

Nothacker haunts Madison for final time in style

Defense shines as Whippets top Madison, 14-6

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MADISON — Coach Al Pease of the Madison Rams will be glad when Whippets running back Brad Nothacker finally receives his high school diploma next June.

For the second year in a row, it was the 5-foot-11-inch senior tailback who stole the show in Shelby's 14-6 victory over the Rams Friday night at Madison.

Nothacker did it all as he ran for one touchdown, was on the receiving end of another Whippet score and kicked the two extra points, scoring all the points in this opening victory.

This was a good effort to start out with, commented Shelby coach Bill Varble. "We were in excellent condition."

Varble also praised defensive coach Ron Stepsis for getting his unit ready for an experienced Ram offensive squad. Stepsis said he had to juggle the players at some positions after an early injury to Shelby tackle Mark Keller.

"I'm really proud of the defense," Stepsis said. "The kids really hung in there and scrapped."

The Shelby defenders kept the charging Rams off the scoreboard until 3:08 left in the game, when senior fullback Jeff Gerich blasted over the goal line from 2 yards out.

Both teams could not move the ball in their first possessions of the game. Madison first threatened late in the first stanza by moving the ball exclusively on the ground from their own 20 to the Whippets' 24-yard stripe. A four-yard sack by Shelby linebacker Rob Howerton and two incomplete passes thwarted

