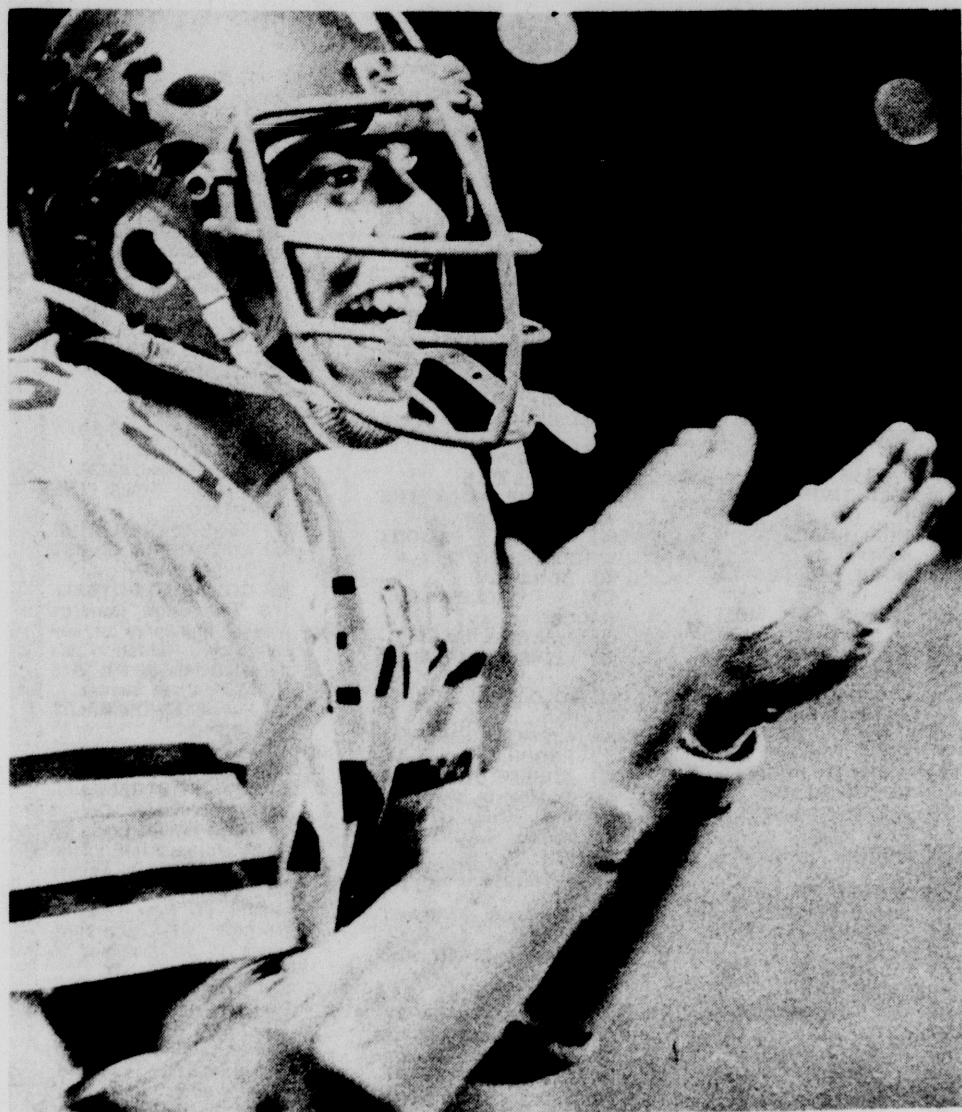




Yeah Team

Jerry Tubbs is all smiles Friday night after his teammates successfully executed an onside kick against Tiffin Columbian. (Reflector Photo by Paul Stafford)



Circus Catch

Norwalk's Paul Hinckley puts both his eyes and his hand on a Wes Douglas pass Friday night. Hinckley made a juggling catch of Douglas' 19 yard pass for a second quarter touchdown. (Reflector Photo by Paul Stafford)

Cavs Lose Second Straight

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (UPI) — By playing less and scoring more, Bernard King helped the New Jersey Nets turn back the Cleveland Cavaliers Friday night.

