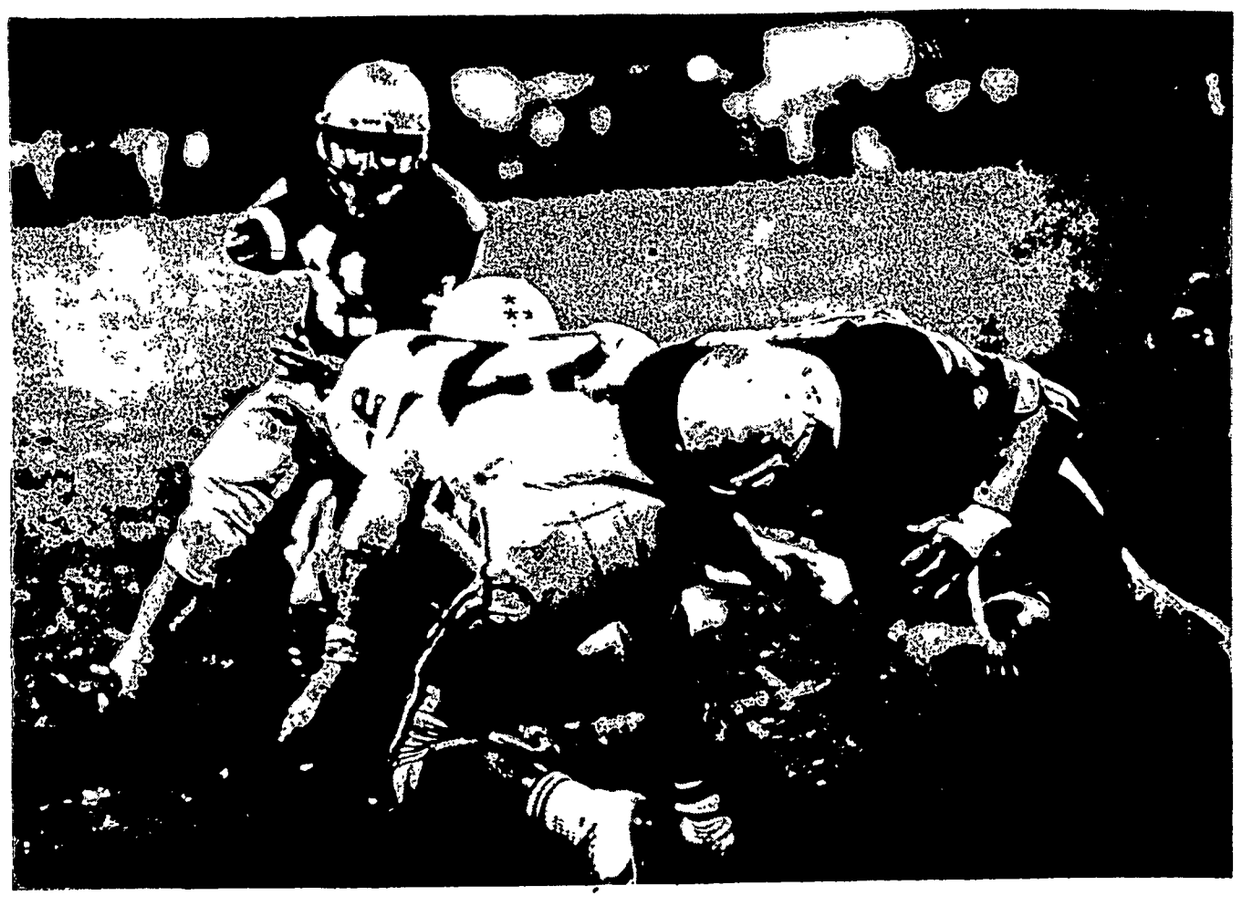