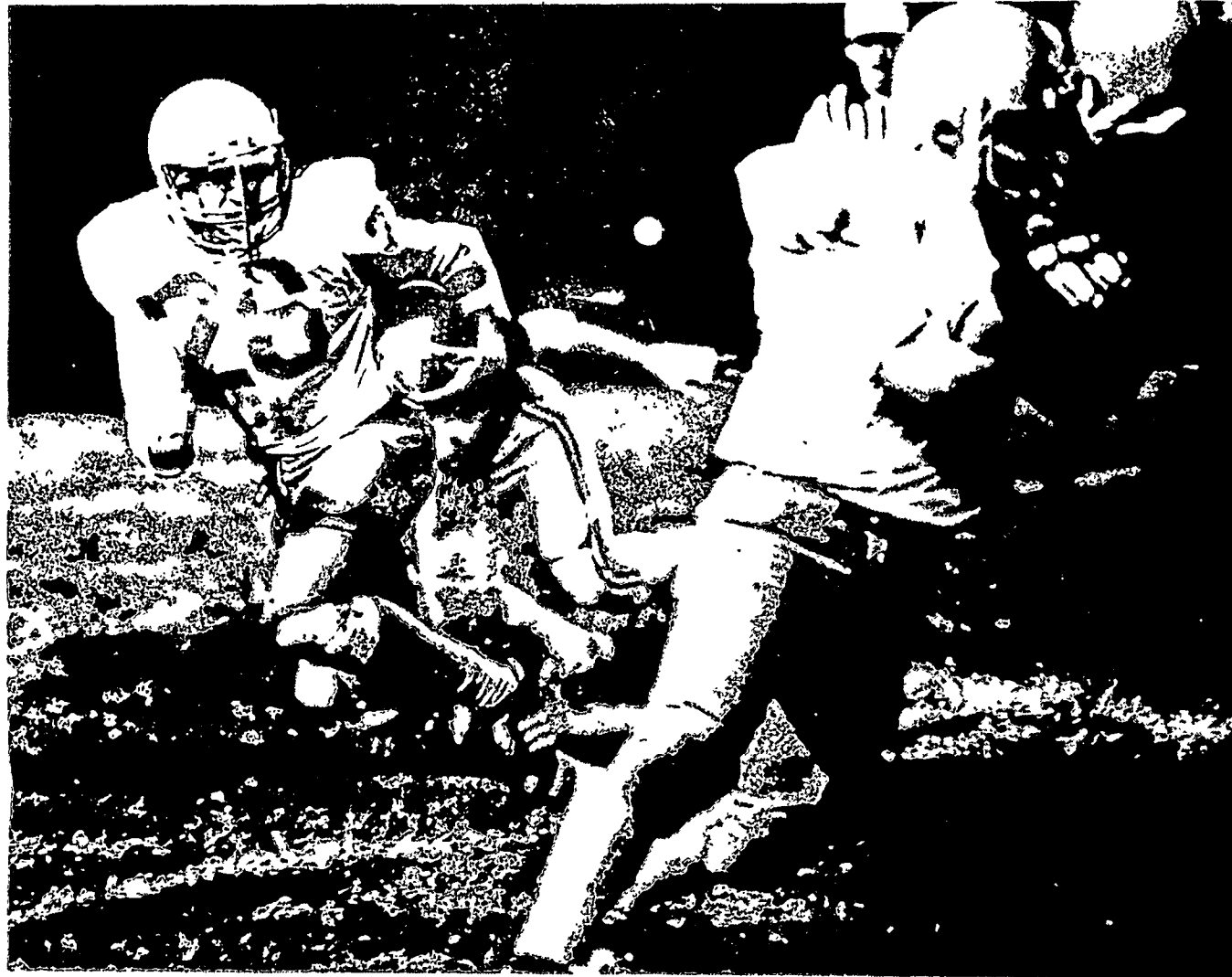


The Rams as the Whippets took over on downs at the start of the second quarter.

It was in the second quarter that the Shelby scoring machine got into high gear. Following their defensive stand, the Whippet offense only took four plays to drive 76 yards, with the final 66 yards coming on a pass play from senior quarterback Dave Hiatt to Nothacker.

Nothacker found a seam in the Ram secondary at about midfield and outraced the defenders to the end zone. Nothacker's placement made it 7-0 with 10:01 left in the first half.

Later in the period Madison quarterback Jim Reedy, who had a rough night both in the air and on the ground, fired a strike into the hands of Shelby cornerback Mark Nothacker. The other Nothacker took the pigskin to the Rams' 25, where the Whippets only took five plays to push across another score. Brad Nothacker pushed the final yard to paydirt with only 1:56 remaining. His placement made it 14-0 at halftime.



NOTHACKER ATTACKS — Brad Nothacker sweeps end on one of his patented carries against the Rams last night. The talented senior tailback rushed for 65 yards and scored 11 points in leading the Whippets to victory. (Globe photo by Linda Stotts)



ONLY A SPRAIN — Junior tackle Mark Keller receives attention for his ankle injury suffered in the opening period of last night's contest. Coach Bill Varble said his six-foot-221-pound lineman will be ready for next week's game against Lexington because the injury was diagnosed as a sprain. (Globe photo by Linda Stotts)

The second half was a story of a battle of the defenses. The Shelby offense really never got on track as Nothacker punted three times during the second 24 minutes.

The Rams offense, however, did a little better, driving deep into Shelby territory on their first possession of the third quarter. However, Reedy was stopped inches short of a first down on a fourth and four keeper play at the Whippet 10-yard line, with 5:25 left in the third quarter.

The Rams scoring drive commenced from the Whippets' 40-yard line after the Madison defenders pinned Shelby deep in their territory. The key plays were pass plays to Gerich and Dan Zeiter of 11 and 14 yards.

The Rams coaching staff elected to go for two points following Gerich's touchdown run, however, Reedy's sneak into the line was snuffed out by the alert Whippets.

However, the Whippets were not out the woods, yet, as the Rams received one final chance for a tie when Nothacker could not handle a punt snap on his own 44-yard line with only 1:09 left.

The fired-up Whippets rose to the occasion as three in-completions and an 11-yard sack by senior Larry Cross ended the Rams' last hope.

Both teams were plagued by penalties as the Rams were flagged seven times for 75 yards while the Whippets four penalties totaled 40 yards.

"Both teams were their own worst enemy," Varble said. "The penalties helped the other teams' drives."

Varble said the turning point of the game was the scoring pass

to Nothacker, the Whippets' only successful aerial show of the night.

"Coach Ebersole called that one and David (Hiatt) really laid it in there," Varble noted. "We needed that one because it was an early break."

Nothacker paced the Shelby ground game with 65 yards on 20 carries, while fullback Curtis Reed's 12 rushes netted 38 yards.

The Whippets were outgained by the Rams on the ground 143 to 103, while the Whippets' 66-yard pass play was more than Reedy's three out of 12 passing attempts for 41 yards for Madison. Gerich was the game's leading rusher with 70 yards on 17 carries.

Defensive standouts for the Whippets were Mike Lybarger and Bob Boroff, who each had 13 tackles.

Injury-wise, the Whippets will be in good shape when they face another non-league opponent, Lexington, at home next week. Varble said Mark Keller's slight sprain should be ready, while Larry Cross, who was shaken slightly in the third quarter, returned to action.

MADISON 0 0 0 0 6-6
SHELBY 0 14 0 0 14
SHS — Brad Nothacker, 66 yard pass from David Hiatt (Brad Nothacker kick)
SHS — Brad Nothacker 1 yard run (Brad Nothacker kick)
MHS — Jeff Gerich, 2 yard run (run failed)

Buckeye Central tramples Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH — The Buckeye Central Bucks started where they left off last season - winning, while Plymouth began their 1981 season the way they ended - losing.