King finished with 34 points as the surprisingly tough Nets came away with a 123-108 victory.

"I played only 38 minutes of the 48 minutes," King said. "This season we have a bench that can do the job — and give myself and John Williamson a rest. That helps a lot. In fact, it was the bench which got us back in the game in the second period after they got ahead."

With Cleveland leading 32-28 at the quarter, Ed Jordan came in and restored order defensively to help the Nets to a 61-54 halftime lead.

"The Nets are for real," said Bill Fitch, the Cavaliers' coach, "They move well and played good defense, especially in the second period when they took it away from us. Kevin Loughery (the Nets' coach) has done a real fine job."

Jordan finished with 6 points and Williamson 28, playing only 32 minutes.

"I sat and rested and observed from the bench, then came in strong and with a better idea of what would work. This was my best shooting night of the year," Williamson said.

Williamson praised Loughery as a player's coach — one who took a personal interest in his players not just as basketball players.

"I hope to finish my career with Kevin," said John, who was traded to Indiana last year, but then returned to the Nets and Loughery in mid-year. "He is flamboyant and fires up his players and gets more out of them."

Eric Money had 15 for New Jersey with Winford Boynes throwing in 14. For Cleveland, Jim Chones scored 28 and Campy Russell 27, 17 coming in the first half.

Chones, who played under Loughery with the old New York Nets of the ABA, said: "They whipped us good, Loughery is the same coach he was before, and he runs a good bench. They have better depth this year — and I think New Jersey is much

improved."

The 15-point margin of victory was the largest for the Nets this year. Their previous four triumphs came as a result of three two-point wins, and one four-point decision.

"It was a laugher," said Williamson, "one that let Kevin (Loughery) relax for once."

"I never relax," Loughery said. "We won because we played good defense. Cleveland is a playoff team and we handled them pretty well. This game showed out team something about ourselves. It will help make the playoffs a possibility down the road."

"We showed we are playoff material," Williamson said.

Sonics 80 Bucks 79

Lonnie Shelton's free throw with 48 seconds left in the game gave unbeaten Seattle the victory. Milwaukee had a chance to win it with three seconds left, but Quinn Buckner's jumper from 18 feet bounced away. Milwaukee's Marques Johnson, the NBA's leading scorer, hit a game-high 32 points.

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Tiffin Tops Truckers

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TIFFIN — Even having the head man upstairs on its side didn't stop Norwalk from dropping a 34-22 Northern Ohio League football game to Tiffin Columbian Friday night.

For the first time in his coaching career, Norwalk head coach Bob Hart directed the Truckers on the telephone from the press box in an attempt to snap a two-game losing streak.

"We had to try something different," Hart said of his move upstairs.

But nothing different evolved as the Truckers dropped their third straight contest while Tiffin was rolling to its third straight victory.

Tiffin tailback Jim Smith helped make the view on high miserable for Hart, not to mention making life difficult for the Truckers on the ground.

The speedy, 5-foot-10, 155-pound junior gutted Norwalk's defense for 190 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

"We think we have one of the best backs in the league," Tiffin coach Ron Carmon noted of his tailback. "We didn't plan on using him that much, but Norwalk did a darn nice job of stopping our passing game," Carmon added.

Smith propelled the Tornadoes into a 14-6 halftime lead by scoring on runs of four and one yards in the first half.

But Norwalk's Wes Douglas directed the Truckers on a 62 yard scoring drive in the second quarter. The march was highlighted by Paul Hinckley's circus catch of a Douglas pass in the end zone from 19 yards out. Hinckley's catch was the Truckers only score of the first half.

Norwalk was plagued again by fumbles and interceptions, as Larry Leibold lost the ball on the Tornadoes' 30 to kill a first quarter drive. Leibold also fumbled on the Norwalk 20 midway in the second quarter and Tiffin took advantage and went in for its second touchdown of the game.

