

A team effort

Whippets clobber Bucyrus as five players score in 33-0 victory

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It took five games, but the Shelby Whippets finally put everything together. During their first five games, the Whippets showed signs of being a very good football team, but they had trouble putting everything together at once. If the defense was playing well, the offense would falter. If the offense got going, the defense would ease up. But Friday night at W. W. Skiles Field before a Homecoming night crowd, everything gelled and the Whippets crushed Bucyrus, 33-0, in a Northern Ohio League game.

The five touchdowns were scored by five different players. Two Shelby runners, Bruce Fellure and John Lewis ran for over 100 yards.

The Shelby victory gives the Whippets a perfect 3-0 Northern Ohio League mark, leaving them tied for the NOL lead with Galion. Shelby's overall mark is 5-1. Bucyrus, on the other hand, slipped to 0-3 in NOL play and 1-5 overall.

Five touchdowns are great, but don't overlook the Shelby defense who racked up their second shutout of the season.

"The defense did a superb job," said Shelby defensive coordinator Ron Stepis.

"We had kids moving in and out of there, all night who did a super job."

The Shelby defense gave up only 136 total yards to Bucyrus, 32 via the run and 104 through the air.

The Whippet offensive machine, meanwhile, was churning out 383 yards. Pat Rose threw three completions for 89 yards while Shelby runners ground-out 294 yards.

Shelby got on the board in the first quarter on a two yard run by Bob Stidam at 3:44. The plunge capped a 12-play, 69-yard drive that included a 16-yard pass to John Johnson and a pair of eight yard runs by Lewis. Tom Moore's extra point attempt was wide to the left.

Bucyrus managed to get a first down on their next series, but were forced to punt. Shelby took over on their 22-yard line. Lewis broke free for 14 yards, but was tripped up by Jeff Gabriel, the last tackler between Lewis and six points. Lewis bulled to midfield on the next play, then Pat Rose hit Joel Hall for a 50-yard scoring strike. Moore's extra point was good and Shelby held a 13-0 lead.

Don Strine intercepted a third down pass at the Bucyrus 17-yard line which set up Shelby's third touchdown two minutes later.

Fellure gained eight yards, then Lewis dragged two Redmen defenders with him into the endzone to give Shelby a 20-0 half-time lead.



BRUCE FELLURE
105 yards, touchdown

RICK HOPTON
Whippet linebacker

Bucyrus had threatened only once in the game the first time they had the ball they moved to the 28-yard line of Shelby. After that, the nearest to the Shelby goal line they moved was to the Shelby 48-yard line.

After trading punts opening the third quarter, Shelby scored their fourth touchdown. The drive started at the Shelby nine-yard line. After Lewis gained a couple of yards, Fellure broke through right tackle for 44 yards. The next play Fellure ran for eight more through the confused Redman defense.

Rose completed a perfect pass, under pressure, to Johnson up the middle for 21 yards. Three plays later, Rose scored on a five-yard run, giving the Whippets a 26-0 lead.

The final score came after Bucyrus, apparently attempting a punt, had to run the ball to the sideline because of a low snap. The Whippets took over at their own 46-yard line. Fellure again broke through for the big gainer, racking up 20 yards. Lewis broke 50 tackles on the next play, gaining a hard-earned 12 yards.

Fellure eventually scored on a three yard run after taking a pitchout from Rose.

Moore tackled on the extra point and Shelby was finished scoring for the night.

"This was our best offensive night of the year," said Shelby Coach Bill Varble. "Pat (Rose) had a good night; he had some good reads on the options. We hit Bucyrus with our best offensive show of the year and did a good job."

Varble added the Shelby secondary did a credible job containing the passing of quarterback Jeff Klingenberg.

Beside the two 100-yard rushers, Doug DeVito had 31 yards in five carries, Tom Moore had 14 yards on two carries from his quarterback spot in the fourth period; Rose had 18 yards on three carries and Stidam had 15 yards on five carries.

