

Shelby wins second straight game

Whippet defense scores twice in 22-8 victory

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The Shelby Whippets were determined to put points on the board Friday night but the offense just wasn't doing the job. So the Whippet defense took over, scoring two touchdowns on interceptions then held off the Ashland Arrows for a 22-8 victory at W. W. Skiles Field.

The Shelby offense got off one good drive, but every time they seemed to be moving a costly penalty put the Whippets back.

"Chalk this win up for the defense," said Shelby Coach Bill Varble. "We were hoping we could control the ball and not rely on the defense to keep us in the game like they did the last two weeks." Varble continued. "But it was just the opposite. The defense controlled the tempo the whole game."

Shelby scored first after Ashland took the opening kickoff but had to punt at their own 47-yard line. Shelby took over at the Ashland 21.

Quarterback Pat Kus, threw on first down, completing a 12-yard play then moved the ball to the Shelby 49-yard line via running backs John Lewis and Bob Stidam. A clipping call hurt Shelby and they were forced to punt at their 49 on a fourth down and four to go situation.

But Ashland was offside, giving Shelby the break they needed. Seven plays later Don Strine hit Randy Stiteler on a halfback pass for a 16-yard scoring strike at 4:01.

Shelby lined up to boot the extra point but center Ed Willman's snap was high and

kicker Tom Moore grabbed the ball over his head. He somehow found end Todd Plocher in the end zone, giving Shelby two points on the broken play.

Ashland took over the ball first and 10 at the 21 following the kickoff. After three plays and a Shelby penalty, making it third and five at the Ashland 27, Joel Hall, Shelby's big defensive end, picked off a Todd Wait pass and ran it back down the right sideline for a touchdown. Only a minute and 46 seconds had elapsed since Shelby's first score. Tom Moore's extra point was good, giving the Whippets a 15-0 lead.

Ashland took the kickoff at their 31 and scored 14 plays later on a Wait pass to Bob Ramage, an 18-yard affair. The play came on a fourth and one situation and caught the Shelby defense napping, expecting a run. Wait's pass for the conversion fell incomplete.

On the next series of downs, Ashland held the Whippets after a Shelby clipping penalty. Backed up on their 20-yard line, the snap from center went over punter Tom Nohacker's head and rolled around in the end zone. Nohacker retrieved the ball and wisely ran the ball out of bounds in the end zone, giving Ashland the safety making the score 15-8.

"That was a wise move on Brad's part," said Shelby's defensive coordinator, Roger Ebersole. "If he had run it out of the end zone he wouldn't have made the first down and it would mean six points for Ashland."



DON STRINE
Threw for touchdown

On the free kick that followed, Nohacker punted the ball into orbit — 56 yards down to the Ashland 23. Ashland picked up three first downs on the ensuing drive, but with 28 seconds to go in the half, Tom Moore picked off a Wait pass and time ran out in the first half.

Shelby took the second-half kickoff and was stopped at the Ashland 43 yard line on a fourth and one situation.

"That could have been a coaching mistake," Varble said after the game. "Usually we make that short yardage play when we need to. But as it was, Ashland didn't capitalize on it." The Arrows moved the ball to their own 46 yard line but were forced to punt.

The punt was a sky ball traveling only 15 yards and the Whippets took over on their 39. Three first downs later, Shelby had the ball to the 20-yard line of Ashland thanks to runs by Strine, Rose and a 15 yard pass play from Rose to John Johnson. But Shelby was called for a holding penalty and Shelby could get back only as far as the 21. Tom Moore tried to boot a 40 yard field goal but his first attempt of the year fell short.

Ashland moved the ball to their own 26 yard line as time ran out in the third quarter.

On the first play of the final stanza on a third and six situation, Doug DeVito intercepted a Wait pass and ran it back 38 yards for the game's final touchdown. Tom Moore who hasn't missed an extra point all year made it five in a row by splitting the uprights. In fact, he was forced to do it twice

since Shelby was called for a penalty on the first attempt. Ashland got as far as the Shelby 42 after that, but could not mount another serious drive against the Whippets.

Todd Plocher recovered a Wait fumble as the sophomore Arrow dropped back into the pocket with 3:30 to play. From there, Shelby was successful in running out the clock for their second straight win.

Lewis was the game's leading rusher with 100 yards on 18 carries. Bob Stidam had 55 yards on nine carries, Strine had 41 yards on six attempts and Rose rushed for 22 yards on five carries. Shelby gained a total of 276 yards in the game, 220 on the ground and 56 through the air. Rose was three for six passing for 40 yards while Strine had one completion from his tailback spot for 16 yards and a touchdown. Rose threw one interception.

The Arrows had 177 total yards, 105 on the ground and 72 through the air. Wait had eight completions on 17 attempts for 72 yards and a touchdown. Ashland carried the ball 32 times.