Hart must have received some guidance from above in the press box, as he stirred the Truckers during the halftime and Norwalk came out with

both barrels blazing to start the second half.

Deft Gary Wilde gathered in the opening kickoff at his own 10 to start the final two quarters.

Wilde raced straight up the field, gave a fake left at the 30 and then turned on the afterburners to outdistance the Tornadoes to the goal line.

Wilde's 90 yard return made it 14-12, and Douglas' conversion pass to Craig Colvin tied the count at 14-14.

The Truckers were just beginning, however.

Norwalk's Joe Nickoli, who played an inspired game on defense, then pounced on the onside kick following Wilde's romp, giving Norwalk the ball at the 50 yard line.

"I was worried about us breaking after that onside kick," Carmon recalled. "But our defense held and we went right back and scored," he added.

The Tornadoes' defense didn't hold until Douglas and Leibold guided the Truckers to the Tiffin 30. But Douglas was sacked on a second down pass attempt and on third down, Douglas tried to find Colvin along the left side line. But Tim Grimes made a last instant deflection to thwart the pass attempt.

Tiffin failed to move on its next possession and punted the ball right back to the Truckers.

Norwalk also couldn't move when it had the ball. But the Tornadoes moved in on John Christopher when he tried to punt for Norwalk on a fourth down play.

Middleguard Mark Wahl roared in and blocked Christopher's punt and recovered the ball at the Norwalk 40.

Combining the gutsy running of fullback Kirby Martin with the continued fine effort of Smith, quarterback Eric Gosche directed the Tornadoes into the end zone in seven plays with Smith slamming over from the two.

John Culver's kick missed and it was 20-14.

The Truckers came right back and drove to the Tiffin 18 on their next possession. But on a fourth and sixth play, Douglas missed Colvin with a pass and the Tornadoes took over.

Tiffin marched to the Truckers 34 where they had a first and 10. But Nickoli ravaged Smith with

the game's hardest hit on one running play. On fourth down from the Norwalk 28, Nickoli again greeted Smith well short of the first down giving Norwalk the ball back with 3:40 remaining.

But Douglas didn't connect on his passing game and Norwalk had to punt with 2:49 remaining.

Or so it seemed they would punt. The Truckers called a timeout and Tiffin realized what was going on.

The snap went to Hinckley who lofted a pass to Craig Colvin. Only the pass never got there and Steve Hunter picked it off for Tiffin and romped into the end zone from 30 yards out.

A clipping penalty wiped out that touchdown, but not for long. A series of penalties moved Tiffin back to its 40. Gosche pitched late to Smith and Hinckley nearly picked it off for Norwalk with nothing but green grass ahead of him. But Smith gathered in the ball and romped 40 yards around left end for the clinching touchdown with 1:59 remaining.

Tiffin added another score on Charlie Hill's twisting 40 yard interception return with 46 seconds remaining.

Douglas cranked up the Truckers one last time and guided them 58 yards with a 38 yard pass to John Christopher and a 10 yard pass to Wilde netting the touchdown.

"We couldn't get things together," Hart said of the Truckers' fifth loss of the season.

"We had far too many penalties. Tiffin played it straight and never used the passing game," he added.

Carmon explained how he attacked the Norwalk defense. "I used to coach the four-four defense and we know how to attack it. We put our down tackles against their tackles and our guards went where our tackles normally play," he explained.

The press box wasn't the answer for Hart and the Truckers who dropped their third straight game for the first time since 1972. "It was a strange place. Since we didn't win I'll be back on the field next week. We have one more shot," Hart added.

Late Field Goal Lifts Shelby

WILLARD — Shelby turned back a sterling effort by Willard and went on to post a narrow 9-6 Northern Ohio League win over the Flashes Friday night.

Mark Miller's 23 yard field goal midway through the third quarter pulled the upset-minded Flashes into a 6-6 tie with the Whippets.

But Steve Arnold booted through a 24-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter to give Shelby the win.