John Johnson caught two passes for 38 yards while Hall had his one touchdown pass.

Brad Notheracker punted twice for 89 yards and Moore booted the three extra points.

Leading tacklers for Shelby were Tim Swanger with seven, Scott Garverick with six and six more Whippet defenders with five each.

"We had the option game going for us," said Shelby offensive coordinator Roger Ebersole. "When we passed, Pat was effective. Ed Willman and Russ Payne did a good job executing in the line. They really did some good blocking."

Ebersole said Shelby got good all-around blocking, including ends Johnson and Scott Lysinger.

"This game is much more fun when you can score a lot of points," Ebersole said. "It takes pressure off the defense. Now that we've put both together, we've got to keep it in gear, especially with Tiffin coming up."

Stepis mentioned Rick Hopton and Julius Mahon as contributing quite a bit to the defensive effort.

"When kids come in and do a good job like that, it gives you a lot of options you can do on defense," Stepis said. "Tiffin will put us to the test. We'll be trying to stop one of the best backfields in the league."

The Whippets face the Tiffin-Columbian Tornadoes next week on the road in another crucial NOL test.

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| SHELBY | 6 | 14 | 6 | 7 | —33 |
| BUCYRUS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | —0 |

SHS — Bob Stidam two-yard run (kick wide)

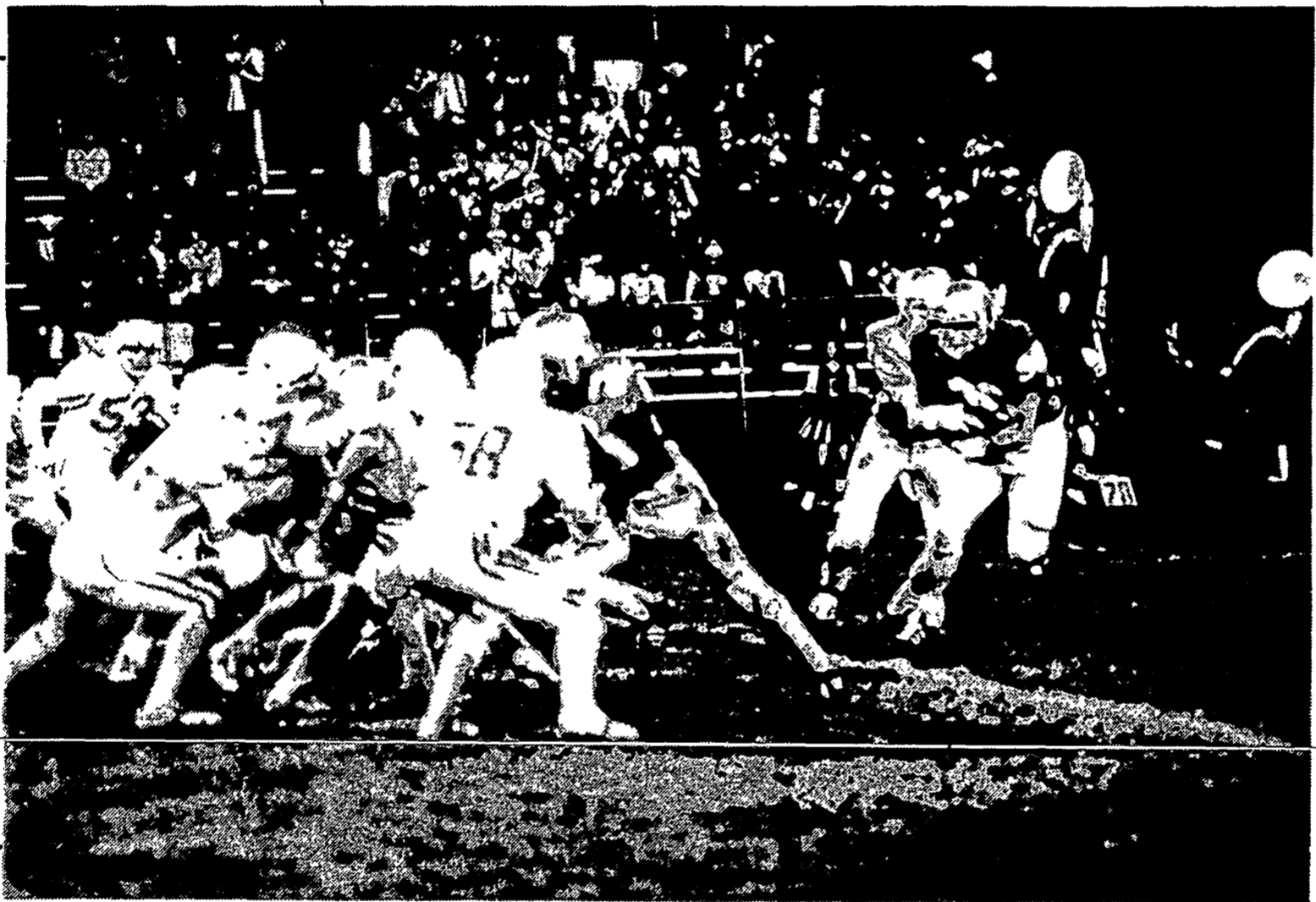
SHS — Joel Hall 50-yard pass from Pat Rose (Tom Moore kick)

