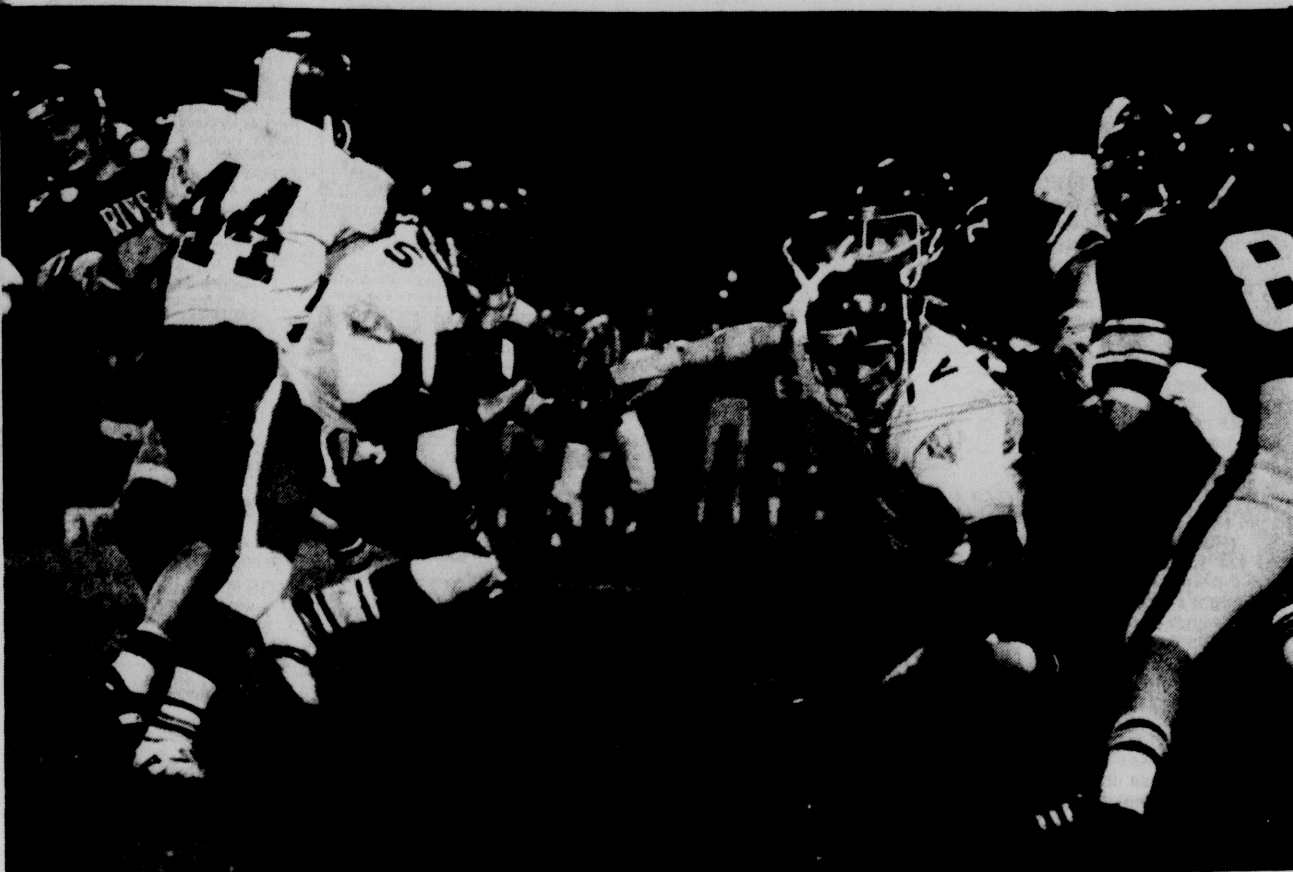




Virgil Varoom

New London halfback Virgil Harris (5) is just about to turn on the jets as blockers John Kruki (44) and John Scheerer (72) clear the way. Harris picked up 243

yards in 17 carries as the Cats handled Black River, 30-0, to stay atop the Firelands Conference. (Photo by Paul Stafford)

Rip River 30-0



Slant Right

New London Coach Paul Nestor tells messenger flanker Floyd Murr what he wants called on the next play. His play calling was apparently right as the

Cats rolled up 314 yards on the ground and 66 in the air in crushing Black River. (Photo by Paul Stafford)

Harris, Wildcats Stay On Top

By DON HOHLER
Reflector Sports Writer

SULLIVAN — New London tailback Virgil Harris had just got in a lot of exercise against Black River prior to Friday night.

