

SHS swamps Norton

Nothacker, DeVito, Strine run Panthers ragged in 41-6 conquest

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NORTON Not everything moved like a Swiss watch for the Shelby Whippets Friday, although a 41-6 win over the Norton Panthers would lead a stranger to believe not too much went awry.

The Whippets had to overcome a pair of heart wrenching fumbles and being burned on a 59 yard pass play before putting it into high gear to pick up their second win in as many contests this autumn.

That's the mark of a good football team, remarked Shelby coach Bill Varble. We were able to overcome those early setbacks and play a tremendous game.

The Shelby running backs coughed up the football twice in the first period, surrendering fumbles on the first and third possessions. In between, however, Varble's charges put together an 80 yard scoring drive to grab a 7-0 lead.

The Whippets ran up an impressive total of 428 yards against the Panthers, 392 of which came on the ground. Tailback Brad Nothacker had 111 of those yards, while fullback Doug DeVito went over



DOUG DEVITO
Rushes for 115 yards



MIKE ROBINETTE
Stingy defense

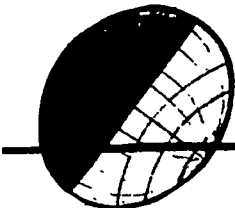
the century mark with 115 and quarterback Don Strine churned up an additional 59.

The key moments were the 80-yard drive and when we stopped their two-point conversion attempt, Varble indicated.

The two-point conversion foiling came after the Panthers put six on the board in the first period. After quarterback

Marty Hall and tight end Brad Spencer caught Shelby's otherwise sterling defense napping for a 59 yard gainer. Hall hit tailback Tony Lauro in the end zone with a nine yard pass.

Defensive End Troy Lusk had the honors of preserving Shelby's one point lead as he smothered Hall behind the line of scrimmage as the Norton



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signal caller attempted to roll to his right.

From that point on, Norton failed to excite the fans for the remainder of the evening.

The Whippets, on the other hand, were devastating. Two more touchdowns came in the second period as DeVito, who had scored in the opening frame on a one-yard plunge, bulled over from the six-yard line to make it 14-6.

Nothacker got into the act on the next series of downs for the Whippets as he gathered nine of his 119 first half yards in the third TD jaunt. Scott Garverick kicked his third extra point and Shelby entered the locker room at halftime with a 21-6 lead.

Things picked up where they left off for Shelby as they marched methodically downfield in 13 plays to score on their first possession. Nothacker and DeVito ate up 45 and 30 yards respectively in the 79-yard drive

that culminated in Don Strine's first six-point drive of the season on a one-yard sneak.

DeVito and the Whippet offensive line kept pounding away at Norton on the next possession as the fullback gained 41 yards in four carries to get the ball to the Panther six, where reserve running back Tim Sherman took it in from there on a reversal.

The final Shelby touchdown appeared after Brad Armstrong picked off his second errant enemy pass of the year, taking the Whippets to the Norton 34. Eight plays later Bruce Fellure got his first points of 1980 on a four yard sprint into the end zone.

Shelby's defense completely stifled the Panther running attack, as the home team could manage a mere 28 rushing yards on the night. All of Norton's four first downs came via the passing game.

Varble pointed to the awesome quickness of both the offensive and defensive lines and the tenacity of tackling as the highlights of his team's lopsided win over Norton, a squad Shelby will not be seeing again in the near future.

On top of the obviously outstanding performances that can be recorded for history, Varble, beamed with pride over another aspect of the 1980 Shelby-Norton duel.

"The referees came to me in the locker room," the eight-year head mentor said, "and told me they had never refereed a game with a finer bunch of young men than this team and these guys have 24 years of refereeing behind them."

"They told me there was no mauling off or cussing or anything, they just played football."

"That was one of the nicest compliments a coach can be paid."

Shelby takes its show on the road next Friday, when the Whippets visit Ashland, a 28-6 loser to Cleveland Benedictine last night.

SHELBY 7 14 7 13-41
NORTON 6 0 0 0-6
SHS — Doug DeVito, 1-yard run (Scott Garverick kick)
NHS — Tony Lauro, 9-yard pass from Marty Hall (run failed)
SHS — DeVito, 6-yard run (Garverick kick)
SHS — Brad Nothacker, 9-yard run (Garverick kick)
SHS — Don Strine, 1-yard run (Garverick kick)
SHS — Tim Sherman, 6-yard run (run failed)
SHS — Bruce Fellure, 4-yard run (Garverick kick)

Trojans run over Big Red

PLYMOUTH — Doug Fidler and Tim Hall combined for 326 rushing yards and three touchdowns as the South Central Trojans handed the Plymouth Big Red their second loss of the season in as many tries, 28-0.