Scott Garverick led the Shelby tacklers for the second week in a row with 16 tackles. Larry Gwartz had nine and Tim Swanger had seven.

"After we took that 15-0 lead, we were our own worst enemy," Varble said. "We were able to move the ball well but were inconsistent because of all the penalties. If it weren't for those mental mistakes and penalties, we gave a good effort."

That halfback pass from Strine to Stiteler was a good play by both of them. Ebersole said. "It was a good pass and a nice catch. Tom Moore did a good job on the extra points, especially when he threw for those two points."

Ebersole said Lewis, with his 100-yard performance, gave his usual outstanding effort and Stidam and Strine proved tough from their tailback spots.

Defensive coordinator Ron Stepsis praised the play of Hall, Garverick and Gwartz. "Hall made a heck of a play on the interception. He read it beautifully," Stepsis said.

"The defense put a lot of heat on the passer making it tough on Ashland. Anytime your defense scores two of your three touchdowns you know they're doing a good job."

"We let them off the hook too early, though," Stepsis added. "When you're leading 15-0, you've still got to play tough defense."

The game was dedicated to Joe Yohn, the Shelby statistician who has done a little of everything in his 40 years of

service to the schools. He was presented with a plaque commemorating his 40th anniversary with Shelby.

Shelby's win gave the Whippets a 2-1 record going into Northern Ohio League play next week at Upper Sandusky. The Arrows' record falls to 1-2.

Ashland's next foe is Coshocton.

ASHLAND 0 8 0 0-8

SHELBY 15 0 0 8-22

SHS — Don Strine, 16-yard pass to Randy Stiteler. (Pass good, Tom Moore to Todd Plocher).

SHS — Joel Hall, runback of 38-yard interception. (Moore kick).

AHS — Todd Wait, 18-yard pass to Bob Ramage. (Pass failed).

AHS — Safety on bad snap; Shelby tackled in end zone.

SHS — Doug DeVito runback of 38-yard interception. (Moore kick).



NICE CATCH — Shelby's John Johnson, a 5-11 junior, makes one of his three receptions during Friday's 22-8 victory over Ashland. Johnson's three catches were good for 40 yards. The Whippets gained 276 total yards, but it was the Shelby defense that gave the Whippets the victory, scoring two touchdowns on interceptions. (Globe Photo by Linda Stotts)



DOUG DEVITO
Scored on interception



RANDY STITELER
Grabbed TD pass

Plymouth falls short again

BASCOM — The Plymouth varsity football team was edged out by a mistake-prone Hopewell-Loudon team Friday night 14-0.

Plymouth finally got on the scoreboard after two straight shutouts. Plymouth's scoring strike came on a 39-yard run by James Jamerson in the third quarter.

Jamerson had a stellar night for Big Red, racking up 128 yards in 16 carries. The fullback got 90 of those yards in the second half.

Hopewell scored first in the second quarter when Chris Lang intercepted a Plymouth pass and ran it back 39 yards for the score. Knud Anderson added the extra point. The Chieftains scored again in the third quarter when John Craft ran back a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown. Anderson made good on the extra point.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Plymouth had a first and goal-to-go on the Hopewell five yard line, but a running play, two incomplete passes and another running play failed to put Plymouth over and Hopewell's goal line stand proved strong enough to hold off the Big Red.

Plymouth gained 225 yards on offense compared to Hopewell's 236. Plymouth gained 127 yards on the ground while all of Hopewell's came via the rush.

Plymouth had seven first downs to the Chieftains' 13. Plymouth was penalized five times for 45 yards and Hopewell was penalized eight times for 60 yards.

Plymouth passed 14 times and completed three while Hopewell did not complete a pass in eight tries.

HOPEWELL	0	7	7	0	14
PLYMOUTH	0	0	6	0	6

NOL roundup

Tiffin blanked by Fostoria

Norwalk, Bucyrus and Willard became winners for the first time in 1979 Friday night, but Tiffin, Columbian, everybody's favorite to win the Northern Ohio League this year, was shut out by Fostoria, 20-0. Norwalk topped Vermilion 17-6, Willard topped Huron 13-0 and Bucyrus knocked off Clyde 16-8. Bellevue remained the only NOL team without a win as Sandusky Perkins topped their Redmen, 14-6. Upper Sandusky continued their undefeated season with a 27-6 win over Ontario.

Fostoria 20, Columbian 0
Clayton Moore scored two touchdowns from one yard out and rushed for 97 yards to give Fostoria the win. The Redmen scored their second touchdown on a 14-yard pass from Jamie Opperman to Joe Johanson.

Columbian could manage only 51 total yards against Fostoria while the Redmen piled up 314 yards against the Tornados.

