Whippets 14, Perkins 13

Rose scores TD, throws for another in first Shelby win of season

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They say you cannot win a football game if all the breaks go against you

The Shelby Whippets, especially senior quarterback Pat Rose, found themselves making spectacular plays Friday night at W W Skiles Field, only to have them called back because of penalties Yet the Whippets overcame the bad breaks and played solid football in the second half to earn their first win of the year, a 14-13 decision over Sandusky Perkins

In the end, the game hinged on Shelby s ability to stop Perkins' truck of a fullback, Lee McDonald The 235-pound speedster barreled his way through the Shelby line at will during the first half But the second half was a different story as the Whippet defense shut McDonald down and the Pirates could not generate any other kind of offense behind junior quarterback Sheldon Benkey

Rose, for his part, had a spectacular night though the statistics don't show how well he played

Rose did throw a 24-yard touchdown pass to end Joel Hall in the second quarter to tie the score, and he did score a touchdown late in the third quarter after a 55-yard drive that set up Tom Moore s game-winning extra point

For the record, Rose passed eight times, completed four for 85 yards and ran for 35 yards on 10 carries

But the 6-1, 178-pounder also made a spectacular 44-yard run at the end of the first half for

PAT ROSE
Sparked both touchdowns

what appeared to be a touchdown, but the play was nullified because of a Shelby holding penalty With less than 20 seconds to go, Rose wouldn't give up, though Shelby was on the Perkins 37 A pretty pass play on which Perkins was called for interference and a fine run by Rose down to the 15 ended the first half of play

Rose did the same thing in the fourth quarter, running 28 yards to the Perkins 12, only to have the play called back because of a clipping call

Rose's heroics were enough to top Perkins, but even Shelby Coach Bill Varble admitted Perkins outplayed the Whippets in the first half

Perkins took the opening kickoff and marched 74 yards for a touchdown in 13 plays McDonald bulled his way over from the two for the first points of the game and Jeff Warner's extra point kick was good, giving Perkins a 7-0 lead

Neither team made a first down the next time they each had the ball Dirk DeVito took a Perkins punt and returned it 20 yards to the Shelby 45 John Lewis, Shelby's senior fullback, charged ahead for an 11-yard gain on the last play of the second quarter

On a third-and-one on the next play, Lewis made the first down He made four yards on the next carry, then on a fourth and two situation, made a first down by inches A Perkins penalty and another Lewis first down plunge gave Shelby the ball on the Perkins 18 A penalty gave Shelby a first and 15 and an unsuccessful Pat Rose run gave Shelby the ball at the 24 Rose unleashed his aerial to Hall, pinpointing the pass to the 6-3 senior between two defenders in the end zone Moore's extra point tied the game.

Perkins scored on the next series, but not before a controversial play interrupted the game for 10 minutes while Perkins' coach Jim Stauffer debated with the referees about a call

Perkins had taken the kickoff on their own 26 On a second and 25 play a Benkey screen pass to Dean Printy was complete near the Shelby 10-yard line, but a flag on the play nullified the pass, or seemingly so The referee had ruled one of the Perkins linemen was wearing an illegal number But the referees discussed the call with Stauffer and the rule book was examined After 10 minutes of discussion the referees ruled they had mis-interpreted the rule and allowed the pass, giving Perkins the ball on the Shelby 7 yard line

On the next play McDonald scored on a seven-yard run But Perkins' kick was wide to the left, which proved later to be a very costly miss

Shelby took over on downs after Perkins tried and failed a fake punt on a fourth and five situation at Shelby's 32 Bob Stidam made a nice run out to the 44 On a third down, Rose completed a little toss to Lewis who scampered down to the Perkins 23 a 30-yard pass play

Lewis ground out more yardage to the Shelby 10-yard line in four plays, then made it to the seven

A flag brought the ball back to the 12 The quick quarterback run once around the left side to the five then on the next play, Rose went around the other wide side on a sweep and made it into the corner of the end zone for a touchdown.