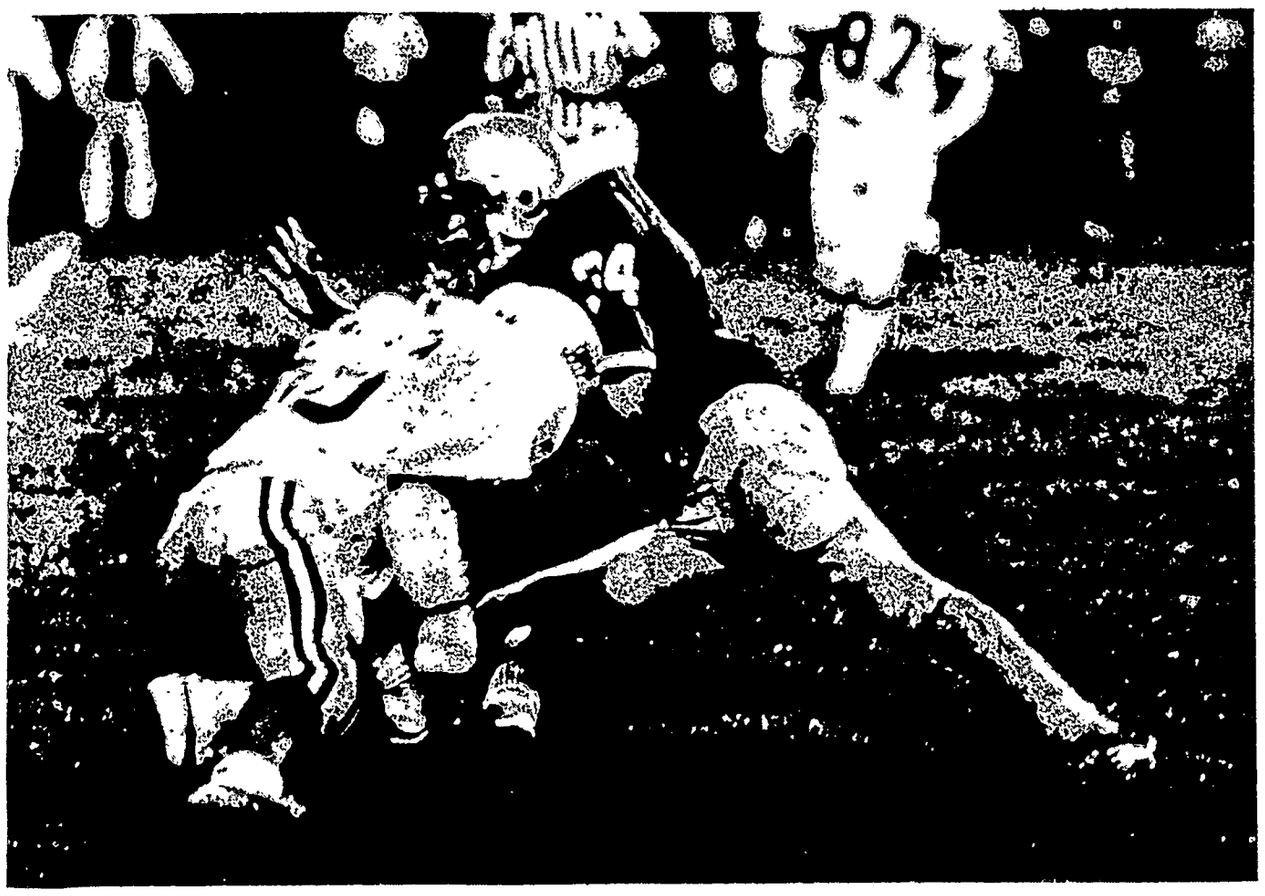