In a battle of backyard rivals, the Bucks bombed the host Big Red at Mary Fate Park Friday night in an independent contest, 32-7.

As was the case the past two years, the Bucks rolled up the points to increase their scoreless string to 97-0 through the fourth quarter of Friday night's game before Plymouth broke the ice when Rod Hampton connected on a seven-yard strike to Tom Baker while James Will added the PAT. Over the past three games the Bucks have outdueled the Big Red, 104-7.

The Bucks utilized a blocked punt by Eric Von Stein to set up the first Buck touchdown with Mark Houston bulging in from 8-yards out and Karl Mahaffey added the placement kick.

Houston added his second TD of the night in the second stanza on a two-yard plunge as the Bucks raced to a 13-0 lead at the half.

Jeff Pifher raced a kickoff return for 63 yards and the Bucks were back in business after Chet Johnson capped the drive with an 11-yard paydirt play.

The Bucks added a fourth touchdown in the third period, the second of that quarter, with the aid of a 25-yard punt return by David Richards to set up a 3-yard dive by Steve Kehres.

The Bucks' final TD of the night came on a one-yard run by Randy Payne and Mahaffey added the successful PAT.

Leading ground gainer was Chet Johnson as he chewed up 76 yards rushing on 14 tries and Mark Houston added another 18 yards in five rushes for the Bucks.

The Bucks gained 143 yards on the ground while going to the airwaves for another 62 yards by completing 3 of 11 passes.

Plymouth's ground attack was fairly idle by accumulating only 70 yards while the air attack was far from threatening with 40 yards on a 6 for 23 showing for the night.

The Bucks will travel to Marion Pleasant for an NCC game while the Big Red will have an independent contest Friday at South Central.

BC	7	6	12	7	32
P	0	0	0	7	7



CRUNCH — Senior quarterback Dan Shell is sandwiched between a pair of Plymouth defenders as Dan Pifher (24) looks on. Buckeye Central continued its dominance over the Big Red by throttling them 32-7 at Mary Fate Park Friday night. (Globe photo by Chuck Ridenour)

SCORES

Ashland Crestview 6, Mapleton 0
Ashland Senior 25, Galion 13
Buckeye Central 32, Plymouth 7
Bucyrus 20, Wynford 7
Cincinnati Moeller 21, Centerville 7
Clyde 3, Willard 0
Crestline 0, Ontario 0 tie
Fredericktown 36, Clear Fork 12
Fremont Ross 13, Tiffin Columbian 0
Lexington 14, Wooster Triway 12
Lima Senior 65, Wapakoneta 0
Mansfield Malabar 21, Norwalk 9
Marion Elgin 21, North Union 0
Medina 10, Lodi Cloverleaf 10 tie
Milan Edison 14, Margaretta 0
Monroeville 8, Danbury-Lakeside 0
Mount Vernon 14, Marion Harding 7
Sandusky Senior 14, Toledo St John's 0
Sandusky Perkins 18, Jonathon Alder 0
Seneca East 22, Vanlue 8
Shelby 14, Madison 6
Vermillion 13, Firelands 7
West Holmes 21, Loudonville 0
Northwestern 13, Black River 0
Wooster 21, Cleveland Glenville 0
Seubenville 7, Dover 6
Ridgewood 7, Coshocton 6
Middletown 10, Findlay 9
Maumee 2, Port Clinton 0
East Knox 8, Highland 0

Next week...
NEXT WEEK (ALL FRIDAY GAMES)
Norwalk at Huron
Mt. Vernon at Galion
Tiffin at Bowling Green
Willard at Fostoria
Bellevue at Port Clinton
Lexington at Shelby
Malabar at Upper Sandusky
Ontario at Bucyrus

NOL Roundup

Three league schools win

On this first night of scholastic grid action Northern Ohio League teams finished 4-4 against non-league opponents. Victorious were Shelby, Upper Sandusky, Bucyrus and Bellevue, while Tiffin, Willard, Norwalk, Galion were the losers.

UPPER 33 RIVER VALLEY 0
Upper's running tandem of Dan Tatchett and Steve La Mont each ran for two scores as Upper Sandusky blanked River Valley, 33-0. La Mont was the game's leading rusher with 184 yards on 19 carries. He scored on runs of 80 and seven yards, while Tatchett paydirt sprints were from two and seven yards out.

The Rams defense held River Valley to 61 total yards, and only 19 on the ground.