The Trojans updated their record to 2-0. Fidler carried the ball 20 times, gaining 167 yards and scored a touchdown in the second quarter on a 13-yard gallop. Hall took the ball on 12 occasions, earning 149 yards and hitting the end zone in the second stanza from 21 yards

away and 51 yards out in the third period. South Central's other TD Friday came on a one-yarder by Tom Hall.

James Jamerson was the top ground gainer for Plymouth with 126 yards on 23 carries.

S. C. 7 14 7 0-28
PLYMOUTH 0 0 0 0-0
SC — Tom Hall, 1-yard run (Chandler kick)
SC — Doug Fidler, 13-yard run (Chandler kick)
SC — Tim Hall, 21-yard run (Chandler kick)
SC — Tim Hall, 51-yard run (Chandler kick)

Bucks pummel Vikings

MARION — The Buckeye Central Bucks made their 1980 record 2-0 Friday with a convincing 28-0 rout of River Valley in North Central Conference play.

The Bucks ran up 291 yards of total offense to only 21 for the Vikings. The latter figure represents a record tied for defense by a BC team, equalling a figure reached in 1971 against the same River Valley squad.

"Defense was supposed to be a big question mark for us this year," commented BC Coach Bill Pierce. "We lost eight through graduation and one with a broken foot, but they did an excellent job. They swarmed tonight."

Dale Niese was the top ball advancer for the Bucks, gaining 93 yards on 18 totes, scoring on

runs of six and seven yards and booting two extra-points. Doug Shell aided the cause with 73 yards on 10 carries.

Dan Wurm caught three passes for 58 yards, including a 14-yard TD strike from Dan Shell. Shell tallied BC's final points on a one-yard plunge.

The Bucks will battle arch-rival Wynford next week in a crucial NCC test.

B. C. 0 6 15 7-28
R. V. 0 0 0 0-0
BC — Dale Niese, 6-yard run (kick failed)
BC — Dan Wurm, 24, 14-yard pass from Dan Shell (Dan Shell, run)
BC — Niese, 7-yard run (Niese kick)
BC — Dan Shell, 1-yard run (Niese kick)

NOL roundup

Upper stays perfect

In a reversal of last week's results, six of the eight Northern Ohio League gridiron teams registered victories Friday.

Shelby and Upper Sandusky remained unbeaten through two games, the latter downing Springfield Greenon, 24-6.

Tiffin Columbian crushed Bowling Green, 31-7, Norwalk nipped Huron, 30-28, Gallion eased by Mt. Vernon, 7-0, and Bucyrus topped Ontario, 13-6. In the lost column, Willard was beaten by Fostoria, 27-0, and Bellevue was victimized by Port Clinton, 14-0.

Upper 24, Greenon 6
SPRINGFIELD — Brad Batton scored on one-yard runs three times to aid the Rams' cause. Greenon's only score came on an 85-yard interception return by Roger Culbertson.
U. S. 7 7 0 10-24
GREENON 0 6 0 0-6

Brian Gates passed to Sean Fleming
BUCYRUS 6 7 0 0-13
ONTARIO 0 0 0 0-6

Fostoria 27
Willard 0
WILLARD — Ray Ubalde fired a scoring pass to Joe Johnson and scored a TD himself in Fostoria's blanketing of Willard. The Redmen also got touchdowns on a fumble recovery and a run by Bill Bowman.

NOL STANDINGS
Shelby 0-0 2-0
Upper 0-0 2-0
Bucyrus 0-0 1-1
Gallion 0-0 1-1
Norwalk 0-0 1-1
Tiffin 0-0 1-1
Bellevue 0-0 0-2
Willard 0-0 0-2

Lexington 8
Medina Buckeye 58, Lodi Cloverleaf 0
Oberlin 6, Sandusky Perkins 2
South Central, 28, Plymouth 0
Tiffin Columbian 31, Bowling Green 7
Upper Sandusky 24, Springfield Greenon 6
Mohawk 16, Riverdale 0
Mount Gilead 35, Clearfork 0

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HARD TO STOP — Tailback Brad Nothacker is hard to stop as he ground up 161 yards against the Norton Panthers. The impressive Whippet ran 119 yards in the first half and scored the third Shelby touchdown. The team is now 2-0 and travels to Ashland next week. (Globe photo by Linda Stotts)

White outshines Brett in duel

CLEVELAND (UPI) — All eyes were on George Brett but it was Frank White who stole the show.