MOVE OVER! — Rob Mahon (right) throws a powerful block on a would-be Lexington tackler, allowing Curtis Reed (41) to score the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter of the Shelby-Lexington football game Friday Mahon received praise from the Shelby coaching staff after he was switched from linebacker to fullback (Globe photo by Linda Stotts)



INTERCEPTION RETURN — Dave Ramey (34) is stopped by Lexington's Steve Ruge (66) in the third period of Friday's grid contest at Skiles Field after picking off a Minuteman pass. Ramey returned the ball to the Lexington 27, but Shelby failed to score on the opportunity. (Globe photo by Linda Stotts)

Interception on last play preserves 14-7 win

Whippets survive big scare from Lexington

By STEPHEN BYRNE
Globe Sports Editor

The fans couldn't have asked for a more exciting football game with a greater slam-bang finish than the one Shelby and Lexington played Friday at Skiles Field

For the Shelby Whippets coaching staff, however, the contest left a lot to be desired

"I don't know what to say except Lexington was a good, fired up team and we made too many mistakes," said Shelby Head Coach Bill Varble, after the Whippets topped the Minutemen, 14-7, needing an intercepted pass in the end zone to halt Lexington's potential winning drive on the last play of the game

"It was a case of mental attitude, I suppose," continued Varble, whose Whippets are now 2-0 for the season "We had three major penalties and a lot of inconsistent blocking Those things can t happen again, that's for sure "

Defensive halfback Tim Sherman saved the bacon for the Whippets on the game's final play, stepping in front of a pass from Lexington quarterback Bob Kennedy intended for wingback Vince Klebacha and picking it off as the final five seconds elapsed Lexington had driven from its own 25 yard line in less than one minute to set up the spectacular conclusion

"We let it slip away from us," said Roger Ebersole, Whippet assistant coach in charge of the offense "We had one good, long drive, and we played well when we inserted the young backfield, but we didn't play well often enough "

"There was a lack of intensity," commented Ron Stepsis, who handles the defense "We just seem to turn on and off like a light "

The Whippets got the scoring they needed when Brad Nothacker took off on a 59-yard jaunt down the near sideline

TIM SHERMAN
The game saver

CURTIS REED
108 yards

with 6.49 to play in the first half. The scoring run capped a 76-yard, six-play drive

The Shelby lead was short-lived, as the Minutemen scored on their possession following the kickoff Lexington drove 62 yards in 12 plays, with Kennedy punching his way across from the two-yard line to score Doug Orr hit the extra point and the count was 7-7 at 1 39 until intermission.

The key play in Lexington's TD drive was a pass interference call against Shelby on a third down, eight yards-to-go situation, giving the Minutemen new life at the Whippets' 35 yard line Kennedy also hooked up on passes with tailback Jim Alexander for 18 yards and Craig Donnan for nine.

Neither team could generate an attack in the third period Shelby picked up two first downs to none for Lexington, but could not mount a sustained effort.

The Whippets did threaten once in the third frame, after Dave Ramey intercepted a Kennedy ariel and returned it to the Lexington 27 yard line The Whippets got as far as the 11, but stalled there. Nothacker attempted a 28-yard field goal, but it went wide to the left

The Whippets got the winning touchdown on the first possession of the fourth quarter as Curtis Reed, who gained 108 yards on 27 carries for the night, went over from less than a yard out. That score capped a 63-yard march in a dozen plays, including a fourth down and three conversion, handled by Reed

For the rest of the game, it was the 'irresistible force' against the 'immovable object.'

The force was nearly with Lexington

The Minutemen had three more possessions. The first one died when a Kennedy to Greg Betscher pass failed to make the distance needed for a first down. The second one ended when linebacker Bob Boroff stripped the ball from an intended receiver, giving Shelby the pigskin at its 39 yard line.

The Whippets, however, couldn't advance the ball, and on Lexington's third chance, they almost made good.

With a fourth and 10 at their 40 yard line, Kennedy completed a pass to Klebacha to the Shelby 44 He then hit Corey Lukkarila with a pass to Shelby's nine-yard stripe to stop the clock with five seconds to play One last pass, however, fell into Sherman's hands to conclude the wild affair

"We were worried," said Varble. "They pressured us constantly - both offensively and defensively As the game got longer they got stronger "

Shelby outgained the Minutemen 222-59 on the ground The Whippets' quarterback Dave Hiatt hit on two of five pass attempts, one to Reed for 16 yards and one to Steve Stine for nine Nothacker collected 97 yards rushing on 13 carries

Kennedy threw 25 times, completing 10 for 124 yards Sherman had two interceptions, and Ramey and Boroff each had one

Bob Mahon and Ray Lewis led the tackling with nine each Boroff added seven stops

Shelby had 16 first downs to Lexington's 14

The Whippets will host Ashland in the final non-league game Friday.

