



TOUCHDOWN — Willard's Todd Trushel (12) can't get to Brad Nothacker (26) as the Whippet tailback plunged into the end



WATCHING THE DEFENSE — Shelby quarterback Dave Hiatt focuses on the action on the field during Friday's game between Shelby and Willard. Hiatt and the rest of the Whippet offensive

team watched the defense hold Willard to a scant 83 yards of offense in a 26-6 win. (Globe photos by Linda Stotts)

Shelby pummels Willard

Nothacker's 147 yards, Sherman's 3 interceptions lead Whippets' rout of Flashes

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Brad Nothacker didn't get to play much in the game between the Shelby Whippets and the Willard Crimson Flashes last year so he decided to make up for it this time.

The senior tailback for the Whippets ran for 147 yards, including 123 in the first half, and scored two touchdowns to lead Shelby to a 26-6 thrashing of Willard in Northern Ohio League football action Friday.

Nothacker was injured on the first play of last year's contest missing not only the rest of that one but the next four meetings as well. Friday, however, he showed the Willard defense what he can do when healthy.

The victory keeps Shelby's 1981 record clean, at 5-0, and drops the struggling Flashes to 1-4 on the campaign. The Whippet triumph also saw the demise of a modest winning streak the Flashes had enjoyed over Shelby at two seasons.

It was a sweet victory, said Bill Varble, whose Whippets now pack a 2-0 mark in NOL play. We shut off their very best plays — their pitches and isolations — and kept them hemmed in all night.

While Nothacker was churning up yards offensively, the Whippet defense was awesome, holding Willard to a scant 83 yards of total offense.

Anytime you can do that to a team, any team, you're playing sound football, commented Ron Stepsis, who coaches the Whippets' stingy defense.

The key to this one was playing well on their first downs, added Stepsis. We didn't have a letdown the whole way. We played with intensity every minute of the game.

The most visible Shelby defender was halfback Tim Sherman, who intercepted three Willard passes on the night, including one to set up a touchdown. Sherman also got a 110 himself, giving

Shelby the opening points on a 43-yard run from his wingback position on the offense.

The Whippets rolled up 317 yards of total offense, with 270 coming on the ground. In addition to Nothacker's season-high figure, fullback Curtis Reed picked up 73 yards on 16 carries and hit the end zone for a six-pointer.

Only one soft spot was visible in Shelby's total domination of the Flashes. The Whippets were penalized seven times to the

tune of 85 yards. Six of their violations got them nailed for 10 or more yards, and were responsible for several drives being stalled.

"We did a good job offensively," said Varble, "but we can't play championship football being so inconsistent and having so many penalties."

"We did a much better job of attacking people in this game," remarked assistant coach Roger Ebersole, "but we were our own worst enemies with those flags."

Shelby wasted little time grabbing the lead, as Sherman found the goal line with 7:10 showing on the clock in the first period. The senior took a handoff behind quarterback Dave Hiatt and bolted 43 yards along the left sideline to score. Brad Nothacker's extra-point kick made it 7-0.

The Flashes witnessed their only bright moment of the evening when, on the first play of the second quarter, a heavy rush forced Hiatt to throw a pass into the waiting arms of Willard defensive back Mike Mathias, who scampered 57 yards to the visitor's only points of the night. The extra-point attempt was blocked, and the Whippets maintained the lead.

Shelby got a critical touchdown with just over a minute left before halftime when Nothacker got the first of his two TDs on a three-yard jaunt, capping a 39-yard, 11-play drive that saw the Whippets shake off a holding and an illegal block penalty.

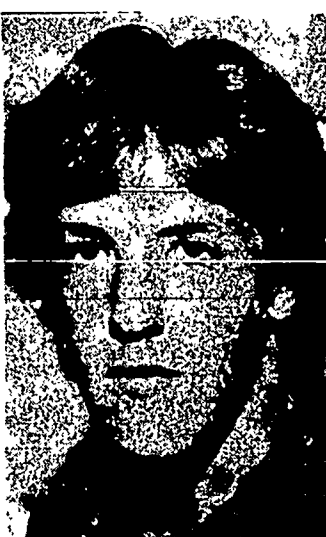
The drive was kept alive when Willard was nailed for a roughing the kicker violation on a Nothacker punt. Nothacker was the key ball carrier in the march, gaining 56 yards on eight totes, including a 26-yard gallop to the Willard three-yard stripe.

"That touchdown was the turning point," said Ebersole. "We noticed they had lost some fire coming out of the locker room after the half."

