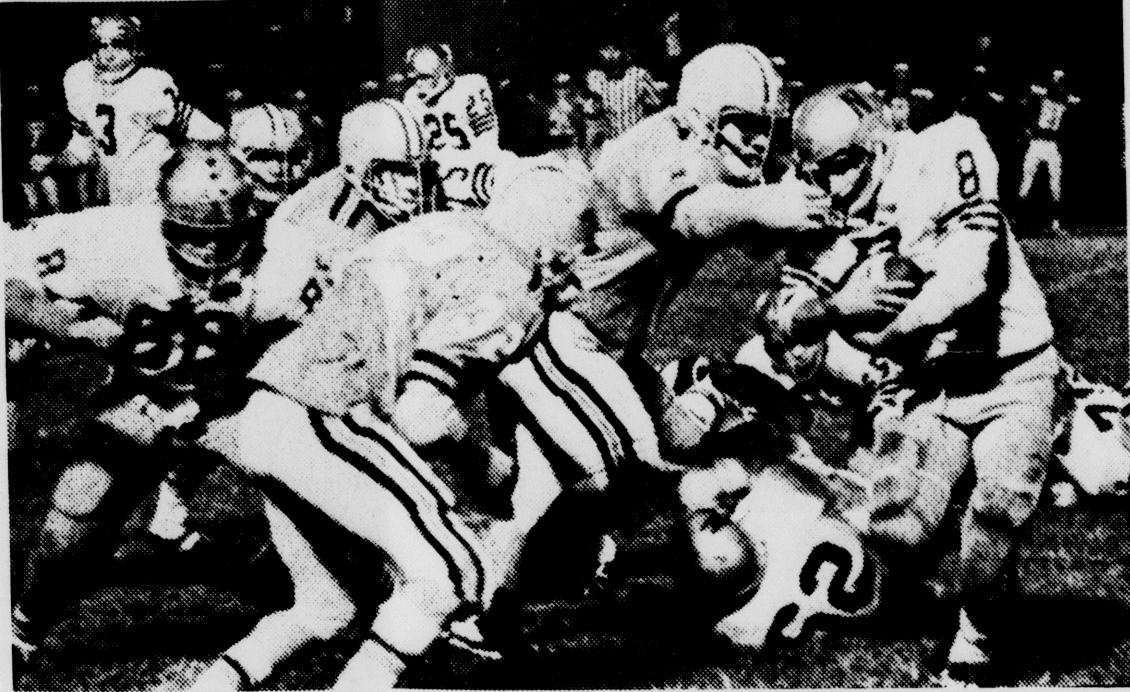


McCarty Gains 114 Yards

Trucker Comeback Nips Upper Sandusky



TRUCKER FULLBACK MARK CROSS FINDS HUGE OPENING
Rushed For 51 Yards In Norwalk High 14-10 Victory



NORWALK HIGH'S JOHN MCCARTY IS CAUGHT BEHIND LINE
He Ran Well In The Second Half And Gained 114 Yards

By HANK HEILMANN
UPPER SANDUSKY — Norwalk High School overcame an extraordinary case of butter-fingers here Friday night to defeat Upper Sandusky's Rams 14-10 with two second half touchdowns.

The Truckers fumbled away the pigskin five times in the first half including a generous bobble on the Ram's four-yard-line.

Behind 10-0 at the half, the determined Truckers pushed two touchdowns across the Ram goal to pull their third Northern Ohio League victory out of the fire.

Norwalk coach Bob Hart wasn't ecstatic about the first half but he was proud of his charges' comeback. "This shows what kind of stuff these kids are made of. This is something that could become a habit. No one panicked, and everyone kept their poise."

"We made a few minor adjustments at the half, but the main thing was we went back to our game plan and we were patient, instead of getting in a hurry."

In the first half, there was nothing but frustration. Junior defensive end Herb Harkness blocked a Ram punt early in the game, giving NHS the ball on the Ram 24. But on the first play from scrimmage, the Truckers fumbled.

Norwalk also lost the ball on fumbles on its next play, and on the second play of its third possession. On its fourth attempt with the ball, the Truckers were forced to punt the ball after four plays. Norwalk also fumbled on the fourth play of its fifth possession.

But the worst break of all came just before the half. The Truckers drove from their own 36 to the US-4 in six plays, including a 24-yard pass from Hipp to junior end Ed Arlin, and a 20-yard keeper by Hipp. On a second-and-goal play from the four, the Truckers fumbled again and Upper recovered.