Fostoria	7	7	6	0-20
Tiffin	0	0	0	0-0

Upper 27, Ontario 6
A first quarter 14-yard touchdown run by Craig Marshall was all the Rams really needed for their second victory. Steve Lamont scored on runs of 25-yards, two yards and one-yard for the Rams. Marshall led the ground-gainers with 76 yards.

UPPER	7	14	6	0-27
ONTARIO	0	0	0	6-6

Willard 13, Huron 0
Mark Miller scored on a nine-yard run and Bob Gordon ran in another from 46-yards out to give the Crimson Flashes their first win of the year.

Buckeye tops Ridgedale

MORRAL — Senior quarterback Scott White provided all of the fireworks as the Buckeye Central Bucks rambled past Ridgedale, 21-14, Friday night in a North Central Conference game.

White ran for one touchdown while passing for two others. Duane Stacklin added three extra points.

The win raised the Bucks' record to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the NCC, good enough for a first place tie with Elgin.

The Bucks got on the scoreboard first when White scored on a 19-yard run with 6:38 on the clock in the first quarter. Stacklin split the uprights with one of his three successful attempts.

With 3:32 left in the first quarter, White connected on a 10-yard pass to Dan Wurm for another six points.

Buckeye Central scored their last points of the game with 1:57 left in the first half when White threw a one-yard strike to George Wechter. Stacklin added another kick to put the Bucks up on top, 21-0.

Ridgedale got its first points of the night in the third quarter on a three-yard run by Bill Castillo with 55 seconds left in the third stanza. The try for points failed, making the score, 21-6.

In the fourth period at the 4:17 mark, Ridgedale's Castillo scored on a one-yard run. Mark Marshall threw a pass to Castillo for the conversion to make the score, 21-14.

The Bucks collected 11 first downs to the Rocket's 10. Six first downs came by rushing while the other five were made possible by passing.

Buckeye Central ran the ball 33 times for 151 yards while Ridgedale carried the ball 50 times and picked up 169 yards.

In the passing department, the Bucks were eight on 14 for 95 yards with one interception.

Ridgedale put the ball in the air eight times and connected on three of those attempts for 25 yards.

Buckeye Central was still plagued with ball handling problems, as the Bucks coughed up the ball four times and lost the ball once. Ridgedale fumbled three times and lost one of the fumbles.

Buckeye Central punted the ball four times for an average of 31 yards while Ridgedale punted five times for 29 yard average. The Bucks were charged with five penalties for 35 yards while Ridgedale was guilty of four penalties and 29 yards.

White ran the ball eight times for 52 yards and a touchdown while completing eight of fourteen passes for another 95 yards with one pass interception.

Steve Heydinger, the Bucks' leading ground gainer for 1979 was held to 63 yards on 16 carries to give him 509 yards for the season so far.

Coach Bill Pierce credited Scott Moore and Doug Shell for

their excellent defensive play as each had seven tackles to their credit.

Next Saturday, the Bucks host Elgin (2-0) at home (Wynford High School) in an 8 p.m. game which could decide the outcome of the NCC title chase.

In other games in the NCC, Colonel Crawford and Carey battled to a 7-7 tie while Mohawk and Pleasant battled to a 0-0 deadlock. Elgin slipped by Wynford 6-0, while River Valley slapped Riverdale with its third straight loss, 13-0.

B. C.	14	7	0	0-21
RIDGEDALE	0	0	6	8-14

Area scores

Mansfield Sr. 7, Malabar 3
Madison 26, Mt. Vernon 6
Akron Manchester 14, Clear Fork 0
New London 8, Wellington 0
Hillsdale 14, Mapleton 14
Centerburg 6, Lucas 0
Col. Crawford 7, Carey 7 (tie)
Marion Elgin 6, Wynford 0
Northmor 33, East Knox 0
Cardington 34, Danville 0
Cin Moeller 34, Cin Princeton 7
Monroeville 27, Marion Cath 6.