He had never scored against the defending state Class A champions even though he gained 152 yards against them last year as his club lost a 28-0 decision. It was a pure fun for the speedy senior last night though as he gained 243 yards in 17 carries to lead the Wildcats to a 30-0 victory.

The win was an important one as it kept the Cats out front in the tight Firelands Conference race no matter what happens this evening. Monroeville is at St. Paul and Western Reserve is under the arcs at Edison.

But Harris was unquestionably the star of coach Paul Nestor's production as he scored on runs of 62 and 68 yards in the first 10 minutes of the game to stake the Cats to a lead which was never really threatened. The winners added another score late in the second period and then put it on ice with another in the third period.

"We made the big plays and that was the difference," explained a jubilant Nestor after he led cheers for the "B-A-N-D, L-I-N-E, B-A-C-K-S and T-E-A-M." "Virgil did a nice job but credit other people who in some cases were at strange positions tonight because of injuries."

"The only area that was questionable tonight was the

middle of our line. Black River had some success there but we got a good job from our people in the secondary.

"The team did not look to me like they were ready to play football tonight. But it was not a bad performance against a real good ball club. The only difference I could see was our speed," Nestor added.

Harris gave his team the lead the third time he handled the ball. He ran left, dipped inside tackle, and headed for Black River bench, beating the Pirate defensive halfback to the corner. It was no contest in the foot race for the final 40 yards of a 62 yard run. His foot then made it 7-0 with 6:53 left in the first quarter.

Black River then ran six plays after the kickoff before punting to New London's 32. Harris got the call, this time using his patented sweep to the right. People only slapped at him on this run, one that covered 68 yards. Again he pumped the extra point through making it a 14-0 game.

Turnovers were the order of the day for the next six minutes with the Cats miffing a golden opportunity to make it a three touchdown lead later in the quarter. Ken Cline went high to pilfer a Mike Nestor pass inside the Black River 10.

But New London got their third score late in the second period. The march covered 54 yards with Harris getting exactly half of it on the second play. The payoff came four plays later when ever-improving tight end Brian Byron snagged a 14 yard pass in heavy traffic over the middle and took it and a Black River defender into the end zone. Fullback

John Kruki rammed over for the extra points with just 31 seconds left in the first half to make it 22-0.

The Cats quickly added to their lead in the third quarter, scoring on their second possession after Dave Ruggles recovered a Black River fumble on Cats' 43.

There were several key plays on the drive, one being a gutsy fourth and one call near midfield. Nestor got a 14-yard aerial to Byron on this play. Four plays later Harris was thought to have scored from the 14 but a holding penalty nullified a fine effort. Nestor again used the pass as his trump card, this time hitting split end Kirk Saunders on a sideline pattern at the seven. Harris was repulsed at the one on the next play and looked for and thrown back again on the next call. There was no stopping Kruki on the next play or on the extra point effort as the Cats closed out the scoring.

GAME NOTES — The question at halftime was how many yards did Harris have? The answer was 166 in six carries. That figures out to a little over 27 yards per carry. His game average was 14 yards per call....His running partner, fullback John Kruki, had 33 tough yards in nine attempts. He went out in the fourth quarter with an ankle sprain. It is not believed serious enough to keep him out of the Mapleton game next week....Quarterback Mike Nestor, despite being just 5-foot-6, has no trouble getting the passes away. In fact one has to go a long ways to find a more accurate passer. He was six of 14 Friday night, no earth-shattering percentage, but many just missed by scant inches.

Trucker Golfers Columbus Bound

FINDLAY — Norwalk's first venture into a district golf tournament was a smashing success Friday as the Trucker's qualified for the state tournament next week for the first time in the school's history.

Led by Curt Everman's 75, the Trucker's finished second to Eastwood on the Hillcrest Golf Course and will now advance to the state tourney next weekend at Ohio State University.

Norwalk fired a 3254 as a team, one stroke behind Eastwood's total of 324. Everman tied with Eastwood's Randy Gardner for medalist honors. But the Trucker senior broke that deadlock on the third hole of a sudden death playoff.

Only the top two teams from the district tournament advance to the state competition.

Other scores for Norwalk included Bob Warner and George Peckham's 82, Tom Albright's 86 and Clark Rapalee's 87.