SHS — John Lewis six-yard run (Moore kick)

SHS — Rose five-yard run (kick wide)

SHS — Bruce Fellure three yard run (Moore kick)

HANDOFF TO LEWIS — Whippet quarterback Pat Rose hands the football to John Lewis as the fullback tore up the field rushing for 100 yards against Bucyrus. Wingback Bruce Fellure also passed the century mark in rushing in the 33-0 shutout game.



SHS golfers win sectional

MANSFIELD — The Shelby Senior High School golf team continued on with their incredible season by winning the Class AA sectional at Possum Run Golf Course by 16 strokes over their nearest competitor, Norwalk.

Amazingly, all five of Shelby's golfers broke 80, as the Whippets total was 295.

Jamie Elliott shot a 37-34-71 while Jim Widdig carded a 38-33-71. Kevin Hale had a 36-40-76; Scott Chase shot 40-37-77 and Doug Ingram carded a 38-40-78 which did not count in the final scoring.

Elliott and Widdig were the medalists in the meet, three strokes ahead of Norwalk's Tom Albright.

Norwalk finished second in the meet, with a 311.

Both Shelby and Norwalk will advance to district play next weekend in Findlay.

"Anytime you break 300 in a tournament like this you're doing fantastic," said Shelby Coach Ken Terman. "If they shoot like that in the District they'll win it."

Following Shelby and Norwalk were Huron with 319, Willard at 326; Ontario at 340; Bucyrus at 367; Colonel Crawford at 374; Edison at 375; Clear Fork at 381 and Wynford with 388.

NOL roundup

Upper stops tiffin, 16-7

The third week of Northern Ohio League action produced two shutouts, one mild surprise and one expected result in Friday night action. While Shelby was shutting out Bucyrus, 33-0 and Willard was blasting Norwalk, 38-0, Upper Sandusky was handling Tiffin-Columbian, 16-7. As expected, Galion continued on their defense of the NOL crown with a 28-13 victory over Bellevue.

Upper 16, Tiffin-Columbian 7
Upper Sandusky completed eight of 10 passes for 135 yards and gained 142 more on the ground while Tiffin gained only 151 total yards. Upper scored first on a three-yard run by Steve Lamont. Tony Turley added a 32-yard field goal in the second period. Tiffin scored on a 35-yard fumble recovery return by Scott LeCrane in the third quarter. Upper's final score came on a four-yard run by Turley.

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| TIFFIN | 0 | 0 | 7 | —7 |
| UPPER | 0 | 10 | 0 | —16 |

Willard 38, Norwalk 0
Mark Miller scored four touchdowns, one on a 46-yard punt return and another on a 70-yard punt return to pace the Flashes. Gary Shreve scored another touchdown on a 53-yard interception return.