The blazes that may have burned in Willard before intermission were clearly dosed in the second half. The Flashes



BRAD NOTHACKER
117 yards



STEVE STINE
33-yard catch



had only one first down in the first two quarters, but couldn't muster any in the latter stanzas.

Shelby, meanwhile, made it 20-6 at the 2:25 point of the third period on a six-yard scoring burst by Nothacker, completing a four-play, 32-yard drive set up by Sherman's second pickoff of a Todd Trushel aerial. The big gainer in that march was a 14-yard loss from Hiatt to Dave Ramey.

The final Whippet TD came at 8:23 left to play as Reed tallied from three yards away. The keys in that possession were Hiatt's 33-yard pass to Steve Stine and a 10-yard run by Reed.

Hiatt completed two of seven passes, suffering one interception. Willard was five of 15 in passing for 24 yards and three Sherman interceptions. The Flashes got 59 yards on the sod, with tailback Tim Snook getting 29 of them.

Mike Kissel and Rob Mahon paced the Whippets with eight tackles each. Larry Cross had seven stops for Shelby.

The Flashes will hit the road next week for a game Friday at Upper Sandusky.

WIL. 0 6 0 0 - 6
SHELBY 7 6 7 6 - 26

S. Tim Sherman, 43-yard run (Brad Nothacker kick)
W. Mike Mathias, 57-yard interception return (kick failed)
S. B. Nothacker, 3-yard run (kick failed)
S. B. Nothacker, 6-yard run (B. Nothacker kick)
S. Curtis Reed, 3-yard run (kick failed)

NOL roundup

Bellevue scores another shutout

The Shelby Whippets and the Bellevue Redmen continue to roll along, and are the only unbeaten teams in the Northern Ohio League at the halfway point.

The Redmen who have yet to allow a point to their foes, slaughtered Upper Sandusky Friday, 34-0. In other games, Tiffin Columbian edged Norwalk, 7-3, and Galion blanked Bucyrus, 30-0.

Bellevue 34, Upper 0

UPPER SANDUSKY — Joe Green passed for one touchdown and ran one in himself as the Bellevue Redmen stayed on the winning track with a 34-0 whitewash of the Rams Friday.

Bellevue has scored 119 points to the opposition's 0. Upper is now 0-2 in the league and 1-3-1 overall.

Bellevue 6 8 6 14 - 34
Upper 0 0 0 0 - 0

B. Jeff Tackett, 4-yard run (kick failed)
B. Jim Vogel, 12-yard pass from Joe Green (Green to Jeff Schaffer)
B. Green, 26-yard run (kick failed)

B. Schaffer, 30-yard interception return (Mike Bollenbacher kick)
B. Al SanGregory, 17-yard run (Mike Bollenbacher kick)

Tiffin 7, Norwalk 3

NORWALK — Tony Colatruglio rushed for 94 yards and scored the game's only touchdown as Tiffin Columbian gained its first Northern Ohio League win of the season Friday, 7-3 over Norwalk.

Tiffin is now 1-1 in the NOL and 2-2-1 overall. Norwalk is 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the loop.

Tiffin 0 0 7 0 - 7
Norwalk 0 3 0 0 - 3

N. Bret Mason, 32-yard FG
T. Tony Colatruglio, 1-yard run (Ken Egbert kick)

Galion 30, Bucyrus 0

GALION — John Erlsten ran for a pair of TDs and passed for another to Chris Nicholls as the Galion Tigers got their first win of the season, 30-0, at the expense of Bucyrus.

Nicholls also booted a field goal and Brad Hocker got a touchdown for Galion, 1-1 in the NOL and 1-4 overall. Bucyrus fell to 2-3 in all games and 0-2 in the league.

Bucyrus 0 0 0 0 - 0
Galion 0 16 0 14 - 30

G. John Erlsten, 2-yard run (kick failed)
G. Chris Nicholls, 41-yard pass from Erlsten (Nicholls kick)
G. Nicholls, 25-yard FG
G. Erlsten, 1-yard run (Nicholls kick)
G. Brad Hocker, 2-yard run (Nicholls kick)

NOL standings

Bellevue 2-0-0 5-0-0
SHELBY 2-0-0 5-0-0
Tiffin 1-1-0 2-2-1
Norwalk 1-1-0 2-3-0
Galion 1-1-0 1-4-0
Willard 1-1-0 1-4-0
Bucyrus 0-2-0 2-3-0
Upper 0-2-0 1-3-1

BASEBALL

Major League Results
By United Press International

National League
Friday's games

Montreal 3, New York 0
Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 7
Atlanta 11, Cincinnati 5

Philadelphia 9, Chicago 7
Los Angeles 6, Houston 1
San Diego at San Francisco, rain

American League
Friday's games

Cleveland 11, Boston 4

New York 9, Baltimore 0
Kansas City 3, Oakland 0
Milwaukee 8, Detroit 2
Minnesota 3, Chicago 2
Seattle 8, Toronto 3
Texas 8, California 6, 10 innings

Plymouth Vikings fall to Danville, 34-6

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Vikings suffered their fifth loss in as many games this season and their 16th consecutive setback since 1979 Friday, losing to Danville, 34-6, in non-conference football play.