Moore's extra point, his third consecutive point this season, gave Shelby the one-point margin they needed for the win.

"Pat Rose and Johnny Lewis did an outstanding job for us tonight," Shelby Coach Bill Varble commented after the game "Even after those bad breaks the kids didn't fall apart. That says a lot for them."

Lewis was Shelby's leading rusher, picking up 88 yards on 21 carries. Bob Stidam carried for 24 yards on eight carries.

"Perkins is the kind of team you've got to stop the first couple times they've got the ball, otherwise they get fired up and run right over you," Varble said. "They did that for three quarters before our defense got tough and stopped them. You've got to give our guys credit for holding them "

The defense was led by Scott Garverick with 13 tackles, Larry Gwirtz had 11, Todd Plocher had 11 and Joel Hall, 10.

"The defense came through with flying colors when they decided to play defense," said Defensive Coordinator Ron Stepsis "Tim Swanger did a good job plugging the middle "

Offensive coordinator Roger Ebersole said the Shelby team had "a lot of guts "

"The offense put together two good drives," Ebersole said. "Even though they had the penalties, they kept at it and overcame the bad breaks Then there at the end they did a good job of killing the clock. Overall, I'd say it was a super offensive effort "

Ebersole admitted the Whippet offense has not yet played up to its potential, but had praise for his quarterback

"Pat (Rose) has given us a dimension to our offense that is going to cause some people some trouble "

Varble had praise for Moore and Lewis

"Moore had never kicked an extra point before this season and he's got three in a row now," Varble said "And Lewis was just super Everytime he got the ball he was gaining two or three yards after being hit "

Perkins outgained Shelby with 288 total yards, 231 on the ground, 57 through the air Benkey completed three of seven passes and had one intercepted, that on the last play of the game by Pat Rose

Shelby gained 230 total yards, 145 on the ground and 85 through the air.

Brad Nothacker, Shelby's sophomore punter, booted four for 120 yards, a 30-yard average.

Lee McDonald was the game's leading rusher with well over 100 yards. But the Shelby defense was able to stop him in the fourth quarter, ending Perkins' hope for a come-from-behind win.

Shelby's record is even on the year at 1-1 while Perkins owns the same mark.

The Ashland Arrows, victors Friday over Mansfield Senior, 12-7, travel to Shelby next Friday for the last non-league game before the Northern Ohio League season gets underway Perkins faces Tiffin Calvert next week.

SHELBY	0	7	7	0—14
PERKINS	7	6	0	0—13

PHS — McDonald, 2-yard run (Warner kick).

SHS — Joel Hall, 24-yard pass from Pat Rose (Tom Moore kick).

PHS — McDonald, 7-yard run (kick failed).

SHS — Rose, 5-yard run (Moore kick).

FINDING A HOLE — Senior tailback Bob Stidam (33) finds some running room Friday through the Sandusky Perkins defensive line. The Pirates took the opening kickoff and marched to a touchdown, but Shelby came back to edge Perkins, 14-13. (Globe Photos by Linda Stotts)

SCOTT GARVERICK
Thirteen tackles

TOM MOORE
Two extra points

BC now 2-0

Bucks get scare from Royals

BUCYRUS Marred by seven fumbles and one interception the Buckeye Central Bucks escaped from Wynford High School Friday with a narrow 13 6 win over the Royals in a North Central Conference game

For the second week in a row senior Steve Heydinger in the fullback spot carried 26 times for 203 yards to lead all rushers Heydinger now has 446 yards for the season after two games

With 7 56 left in the first quarter Rob Kriem scored from 15 yards out Duane Stacklin added the kick for a 7-0 lead

In a time span of 34 seconds, the Royals scored their only touchdown on a 69-yard touch down pass from quarterback Lance Shealy

With 9 10 left in the fourth quarter speedster Steve Heydinger raced down the sidelines for 54 yards and the touchdown The try for points failed