Willard had 251 total yards to Norwalk's 176. Miller gained 126 yards on 17 carries.

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| WILLARD | 8 | 8 | 0 | 22 | —38 |
| NORWALK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | —0 |

Galion 28, Bellevue 13
Galion gained 309 total yards in routing the Redmen. Jack Shuck scored two touchdowns, one on a 15-yard pass from Steve Kleinknecht and the other a one-yard run to pace the defending NOL champions. Jim Householder and Dave Agee scored the other Galion TDs on short plunges.

Bellevue's Bill Nasonti threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter. Nasonti also passed for 120 yards on 12 of 16 attempts.

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| BELLEVUE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | —13 |
| GALION | 0 | 14 | 7 | 7 | —28 |

Crestview tops Big Red, 39-6

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth Big Red held off Crestview for one quarter Friday night in a Black-fork Valley Conference game but the Cougars exploded for 24 second-quarter points and went on to score a 39-6 victory over Plymouth.

Plymouth gained 157 total yards, 100 on the ground and 57 through the air. Plymouth completed two passes out of 14 attempts. Scott Harris and Rich Ganzhorn were the recipients of the passes.

Big Red's lone touchdown was scored by senior Gary Blankenship in the final quarter on a two yard run.

Crestview intercepted three Big Red passes and capitalized on a couple of Plymouth fumbles.

Scott Pruner had a 100-yard night for the Cougars, running in a couple of touchdowns. The passing combination of Chronister to Stempert also proved effective.

Plymouth's record falls to 0-6 while Crestview has won two games in a row and stands at 2-4.

Plymouth is in action next week at Seneca East in a non-league game.

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| CRESTVIEW | 0 | 24 | 8 | 7 | —39 |
| PLYMOUTH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | —6 |

NOL standings

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| SHELBY | 3-0-0 | 5-1-0 | Mansfield Malabar 14, Ashland 13 |
| Galion | 3-0-0 | 5-1-0 | Mapleton 23, Monroeville 13 |
| Willard | 2-0-1 | 3-2-1 | Napoleon 20, Sylvania Northview 7 |
| Upper | 2-1-0 | 4-1-1 | Norwalk St. Paul 0, Collins-Rsv. 0 (tie) |
| Bellevue | 1-2-1 | 1-5-0 | Ontario 7, Lexington 0 |
| Tiffin | 0-2-1 | 1-4-1 | Ridgedale 6, Marion Pleasant 6 |
| Bucyrus | 0-3-0 | 1-5-0 | |
| Norwalk | 0-3-0 | 1-5-0 | |

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

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| SHELBY 33, Bucyrus 0 |
| Upper 16, Tiffin 7 |
| Willard 38, Norwalk 0 |
| Galion 28, Bellevue 13 |
| Cardington 35, Centerburg 6 |
| Carey 27, Riverdale 0 |
| Colonel Crawford 7, Marion Elgin 6 |
| Crestline 22, Galion Northmor 0 |
| Dover 12, Wooster 10 |
| East Knox 28, Miller 0 |
| Elyria 14, Lorain Admiral King 0 |
| Fostoria 14, Lima Shawnee 5 |
| Huron 8, Port Clinton 3 |
| Lorain Clearview 20, Midview 8 |

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Baseball

Pirates enter series after clean sweep over Reds

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — The Pittsburgh Pirates knew they were going to clinch the National League pennant Friday night before they even took the field for what became a 7-1 series-winning victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

And everybody who saw them in their clubhouse before the game knew that they knew. The only unanswered question was whether their first World Series appearance since 1971 would be against Baltimore or California.

Dave Parker arrived at Three Rivers Stadium wearing a black T-shirt with gold and white lettering that spelled out the message "Pittsburgh Pirates, 1979 National League Champions." He left it on as an undershirt when he changed into his uniform.

Kent Tekulve squatted in front of a portable television on the floor near his locker to watch his wife Linda being interviewed on a news program.