UPPER 0 14 12 7 - 33
RIVER VALLEY 0 0 0 0 - 0

FREMONT 13 TIFFIN 0
Fremont's Eric Bates scored two second half touchdowns to pace the victory. Bates had 24 carries for 128 yards. Tiffin's leading ground gainer was Tony Colatrilio who totaled 95 yards in 26 carries.

TIFFIN 0 0 0 0 - 0
FREMONT 0 0 7 6 - 13

BUCYRUS 20 WYNFORD
Twenty second half points paced Bucyrus' victory over Wynford. Rick Neuman's runs of 24 and nine yards plus a 49 yard pass play from Todd Brenner to Jay Keller highlighted Bucyrus' scoring.

WYNFORD 0 7 0 0 - 7
BUCYRUS 0 0 14 6 - 20

BELLEVUE 15 HURON 0
Jeff Tackett 83 rushing yards and one touchdown highlighted Bellevue's shutout of Huron. Huron gained only 104 total yards as the Redmen defense avenged last year's opening shutout loss to Huron.

HURON 0 0 0 0 - 0
BELLEVUE 15 0 0 0 - 15

CLYDE 3 WILLARD 0
A first quarter 20 yard field goal by Clyde's Ruben Rodriguez was the only scoring in this defensive contest which saw Willard gain only 84 yards offensively while Clyde netted 117.

CLYDE 3 0 0 0 - 3
WILLARD 0 0 0 0 - 0

MALABAR 21 NORWALK 9
Mansfield Malabar's ground game netted 191 rushing as Tootie Clemons, Flaherty, Reed ran for scores in this victory over Norwalk.

MALABAR 7 7 7 0 - 21
NORWALK 0 0 0 9 - 9

ASHLAND 25 GALION 13
Ashland's two touchdowns, throws paced Ashland's 25-13 victory over NOL's Galion, Bill Seder also paced the Arrows with a 64 yard punt return for a score.

ASHLAND 13 0 6 6 - 25
GALION 0 7 0 6 - 13

BASEBALL

By United Press International
(Second Half)
National League
East
W L Pct. GB
St. Louis 15 7 .682 —
Montreal 12 11 .522 3½
New York 12 12 .500 4
Chicago 11 14 .440 5½
Phila 9 15 .375 7
Pittsburgh 8 18 .308 9
West
Houston 17 8 .680 —
San Fran 15 9 .625 1½
Los Ang 14 11 .560 3
Atlanta 13 11 .542 3½
Cinti 12 12 .500 4½
San Diego 8 18 .308 9½
Friday's Results
Houston 5, Montreal 0
New York 4, Atlanta 7
Philadelphia 7, Cincinnati 6
San Diego 5, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 7, Los Angeles 2
San Fran 3, Chicago 2, 10 inns.
Today's Probable Pitchers
(All Times EDT)
Houston (Sutton 7-7) at Montreal (Burris 6-5), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Perry 6-5) at New York (Zachry 6-9), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Solo 8-7) at Philadelphia (Carlton 10-3), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Rhoden 7-2) at San Diego (Mura 5-10), 10:00 p.m.
St. Louis (Andujar 4-4) at Los Angeles (Reuss 8-3), 10:35 p.m.
Chicago (Krukow 4-8) at San Francisco (Blue 6-5), 10:35 p.m.
American League
East
W L Pct. GB
Detroit 16 9 .640 —
Milwaukee 15 11 .577 1½
Balt 13 11 .542 2½
New York 13 12 .520 3
Boston 12 12 .500 3½
Cleveland 12 13 .480 4
Toronto 11 12 .478 4
West
Oakland 12 11 .522 —
Kansas City 13 12 .520 —
Calif 11 11 .500 ½
Texas 11 12 .478 1
Chicago 11 13 .458 1½
Seattle 10 15 .400 3
Minn 10 16 .385 3½
Friday's Results
Calif. 3, Cleveland, 1st called 5½ inns., rain
Calif. at Cleve., 2nd p.p.d.
Oakland 5, Balt 4, 11 inns.
Seattle 8, Boston 7
20 inns., suspended game
Seattle 5, Boston 2, reg. gm.
Toronto 6, Chicago 2
Texas 3, Detroit 2
New York 4, Kansas City 0
Milwaukee 16, Minnesota 5
Today's Probable Pitchers
(All Times EDT)
California (Renko 5-3) and Frost 1-4) at Cleveland (Brennan 0-0 and Blyleven 9-6), 2, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Langford 8-8) at Baltimore (Stone 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Clay 0-4) at Boston (Eckersley 7-5), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Clancy 4-8) at Chicago (Baumgarten 5-7), 8:30 p.m.