"We're very pleased to be going to Columbus," Norwalk coach Jerry Emmons said. "But at the same time we're disappointed not to be district champions. Our failure to concentrate at a few crucial moments was the difference between first and second place," Emmons added.

Perkins finished third, two strokes behind Norwalk while Woodmore was one shot further back in fourth spot.

The Trucker's will compete for the state title Friday and Saturday on OSU's Scarlet Course with nine other teams.

Trojans Explode

GREENWICH — Rod Stevenson exploded for three touchdowns and Chris Howard added two as South Central rolled over winless Mapleton 40-12 in a Firelands Conference game Friday night.

Jim Wargo vut the Mounties on top with a two yard run early in the first quarter.

Howard then scored his first touchdown when he scampered 58 yards. Stevenson ran over the two point conversion, and South Central led 8-0.

Mapleton came right back to recapture the lead when Pat Newell blasted over from one yard out.

The Trojans added a second quarter score when Stevenson ran 20 yards into the end zone.

In the third quarter, South Central put the game away with Howard scoring from three yards out and Stevenson racing in from 10 yards out.

The Trojans gained 400

N		S		B		W	
Total First Downs	7	11	Total First Downs	9	8		
Passes Attempted	15	10	Passes Attempted	9	12		
Passes Completed	7	3	Passes Completed	7	1		
Passes Intercepted	0	0	Passes Intercepted	0	0		
Net Yards Rushing	77	218	Net Yards Rushing	37	126		
Net Yards Passing	92	56	Net Yards Passing	87	15		
Punts-Average	8-36.2	7-37.5	Punts-Average	5-27.6	5-21.0		
Fumbles	3	23	Fumbles	1	4		
Fumbles Lost	2	0	Fumbles Lost	0	0		
Penalties	6-70	8-50	Penalties-Yards	3-24	4-58		

SCORE BY QUARTERS		SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Norwalk	0 7 0 0-7	Bellevue	7 3 0 7-17
Shelby	6 0 6 6-18	Willard	0 8 3 0-11

CL		P		B		TC	
Total First Downs	11	6	Total First Downs	11	10		
Passes Attempted	5	14	Passes Attempted	17	6		
Passes Completed	2	6	Passes Completed	6	2		
Passes Intercepted	1	1	Passes Intercepted	2	2		
Net Yards Rushing	167	44	Net Yards Rushing	152	188		
Net Yards Passing	26	91	Net Yards Passing	35	27		
Punts-Average	5-31	4-28	Punts-Average	6-28.3	6-38.3		
Fumbles	2	0	Fumbles	4	4		
Fumbles Lost	2	0	Fumbles Lost	2	2		
Penalties	4-25	2-20	Penalties-Yards	9-90	4-20		

SCORE BY QUARTERS		SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Clear Fork	0 7 0 0-13	Bucyrus	0 0 0 0-0
Plymouth	0 0 0 0-0	Tiffin	7 0 0 0-7

NL		BR		M		SC	
Total First Downs	16	10	Total First Downs	14	11		
Passes Attempted	14	12	Passes Attempted	3	4		
Passes Completed	6	4	Passes Completed	2	3		
Passes Intercepted	1	2	Passes Intercepted	3	0		
Net Yards Rushing	314	85	Net Yards Rushing	48-205	48-400		
Net Yards Passing	66	49	Net Yards Passing	19	32		
Punts-Average	14-30	3-36.9	Punts-Average	1-36.0	1-33.0		
Fumbles	1	2	Fumbles	3	2		
Fumbles Lost	1	2	Fumbles Lost	2	0		
Penalties	5	4	Penalties-Yards	2-20	7-65		

SCORE BY QUARTERS		SCORE BY QUARTERS	
New London	14 8 8 0-30	Mapleton	12 0 0 0-12
Black River	0 0 0 0-0	South Central	8 8 12 12-40

G		U	
Total First Downs	11	10	
Passes Attempted	3	6	
Passes Completed	3	6	
Passes Intercepted	2	0	
Net Yards Rushing	224	111	
Net Yards Passing	42	78	
Punts-Average	3-32.7	8-25.9	
Fumbles	1	1	
Fumbles Lost	1	1	
Penalties	4-50	4-46	

SCORE BY QUARTERS		SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Gallion	0 13 8 7-28		
Upper	0 0 6 14-14		