"Evidently our timing was off," explained Hart about the fumbles. Dan (Hipp) just couldn't seem to hit John (McCarty) with the handoff. He said John was hitting the hole too quickly. So we moved John back one step and that seemed to help."

Upper took advantage of the second NHS fumble to march 35 yards in six plays for a score. Senior halfback Gary Cole ran two yards for the TD with 4:11 to go in the first period. This gave Upper its first lead in a NOL game this year.

The fourth Trucker fumble resulted in a 27-yard field goal by Craig Kear, who also booted the extra point after the TD.

In the second half, Norwalk held Upper to 44 yards rushing and 14 in the air, and four first downs. In the meantime, the Truckers were rolling for 213 yards rushing and piling up 12 first downs.

Norwalk took the second-half kickoff and advanced 83 yards in 12 plays for its first score. Tailback John McCarty ran for 16 yards on one play, for seven yards on a key fourth-down call, and Mark Cross circled right end for a 16-yard advance to the US-21.

The clincher came as quarterback Dan Hipp kept the ball and circled right end for 12 yards and the score with 7:47 left in the third period. Junior Ron Johnson tried his first extra point kick of the year, and the soccer-style boot was perfect. He took over the kicking duties with the injury to Brad Mason.

After Norwalk halted the Rams in six plays, the Truckers again embarked on a scoring drive, this one covering 63 yards in 14 plays. McCarty broke off a 19-yard end sweep and a 12-yarder, and senior slotback Steve Hester a 10-yard run. Hester lunged the final three yards for the TD with 10:03 left in the game. Johnson's boot gave NHS a 14-10 lead.

The Rams provided a scare by moving from their own 25 to the N-32 in 10 plays, eating up over five minutes of time. But Trucker senior middle guard Denny Harkness halted a third-down end sweep for no gain, and a fourth-down pass fell incomplete, giving Norwalk the ball on its 33.

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Norwalk Recreation Schedule
MONDAY OCT. 22
6 a.m. — Men's Physical Fitness, Rec. Gym.
3:15 p.m. — Grade School Girls 1-2-3, Rec. Gym.
7-11 p.m. — Women's Volleyball League, Rec. Gym.
TUESDAY OCT. 23
6 a.m. — Men's Physical Fitness, Rec. Gym.
9-11 — Women's Sport Morning, Rec. Gym.
3:15 p.m. — Grade School Boys 1-2-3, Rec. Gym.
9-11 — Men's Exercise Class (For Basketball), Rec. Gym.
WEDNESDAY OCT. 24
6 a.m. — Men's Physical Fitness, Rec. Gym.
3:15 p.m. — Grade School Girls 4-5-6, Rec. Gym.
7-11 — Women's Volleyball League, Rec. Gym.
THURSDAY OCT. 25
6 a.m. — Men's Physical Fitness, Rec. Gym.
3:15 p.m. — Grade School Boys 4-5-6, Rec. Gym.
FRIDAY OCT. 26
6 a.m. — Men's Physical Fitness, Rec. Gym.
3:30-5 p.m. — Jr. & Sr. High Students, Gym. Game Room.
SATURDAY OCT. 27
6 a.m. — Men's Physical Fitness, Rec. Gym.
1-5 p.m. — Jr. & Sr. High Students, Gym. Game Room.
7-10 — Jr. & Sr. High Students, Gym. Game Room.
Men's Basketball League starts Nov. 26
Women's Exercise Class Meeting Oct. 30
Men's Volleyball League starts Nov. 13

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Ebinger's 3 TD Passes Spark Trojans



NO PLACE TO GO — South Central quarterback Guy Ebinger (12) looks for a way out of this spot, as W-R's Dave Lee (61) and Karl Horton converge.

Galion Blanks Willard

By DON HOHLER
WILLARD — Galion scored three touchdowns in the first 14 minutes Friday night then coasted to a 22-0 Northern Ohio League win over Willard.

Galion quarterback Keith Bryan was the Flashes' biggest problem as his running was just about the only thing the Willard defense could not halt. He finished the night with 19 carries for 105 yards and a touchdown. His fakes to ball-carriers had Willard linemen tackling backs without the ball.

The Tigers took the opening kickoff, and after a 37-yard return by Denny Strickler, started from the Flashes' 47 yard line. Bryan used the quarterback draw for 19 yards on the second play from scrimmage and after adding 16 yards on three other carries he wedged in from the one on the 10th play. Alan Ortlip converted making it a 7-0 game with 8:30 left in the first quarter.