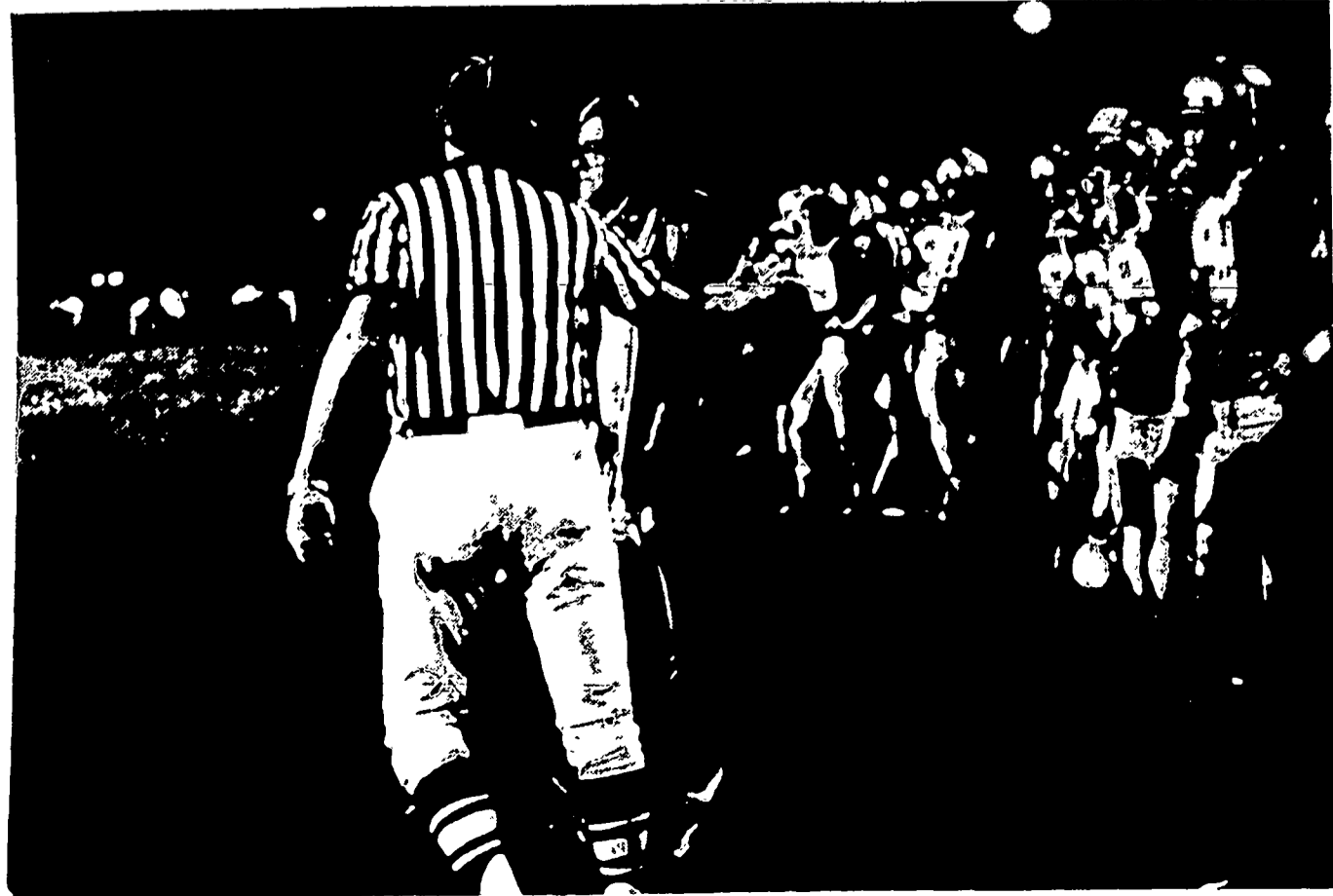
NOL standings

NOL STANDINGS (All Non-League)		
	W	L
Upper Sandusky	2	0
SHELBY	2	1
Galion	1	1
Tiffin Col.	1	2
Bucyrus	1	2
Norwalk	1	2
Willard	1	2
Bellevue	0	3

NCC standings

NCC STANDINGS		
	ALL	NCC
B. C.	3-0-0	2-0-0
Elgin	3-0-0	2-0-0
Carey	2-0-1	1-0-1
Col. Crawford	2-0-1	1-0-1
Ridgedale	1-2-0	1-1-0
River Valley	1-2-0	1-1-0
Mohawk	0-2-1	0-1-1
Pleasant	0-2-1	0-1-1
Wynford	1-2-0	0-2-0
Riverdale	0-3-0	0-2-0

Friday's Results		
SHELBY 22, Ashland 8	Sandusky Perkins 14, Bellevue	Fostoria 20, Tiffin Columbian 0
Norwalk 17, Vermilion 6	Bucyrus 16, Clyde 8	Willard 13, Huron 0
Upper Sandusky 27, Ontario 6	Today's Game	
Galion at Lexington (2 p.m.)		
Next Week's Games		
SHELBY vs. Upper Sandusky	Galion at Tiffin Columbian	Bucyrus at Willard
Norwalk at Bellevue		



EXPLANATION — An official explains one of his many penalty calls to Shelby Coach Bill Varble Friday night during Shelby's final non-league game of 1979, a 22-8 win over Ashland. The Whippets open the Northern Ohio League season at undefeated Upper Sandusky on Friday. Shelby goes into NOL play with a 2-1 record. (Globe Photo by Linda Stotts)

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