Scores

Friday's
Ohio High School Football Results
By United Press International
Akron Ellet 9 Akron Central-Hower 0
Akron Garfield 33 Perry 16
Akron Kenmore 8 Akersport 0
Alexander 18 Vinton County 0
Amelia 20 New Richmond 12
Archbold 37 Swanton 7 (tie)
Arlington 39 Leipsic 14
Ashland Crestview 19 Ontario 12
Ashland Cent New Philadelphia 6 (tie)
Ashtabula Edgewood 16 Geneva 15
Athens 15 Waverly 8
Austintown Fitch 10 Boardman 9
Avon 34 Columbia 7
Ayersville 41 Eden 0
Barberton 28 Cin Woodward 0
Barnesville 15 Union Local 8
Bay 21 North Olmsted 21 (tie)
Beaver Local 17 Wellsville 2
Bedford (Mich) 28 Napoleon 18
Bellevue 17 Willard 11
Belpre 20 Federal Hocking 6
Berea 7 Parma Normandy 6
Bethel 19 Twin Valley N 13
Big Walnut 9 Dublin 8
Blanchester 20 Hamilton Ross 0
Bloom Carroll 8 Millersport 0
Bluffton 20 Columbus Grove 12
Brooklyn 7 Cuyahoga Heights 0
Buckeye S 14 Shadyside 14 (tie)
Campbell Memorial 18 Howland 0
Canfield 12 Salem 0
Canton Cent Cath East Palestine 0
Canton Glen Oak 21 Ravenna 0
Cardington 48 Centerburg 0
Carey 13 Marion Pleasant 7
Carlisle 24 Northridge 0
Cedarville 14 Greenville 13
Centerville 45 Springfield S 20
Cin Aiken 8 Cin Hughes 0
Cin Elder 7 Cin St Xavier 0
Cin Moeller 35 Cin LaSalle 0
Cin Princeton 33 Cin Roger Bacon 13
Cin Wyoming 49 Harrison 0
Claymont 14 Lake 9
Clayton Northmont 24 Sidney 14
Cle Benedictine 12 Wickliffe 6
Clearview 26 Oberlin 0
Col Beechcroft 13 Col Linden 6
Col Brookhaven 28 Col North 0
Col Centennial 14 Col East 13
Col Eastmoor 22 Dayton Roth 0
Col Independence 14 Col West 13
Col Marion-Franklin 46 Col Central 6
Col Northland 27 Col Mifflin 0
Col South 13 Col Briggs 12
Col Walnut Ridge 20 Col Whetstone 11
Col Watterson 12 Franklin Hts 0
Coldwater 15 St Henry 15 (tie)
Colonel Crawford 6 Buckeye Central 0
Columbiana 19 Western Reserve 6
Conestoga 22 Ashtabula Harbor 16
Cory-Rawson 15 Pandora-Gilboa 13
Coshocton 24 Mansfield Malabar 6
Coventry 8 Hudson 8 (tie)
Crestline 17 Northland 14
Dalton 14 Hillsdale 9

Bellevue Squeaks By Willard

WILLARD — Bellevue chalked up its second Northern Ohio League win of the season Friday night, with a 17-11 victory over Willard.

Terry Miller carried a 61 yard block punt recovery to score for Bellevue in the first quarter. Roger Joseph made the extra point kick.

Joseph came through again for Bellevue in the second quarter, with a 45 yard field goal stretch the Bellevue margin to 10-0.

Willard wasn't far behind though, as

Mark Miller went three yards for a touchdown later in the second quarter. Miller ran in the point after to put Willard within two points of Bellevue, 10-8.

A 29-yard Mark Miller field goal in the third quarter put Willard ahead 11-10 going into the fourth period.

But Bellevue broke it open in the fourth when John Green carried a 17 yard pass from Tom Green into the end zone to for the winning touchdown. Joseph booted the point after to conclude the scoring.

Tiffin On Top 7-0

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian notched its first Northern Ohio League win Friday night with a 7-0 victory over Bucyrus. The Tornados scored the game's only touchdown in the first period when Jim Smith bolted over from three yards out.

John Colver added the kick and Tiffin was on top 7-0. Smith led all rushers with 126 yards in 28 carries while Kirby Martin added 70 yards in 16 carries to the Tornados' attack.

Scott Pensiger was Bucyrus' leading ground gainer with 84 yards in 19 attempts.

Bucyrus, now 1-3 in the NOL, was plagued by four fumbles, two pass interceptions and 90 yards in penalties.

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