Late in the period the Tigers needed to move just 33 yards, with halfbacks Tom Ernst and Mitch Weber getting most of the

yardage. Ernst went off left tackle on the payoff play for 14 yards. Ortlip again tacked on the extra point to make it 14-0.

Fullback Tom Sipes got into the scoring act with 10:47 left in the second period when he raced 44 yards. Ortlip missed his kick, holding the score to 20-0.

Willard, held without a first down in the first quarter, finally got its offense in gear in the first minutes of the second period. Senior quarterback Herb Garcia hit tight end Steve Shaarda on passes for eight and 20 yards to help move the ball inside the Galion 25 but Ortlip intercepted on the 15.

Galion moved to the Willard three before the key fourth down play fell one yard short but again the Flashes had their backs to the wall. On the final play of the first half Garcia was tackled in the end zone for a safety on a play that saw the ball handed off four times on end around.

Willard completely dominated the third quarter but could not come up with

the big play. Drives were stalled on the Galion 21, 26 and 41 while the Flashes' defense was holding the Tigers without a first down until 11:20 in the final period.

The Tigers' only serious threat to score in the second half came early in the final period but defensive halfback Clark Maddocks of the Flashes made his third interception of the night.

Willard halfback Dave Carmean, running out of the wishbone for the first time, gained an even 50 yards in 10 carries.

"We just played horrible in that first half," a dejected Biggers said after the game.

"In the second half when the defense was not on the field all the time they got the job done but we just couldn't get anything going on offense," he added.

With the win, Galion moved into a tie for third place in the NOL at 3-2, and stands 3-3 overall. Willard remained winless in five loop games, and 2-5 overall.

	W	G		
First Downs Rushing	7	14		
First Downs Passing	3	1		
First Downs Penalties	1	1		
Total First Downs	11	16		
Passes Attempted	22	6		
Passes Completed	7	1		
Passes Intercepted By	3	3		
Net Yards Rushing	60	262		
Net Yards Passing	118	33		
Punts-Average	4-32.0	2-42.0		
Fumbles	3	2		
Fumbles Lost	0	2		
Penalties	7	11		
Yards Penalized	62	130		
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Willard	0	0	0	0
Galion	14	8	0	0-22

By JIM BUSEK
GREENWICH — Guy Ebinger's pinpoint second half passing sparked South Central past Western Reserve, 32-20 here Friday night in Firelands Conference football.

The Trojans evened their season's record at 3-3-1, and improved the FC mark to 2-3. The Trojans have matched their best win total in the last six years, and are going for their first winning season since 1966.

South Central, down 6-0 at the half, took the kickoff to open the final 24 minutes and controlled action until 6:28 remained in the third quarter. At that point, Randy Garner broke through the WR line for a 25-yard touchdown run. When the pass for the conversion failed, it was 6-6.

Western fumbled the following kickoff and the Trojans recovered on the WR-24. On the second play from scrimmage, Ebinger hit junior end Paul Fidler with a 15-yard TD pass. Mark Grafice's kick made it 13-6 just 34 seconds after the first score.

Ebinger rounded out a great third quarter as he dodged 17 yards for another TD with just 55 seconds left in the stanza. The kick failed, but SC had jumped to a 19-6 lead in just one quarter.

Once the Trojans opened things up and gained confidence, there was no stopping them. After the Riders held SC to just 91 yards in the entire first half, and just one pass completion, the Trojans rolled off 205 yards and Ebinger was five-of-five in the second half.

One of Ebinger's completions was a seven-yard touchdown strike to Ben Useton with 5:18 left in the game. Useton capped scoring for the night when he caught a TD bullet from Ebinger with just 47 seconds remaining to make it 32-20.

The game was kept in doubt until late in the fourth quarter by the heroics of WR's Lynn Olcott and Tim Weisenberger.

Olcott scored WR's first touchdown following a systematic drive in the first

quarter. He went the final three yards with 17 seconds left. When the conversion pass failed, WR had its only lead of the night, 6-0.

The Riders were then shut out until the middle of the final quarter when Olcott completed the most exciting play of the night — an 82-yard return of the kickoff. There was 5:01 showing after that score, capped by Weisenberger's conversion that made it 26-14.

The Trojans then made no move to pick up the WR kickoff and a Rider recovered it with no problem. The visitors took it in for their second consecutive score with 2:20 left on Weisenberger's five-yard run. When the conversion run failed, WR was still down 26-20.

The Riders' chances for their second win of the season were snuffed when South Central maintained control of the ball in the closing seconds and Useton snared the clinching TD pass.