Matt Alexander gave a couple of haircuts on a stool behind the clubhouse picnic table, where some players played cards with friends. A few feet away, four other players were deeply involved in a game of backgammon.

There was no need for them to meditate or talk strategy or deliver pep talks. They were ready to play — and to win.

"Yeah, we knew, we were confident," third baseman Bill Madlock said after the game, during which he contributed a solo homer and some stellar defensive plays. "I think

everybody felt that way. We knew if you give them an inch, they'll take a mile. We had to do it. We had the two-game lead and we had to finish them off."

Cincinnati manager John McNamara must have sensed before the game that the Pirates were preparing to move in for a quick kill. He had veteran Fred Norman warming up in the Reds' bullpen even before young starter Mike LaCoss ever took the mound.

"I had Norman warming up in the bullpen early because we

entered the game down 2-0 and we couldn't take chances out there," McNamara said.

McNamara's instincts were good, but his remedy wasn't enough. By the time Norman came in with two out in the bottom of the second, the Pirates already had scratched together a 2-0 lead on just one hit, four walks and sacrifice flies by Parker and Tim Lincecum — all the runs they needed to win on Bert Blyleven's nifty seventh-inning, nine-strikeout, complete-game performance.

Only Johnny Bench's one-out,

sixth-inning solo homer prevented Blyleven from notching a shutout.

The Pirates, however, continued to pour on the offense the rest of the way, scoring two runs in both the third and fourth innings and another in the eighth.

McNamara conceded after the game there probably was nothing he could have done to prevent the Pirates from taking their first pennant in four NL championship series with the Reds.

"We started to have trouble

scoring runs in the middle of September," McNamara said. And the troubles the Reds had scoring against their NL West opponents were mere trifles compared to what they experienced against the pitchers the Pirates used in the three games.

The Pirates, meanwhile, had everything going for them — including a hot Willie Stargell, who drove in three runs with a homer and a two-run double Friday night to finish the three-game series as the unanimously chosen Most Valuable Player.

Angels rally in the ninth to stay alive

ANAHEIM, Calif. (UPI) — Moments before the start of the game, former president Richard Nixon leaned out of his private Anaheim Stadium box and draped a banner reading "Never Give Up."

The California Angels took his advice.

Larry Harlow's ninth-inning double scored Brian Downing with the winning run Friday night when the Angels, two outs away from elimination, scored two runs in the final inning for a 4-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in the third game of the American League playoffs.

The Orioles lead the best-of-five series 2-1. The fourth game

was slated for today at 3:15 p.m. EDT with Scott McGregor, 13-6 during the regular season, facing California's Chris Knapp, 5-5.

Angels' Manager Jim Fregosi was one who never gave up.

Asked after the game what he told his players at the start of the ninth inning, Fregosi smiled and said, "I told them to score two runs."

The Angels, playing in their first post-season series ever, are attempting to become the first team in the 11-year history of league playoffs to come back from a 2-0 game deficit to win a league series. "Up until Friday's ninth inning, things

looked bleak. But Fregosi said he never lost faith in his team and whatever it does doesn't surprise him. It surprised a lot of other people, though.

With the Angels trailing 3-2, Rod Carew doubled to left-center off Baltimore starter Dennis Martinez with one out in the ninth. Reliever Don Stanhouse then came in and walked Downing on a 3-2 pitch. Bobby Grich hit a liner to Al Bumbry in centerfield that was dropped for an error, allowing Carew to score the tying run. Harlow followed with his game-winning double.

Carew broke for third at the

crack of the bat on Grich's line drive, and would have easily been doubled at second had Bumbry held on to the ball.

"The ball was knee-high," a dejected Bumbry explained. "I should have caught it. I took my eye off it at the last second."

I wasn't thinking about the doubleplay. I just wanted to catch the damn ball.

"I know my teammates don't blame me. No one even thought I'd get to the ball. I'll get a good night's sleep. I tried my best."