The headhunter corps of Doug Shell Duane Stacklin and Jon Utz combined for 14 Buck tackles and 11 assists while Shell also had a quarterback sack to his credit

Statistically the Bucks picked up 15 first downs while Wynford could only pick up two

Buckeye Central ran the ball 45 times and picked up 232 yards, with 203 yards in Heydinger s name Wynford had 21 yards on 26 carries

In the passing department, the Bucks were six of 16 for 73 yards The Royals were two of ten for 80 yards

Buckeye Central had seven fumbles and lost three while Wynford fumbled once and lost its only fumble

Defensively we did a good job while our offense is still running into problems," noted Buckeye Coach Bill Pierce

"We aren't going to blow people out if we fumble seven times and throw interceptions," Pierce said "It was a win but wasn't fancy "

Next Friday the Bucks travel to Ridgedale to take on the Rockets at 8 p m

In other NCC games Colonel Crawford edged Riverdale 8-7, Ridgedale nipped River Valley 7-0 Carey bombed Mohawk 41 0, and Elgin slapped Pleasant 20-14

B C	7	0	0	6—13
WYNFORD	6	0	0	0— 6

THATA WAY — A good defensive job deserves a slap of the hands as Shelby teammates Joel Hall (87), Scott Garverick, (76), Doug DeVito (31), Mike Robinette and Todd Plocher (both in back) congratulate each other during the second half action Friday at Skiles Field

NOL roundup

Galion, Tiffin both lose

Two Northern Ohio League powerhouses lost Friday night after posting first-week victories, pointing out how tight the NOL race appears to be shaping up for 1979.

Galion, the 1978 NOL champion, had their 11-game winning streak broken by Mt Vernon, 20-7 Tiffin Columbian, picked by many to take the NOL this season, fell to Mansfield Madison, 23-12. In other games, involving NOL schools, Bucyrus lost to Ontario, 7-0, Fostoria topped Willard, 19-2, Port Clinton bested Bellevue, 16-6, Huron shutout Norwalk, 13-0 and Upper Sandusky remained the only undefeated NOL team, believe it or not, by tying Springfield Greenon, 6-6.

Mt. Vernon 20, Galion 7

Galion scored first in the game on a 15 yard pass from Jack Shuck to John Bucksbaum, but it was all the offense the Tigers could muster against the Yellow Jackets

Mt. Vernon scored on a 25-yard pass, a 61 yard run by Jim Lindsey and a 10-yard pass. Lindsey led all rushers with 125 yards.

MT. VERNON	7	0	7	6—20
GALION	7	0	0	0— 7

Madison 23, Columbian 12

Mansfield Madison, a narrow 12-7 victor over Shelby last week, ran off 23 points against Tiffin Columbian before the Tornadoes could score. Madison's Vic Schambre had touchdown runs of four-and 87-yards in rushing for 175 yards on 15 carries Madison totaled 337 yards, 317 of them on the ground. Columbian rushed for 209 yards, 62 of them on the ground. Columbian scored on a 45-yard punt return by Larry Peck and on a one-yard run by Jim Smith.

MADISON	10	6	7	0—23
TIFFIN	0	0	6	6—12

Fostoria 19, Willard 2

Willard's only points came on a safety when a Fostoria snap went over the punter's head. The Redmen scored in the second quarter on a 37-yard pass in the second quarter and on a two yard pass at the half The final score came on a 20-yard run Mark Miller led Willard with 57 yards on 16 carries.

WILLARD	2	0	0	0— 2
FOSTORIA	0	13	0	6—19

Ontario 7, Bucyrus 0

Chuck Shatzer scored on a 5-yard run and Troy Lyons kicked the extra point at 3·18 of the first quarter to give Ontario the victory. With eight minutes to play in the last quarter, the Redmen appeared on the verge of scoring but fumbled at the Warrior one-yard line to thwart their drive.

ONTARIO	7	0	0	0—7
BUCYRUS	0	0	0	0—0

Port Clinton 16, Bellevue 6

Bellevue's only points came on a one-yard run by Bill Nasonti in the second quarter.