Miller booted Willard to a 3-0 halftime lead when he popped through a 22 yard field goal. But John Armstrong scored on a 12-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to set the stage for the fourth quarter exchange of field goals.

Shelby is 5-1 in the NOL while Willard is 2-4.

Rams Shock Bellevue 7-3

UPPER SANDUSKY — The Upper Sandusky Rams made Russ Young's 48 yard interception return in the first quarter stand up and went on to defeat Bellevue 7-3 in a Northern Ohio League game Friday night.

Young returned an errant Bellevue pass 48 yards into the end zone in the first quarter and Eric Swihart booted the extra point to make it 7-0 in favor of the Rams.

Bellevue's only points came on Roger Joseph's 39 yard field goal in the second quarter.

Neither team mounted much of a rushing threat with Upper Sandusky running for only 64 yards while the Redmen gained 83 yards rushing.

Bellevue hit on 11 of 23 passes for 128 yards but it wasn't enough to prevent the Redmen from falling to 2-4 in the NOL.

Upper Sandusky is also 2-4 in league play.

VOLLEYBALL			Holman's Gems		
Norwalk Furniture	15	8	3	15	16
Bob Pugh Motors	8	15	15	15	16
Maple Tree Lounge	9	1	15	6	2
Citizen's Nat'l Bank	15	15	10	15	15
Norwalk	15	12	15	11	3
Bleile's	0	19	7	15	15
Rench Diversified	10	15	15	16	15
Wasiak Const.	15	6	8	14	10
Mike Myers Realty	15	15	15	15	15
Continental Cable	7	7	17	11	3

SCOREBOARD

	NL	WR	Total First Downs	P	L
Total First Downs	13	7	5	5	26
Passes Attempted	6	10	8	9	9
Passes Completed	1	3	0	7	7
Passes Intercepted	1	0	1	2	2
Net Yards Rushing	314	38	48	262	262
Net Yards Passing	13	32	0	172	172
Punts-Average	3-29	4-42	3	2	2
Fumbles	2	5	3	2	2
Fumbles Lost	2	3	15-15	15-15	15-15
Penalties-Yards	4-50	3-18	0	0	0
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
New London	6	0	0	0	0
Western Res.	0	0	0	0	0

	G	B	Total First Downs	N	TC
Total First Downs	15	9	11	15	15
Passes Attempted	15	18	17	4	4
Passes Completed	6	10	6	2	2
Passes Intercepted	2	0	3	0	0
Net Yards Rushing	146	139	101	218	218
Net Yards Passing	109	114	141	22	22
Punts-Average	2-40.5	4-36.8	1-41	3-27	3-27
Fumbles	1	3	2	3	3
Fumbles Lost	1	1	2	1	1
Penalties-Yards	11-109	11-102	13-70	4-45	4-45
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Galion	10	0	0	0	0
Bucyrus	0	0	15	6-21	6-21

	BR	M	Total First Downs	S	W
Total First Downs	7	10	17	11	11
Passes Attempted	10	14	11	7	7
Passes Completed	4	6	5	3	3
Passes Intercepted	3	0	1	1	1
Net Yards Rushing	87	146	191	170	170
Net Yards Passing	24	93	59	45	45
Punts-Average	3-37	3-26	1	3	3
Fumbles	3	3	0	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	3	0	1	1
Penalties-Yards	8-60	8-60	3-35	5-35	5-35
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Black River	0	0	0	0	0
Monroeville	3	0	0	13-16	13-16

	SC	SP	Total First Downs	B	US
Total First Downs	15	7	12	1	1
Passes Attempted	6	12	23	2	2
Passes Completed	1	2	11	0	0
Passes Intercepted	3	2	1	0	0
Net Yards Rushing	317	91	83	64	64
Net Yards Passing	36	18	128	0	0
Punts-Average	4	1	3	2	2
Fumbles	0	6-23.1	2	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	0	2-20	2-30	2-30
Penalties-Yards	7	5	0	3	0
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
South Central	6	8	0	0	0
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