Danville, now 2-3, rang up 294 yards of offense for 120 for the Vikings.

Plymouth gained 52 yards rushing and 68 passing. The Vikes completed seven of 16 pass attempts, with Jim Will hauling in two of the throws.

The only Viking touchdown was scored by fullback Richard Cunningham in the third quarter.

DANVILLE 14 8 0 12 - 34
PLYMOUTH 0 0 6 0 - 6

D. Greg Ferenbaugh, 8-yard run (Lance Crawford run)
D. Brian Baldrige, 1-yard run (run failed)

D. Jeff Snively, 19-yard run (Tim Miller run)
P. Richard Cunningham, 5-yard run (run failed)

D. Dave Colopy, 35-yard pass from Snively (run failed)
D. Dan Wears, 2-yard run (run failed)

Buckeye Central stays atop NCC with blasting of Ridgedale

MORRAL — Chet Johnson ran for 157 yards and scored three touchdowns as the Buckeye Central Bucks mauled the Ridgedale Rockets Friday, 40-0, in North Central Conference football play.

Johnson scored on runs of 11, 48 and 40 yards, while BC quarterback Dan Shell flipped TD passes to Dan Pifer and one to Jeff Pifer as the Bucks upped their season record to 5-0.

BC rolled up 345 yards of total offense to 156 for the Rockets. Ridgedale, now 2-2-1, was held to 19 yards of

offense in the first half.

"What was really nice about this game," said BC coach Bill Pierce, "was that we played a more complete game. There was better balance in rushing and passing."

The Bucks ran for 232 yards. Shell completed eight of 14 passes, three to Dan Pifer for 33 yards and a pair of TDs and three to Jeff Pifer for 65 yards and a score.

The Bucks will host Elgin Saturday, Oct. 10.

BUCKEYE CENTRAL 7 19 14 0 - 40
RIDGEDALE 0 0 0 0 - 0

BC. Dan Pifer, 8-yard pass from Dan Shell (Karl Mahaffey kick)
BC. Chet Johnson, 11-yard run (Mahaffey kick)
BC. D. Pifer, 8-yard pass from Shell (kick failed)
BC. Johnson, 48-yard run (kick failed)
BC. Jeff Pifer, 10-yard pass from Shell (Mahaffey kick)
BC. Johnson, 48-yard run (Mahaffey kick)

SCORES

ASHLAND — It was a fine afternoon of golf for the Shelby Whippet varsity team Friday. Unfortunately, it was even better for the squad from Ashland.

The Whippets entered the McClean Memorial Golf Tournament at Ashland's Brookside Park Course not having been bettered since the state tournament of 1979. The Shelsians fashioned a sterling 306 score for four golfers in 18 holes, but the host team did even better at 304.

The Whippets were led by Tim Korbass' 75. Doug Ingram followed him with a 76, Todd

Schreck fired a 77, Gary Mawhorr carded a 79 and Steve Stima notched an 82. Shelby scored a 158 on the front nine holes and a 148 on the backside.

Following Ashland and Shelby were Malabar (328), Marion Harding (330), Gahanna (345), Wooster (347), North Royalton (348), Lexington (351), Galion (355) and Mansfield Madison (361).

The Whippet golfers will be back in action Monday when they host Northern Ohio League rival Norwalk.

Mansfield Madison 35, Ashland 0

Toledo St. Francis 31, Toledo Rogers 14

Moeller 32, LaSalle 3

Northmor 7, Cardington 6

Riverdale 20, River Valley 0

Mohawk 14, Pleasant 6

Pandora-Gilboa 14, Cory Rawson 13

Loudonville 16, Mt. Gilead 0

Fredericktown 27, Crestline 8

Wynford 13, Elgin 6

Colonel Crawford 20, Carey 14

Edison 28, Mapleton 0

Malabar 27, Wooster 15

Ontario 22, Crestview 15

Bishop Ready 19, Clear Fork 0

Claymont 19, Lexington 14

Doylestown 30, Hillsdale 0

Hopewell-Loudon 7, Seneca East 7

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