Port Clinton scored on a 20-yard field goal by Brian Selek, a three-yard run by Bryan Meek and a 39-yard pass from Meek to Ken Morrisette.

P. C	0	9	7	0—16
BELLEVUE	0	6	0	0— 6

Huron 13, Norwalk 0

Norwalk got shut out for the second straight week as Huron scored on a run of 12 yards and a run of two yards. Greg Rhodes had 160 yards rushing for Huron. Brad Thornton was Norwalk's leading rusher with 96 yards in 26 carries.

HURON	7	0	0	6—13
NORWALK	0	0	0	0— 0

Upper 6, Springfield Greenon 6

Upper scored at 2:30 of the fourth quarter to catch Greenon on a four-yard run by Craig Marshall. Greenon had scored their touchdown on a 22-yard pass in the second quarter from Dave Colbertson to Craig Cooper. Both team's conversion attempts failed Steve Lamont picked up 64 yards in eight carries for the Rams.

UPPER	0	0	0	6—6
GREENON	0	6	0	0—6

South Central tops Plymouth

GREENWICH — Plymouth Big Red played even-up with South Central for most of the game Friday but were stunned for 23 points with less than eight minutes to go in the first half

"Turnovers in the second quarter hurt us and set up all of the Trojans scoring drives," said Plymouth Coach Dave Coulter.

"They just let down in the second quarter," said Coulter, "but I was pleased the team didn't quit."

Coulter said he was pleased with the performance of Jeff Jacobs, freshman quarterback, as well as the defense.

Friday, Big Red will travel to Hopewell-Louden in another independent contest.

PLYMOUTH	0	0	0	0— 0
S. C.	0	23	0	0—23

Woody not there for OSU opener

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — The man most responsible for Ohio State's 63 straight sellout crowds will not be there for the 64th.

Woody Hayes, replaced by Earle Bruce last January after 28 winning seasons in 28 years as Ohio State coach, following a slugging incident in the Gator Bowl game against Clemson, will pass up the Buckeyes' 1979 opener against Syracuse.

The former coach, who has been completing his fourth book filling speaking engagements and "traveling a lot," will be out of town Saturday.

Hayes, who has been mentioned as a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1980 against John Glenn, also is working on the script for a movie of his life.

Does he miss being away from football for the first time in 33 years?

"Sure, I miss it," said Hayes, "but that's all behind me now, so there's no use to worrying about it."

But the thing that does worry Hayes, an 18-hour a day man when he was coaching, is his new leisure lifestyle.

Area scores

SHELBY 14, Sandusky Perkins 13
Upper Sandusky 6, Greenfield Greenon 6 (tie)
Mount Vernon 20, Galion 7
Madison 23, Tiffin Columbian 12
Port Clinton 16, Bellevue 6
Ontario 7, Bucyrus 0
Huron 13, Norwalk 0
Fostoria 19, Willard 2
Northmor 12, Crestview 0
Carey 41, Mohawk 0
Clear Fork 16, Mt. Gilead 0
Columbus Watterson 7, Tiffin Calvert 0
Col. Crawford 8, Riverdale 7
Lorain Clearview 27, New London 6
Elgin 20, Pleasant 14
Ridgedale 7, River Valley 0
Sandusky 9, Columbus Eastmor 7

NOL standings

NOL Standings
(All non-league games)

	W	L	T
Upper Sandusky	1	0	1
SHELBY	1	1	0
Galion	1	1	0
Tiffin	1	1	0
Bellevue	0	2	0
Bucyrus	0	2	0
Norwalk	0	2	0
Willard	0	2	0

Next Friday's Games
Ashland at SHELBY
Fostoria at Tiffin Col.
Bucyrus at Clyde
Huron at Willard
Bellevue at Sandusky Perkins
Vermilion at Norwalk
Upper at Ontario
Galion at Lexington (Saturday)