South Central head coach Ron Minard sighed with relief. "It feels good to win again. We thought we had some plays that would go for us, but it took a long time to get them started."

"One thing that helped is that Randy Garner had his best game of the season for us," Minard continued. "Also, our option plays ran well for us."

Minard praised his defensive backfield of Useton, Jack Ratliff, Ebinger and Joe Jacobs for cutting off the WR passing game. He also had kind words for WR's Tim Weisenberger and Dave Lee.

	SC	WR		
First Downs Rushing	9	10		
First Downs Passing	6	0		
First Downs Penalties	0	1		
Total First Downs	15	11		
Passes Attempted	11	6		
Passes Completed	6	2		
Passes Intercepted By	0	0		
Net Yards Rushing	159	177		
Net Yards Passing	137	27		
Punts-Average	3-38	3-38		
Fumbles	0	3		
Fumbles Lost	0	1		
Penalties-Yards	7-55	5-45		
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
SC	0	0	19	13-32
WR	6	0	0	14-20

Tiffin, Bellevue Gain NOL Lead With Shutouts

Tiffin Columbian and Bellevue took over first place in the Northern Ohio League with shutout victories Friday night. Both teams improved their records to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the loop.

Columbian jumped to a 21-0 halftime lead over Shelby (4-3, 3-2), and that's the way the contest ended. The shutout was the fourth straight by the Tornados. The only team to score against them in NOL action was Norwalk which beat the Tornados 12-7.

Mike Wagner scored at 7:45 of the first period, and Chuck Riser's placement made it 7-0. The winners scored twice in 15 seconds in the second period. Steve Fawcett scored from two yards out at 4:25, and seconds later Dale Gottfried hauled in a 16-yard scoring pass from Riser. Riser booted both PAT's. The last score was set up when Shelby failed to cover the ball on a kickoff, and Tiffin recovered.

Columbian rushed for 142 yards and passed for 58 for a total of 200 yards. The Tornado defense limited Shelby to just 83 total yards. Both teams lost two fumbles.

Bellevue demolished Bucyrus (5-2, 3-2) with 36 points in the second half in a 49-0 rout. Bellevue lost five of five fumbles, and Bucyrus four of six in the mistake-filled contest.

Keith Eisenhauer tallied on a one-yard run in the first period, and Tom Lepley on a seven-yarder in the second quarter, for a 13-0 lead at the half.

Lepley broke off an 18-yard run and Eisenhauer bulled over from the one in the third period, to make the score 27-0 entering the final period. In the final 12 minutes, quarterback Kip Loudenslagel scored on a one-yard run, Joe Baptista on a 44-yard run with a fumble and Terry Hartley on a 10-yard run.

	Bellevue	totalled	28
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First Downs Rushing	15		
First Downs Passing	1		
First Downs Penalties	0		
Total First Downs	16		
Passes Attempted	4		
Passes Completed	3		
Passes Intercepted By	3		
Net Yards Rushing	256		
Net Yards Passing	29		
Fumbles	5		
Fumbles Lost	5		

Bellevue totaled 285 yards, including 256 on the ground. The hosts limited Bucyrus to just 75 yards rushing and 126 yards total. The losers hit on just four of 23 passes and had three intercepted.

In upcoming NOL action Friday, Bellevue hosts Willard, Tiffin Columbian visits Bucyrus, Norwalk hosts Shelby and Upper Sandusky travels to Galion.

	Be.	Bu.	TC	S
First Downs Rushing	15	5	7	6
First Downs Passing	1	3	2	1
First Downs Penalties	0	0	1	1
Total First Downs	16	8	10	8
Passes Attempted	4	23	8	14
Passes Completed	3	4	2	3
Passes Intercepted By	3	0	0	1
Net Yards Rushing	256	75	142	32
Net Yards Passing	29	51	58	51
Fumbles	5	6	3	3
Fumbles Lost	4	5	2	2
Penalties-Yards	8-73	7-68	7-68	7-68
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Bellevue	7	6	14	22-49
Bucyrus	0	0	0	0-0

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2	First Downs Passing 2
3	First Downs Penalties 1
4	Total First Downs 10
5	Passes Attempted 8
6	Passes Completed 2
7	Passes Intercepted By 0
8	Net Yards Rushing 142
9	Net Yards Passing 58
10	Fumbles 3
11	Fumbles Lost 2
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WILLARD'S DAVE CARMEAN (22) STRAINS FOR YARDAGE
The Tailback Led Flashes' Effort By Gaining 50 Yards