The Kansas City second baseman tripled home one run and scored the winning run Friday night to back the four-hit pitching of Paul Splittorff as the Royals posted a 2-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

"I got a fastball out over the plate and I hit it good," said White. "But I thought that Jorge Orta would catch it."

(Rick) Waits just got some

pitches right over the plate because he had trouble getting his change-up and curve over," added White, who also doubled over third base in the third inning.

The Indians grabbed a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning on a run-scoring single by Orta that scored Miguel Dilone in the fourth but the Royals got Splittorff all the runs he needed in the fifth.

Jose Cardenal, who played with the Indians in the 1969, slapped a one-out single to

center and scored on White's triple to right center. White then trotted home on Willie Wilson's bloop single that dropped just inside the right field line.

The victory was the 11th against nine losses for Splittorff who went the distance for the third time this season.

"Splittorff had good location with his pitches and he threw about 50 percent fastballs," said Kansas City catcher Darrell Porter. "He (Splittorff) didn't get behind the batters."

Brett, who came into the game hitting a sizzling .401 average, went one for four and his average slipped to .399.

"I can't help but know what I'm hitting," said Brett. "It's on the scoreboard every time I come up to bat."

"I got a lot of breaking balls on the outside of the plate, and Waits didn't seem to have too much velocity tonight," added Brett. "I'm just taking things day by day."

"Everybody is rooting for me to hit 400 including the fans

and players throughout the league," added Brett. "When I hit the double in the fourth inning, second baseman Alan Bannister came over and said 'keep going I hope you hit 400.'"

No player has hit 400 since Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox did it in 1942, and at this time that year the "Splendid Splinter" was hitting .411.

Despite the loss, Waits said he wasn't having such a bad season.

Aerial attacks featured

Browns invade New England

FOXBORO, Mass. (UPI) — The Cleveland Browns bring 11 new faces, a new defense and their explosive offense into Schaefer Stadium Sunday intent on preserving their unblemished record against the New England Patriots.

The matchup between the two AFC clubs features the two most prolific passers of 1979, quarterbacks Brian Sipe of Cleveland and Steve Grogan of New England. Both had an NFL-leading 28 TD passes last season.

"They have an offense much like ours," said New England coach Ron Erhardt. "Both are explosive and both can score quickly."

The Browns, beginning their fourth decade in the NFL, are 3-0 against the Patriots in regular season play with a pair of wins in Cleveland. Both teams compiled lackluster 1-3 marks in the exhibition season with the Browns yielding 123 points. The Patriots were almost as loose, surrendering 115.

"We always felt that if we scored three touchdowns and a field goal, we'd be in command. Now I guess you need 25 points to win," Erhardt said.

The Patriots begin the season minus three starters from last year: holdouts Mike Haynes at cornerback, Sam Cunningham at fullback and defensive lineman Richard Bishop. The absence of All-Pro Haynes has hurt the most and New England's injured and ineffective secondary will have to be at its best against a slinger like Sipe.

"The Patriots are a fine team. They've got some good players out, but they're not destitute. But Haynes is one of the better cornerbacks in the league," said Browns' coach Sam Rutigliano. The Patriots, who have lost four of their last five openers, feature two new faces on defense. Rookie Roland James is slated to start at strong safety, a position he has never played. And second-year pro John Zamberlin has won Sam Hunt's inside linebacking job.

On offense, the Patriots will start rookie Vagas Ferguson and Don Calhoun as running backs. Chuck Foreman will spell Calhoun but Andy Johnson is questionable due to a knee injury. Rutigliano, the AFC Coach of the Year last season, has installed a 3-4 defense. He also has conducted a housecleaning, as 14 of last year's

team are gone. Six draftees made the team along with two free agents and three via the trade route, including guard Joe DeLamielleure from Buffalo, who is expected to see some action.

Among the new faces are Heisman Trophy winner Charles White of USC, who rushed for 123 yards in preseason and who will start with Mike Pruitt in the backfield. Greg Pruitt is still on the mend from knee surgery.

"White played a great deal in pre-season and he has shown he can do the job inside and out," Rutigliano said. "He's tough and durable. But the big surprise is how well he catches the ball (123 yards on a teambest 32 catches). He gives us a different look offensively."

Rutigliano said he changed to a 3-4 to get bruising inside linebackers R.L. Jackson and Dick Ambrose on the field at the same time. The front three will be Lyle Alzado, Henry Bradley and Jerry Sherk, who was injured last season.

"That defense will be tough for them in the early going and we hope to exploit it," Erhardt said. "It helps that we look at it every day in practice."



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