LEXINGTON	0	7	0	0	- 7
SHELBY	0	7	0	7	- 14

S- Brad Nothacker, 59-yard run (Nothacker kick)
L- Bob Kennedy, 2-yard run (Doug Orr kick)
S- Curtis Reed, 1-yard run (Nothacker kick)

NOL roundup

League splits eight contests

Half of the Northern Ohio League's eight football teams were victorious Friday, as Bellevue shut out Port Clinton, 26-0, Bucyrus topped Ontario, 14-6, and Tiffin Columbian smothered Bowling Green, 40-6

On the losing side, Galion was nipped by Mount Vernon, 7-3, Norwalk suffered a 6-3 loss to Huron, Upper Sandusky was belted by Mansfield Malabar, 21-0, and Willard was humbled by Fostoria, 8-0

Bellevue 26, Port Clinton 0

PORT CLINTON — The Bellevue Redmen remained unbeaten and unscored upon Friday with a 26-0 pasting of Port Clinton

Jeff Tackett scored three touchdowns on runs of 10, four and two yards Joe Green added a TD for Bellevue on a three-yard scamper

Bellevue is now 2-0

Bucyrus 14, Ontario 6

BUCYRUS — The surprising Bucyrus Redmen notched their second win in as many games this season with a 24-6 triumph over Ontario.

Todd Brenner passed to Jay Keller 39 yards for the first Bucyrus touchdown Rick Walker had the other tally, on a one-yard run

Ontario's TD came on a 59-yard gallop by Mark Shook

Mt. Vernon 7, Galion 3

GALION — Todd Mueller's third period touchdown, on a one-yard plunge, helped the Mt. Vernon Yellow Jackets beat the Galion Tigers Friday, 7-3

Mueller gained 88 yards on 18 carries. Galion's John Erlsten had 74 yards on 18 runs

The Tigers got their only points on a 36-yard field goal by Chris Nicholls in the second quarter, with three seconds until the half

Galion is now 0-2.

Huron 6, Norwalk 3

HURON — Joe Esposito caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from Mark Mufano in the first period Friday to lift Huron to a 6-3 win over Norwalk.

The Truckers, now 0-2, managed a 21-yard field goal by Brett Mason in the second quarter for their points

Tiffin Columbian 40, Bowling Green 6

BOWLING GREEN — Gary Hall, Chris Belville and Tony Colatruglio all scored two touchdowns as the Tiffin Columbian Tornadoes evened their record at 1-1 by pummeling Bowling Green, 40-6.

TC rang up 253 yards of offense, 248 coming on the run

The Bobcats only score of the game was a 32-yard pass from Tom Dunn to Greg Howard

Malabar 21, Upper Sandusky 0

UPPER SANDUSKY — Rudy Reed gained 101 yards on 10 carries and scored on runs of 26 and 44 yards to power Malabar to a 21-0 win over Upper Sandusky Friday

The Falcons also got a touchdown on a 96-yard run by George Swarn

Upper is now 1-1

Fostoria 8, Willard 0

FOSTORIA — Steve Lehman blocked a Brent Owens punt in the end zone and Tim Switzer took a six-yard scoring pass from Mike McDonald to give Fostoria, now 2-0, an 8-0 win over Willard Friday

The Flashes fell to 0-2 with the loss

NOL Standings

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

Plymouth outlasted by South Central

GREENWICH — A missed two-point conversion attempt in the late minutes of the fourth quarter proved to be the difference as the Plymouth Vikings fell to the South Central Trojans Friday, 8-6

Plymouth scored its touchdown with 3:33 left to play as Rodney Hampton passed 28 yards to Tom Baker to make it 8-6 The pass on the points after try, however, were unsuccessful.

The Vikes had two more possessions after their tally, but they ended in an interception and the Trojans taking over on downs

SC got its TD in the second quarter when Tom Hall, who ran for 150 yards, bolted in from two yards away Greg Fetter ran in the conversion to put the Trojans ahead, 8-0.

Plymouth mustered 94 yards on the ground and 156 via passing on 13 completes in 24 tries by Hampton. Jim Will had four of those catches and Bob Jamerson picked up three.

The Trojans ran for 273 yards and passed for 45.

Plymouth will travel to Bascom Friday to play Hopewell-Loudon

PLYMOUTH	0	0	0	6	- 6
SOUTH CENTRAL	0	8	0	0	- 8

SC- Tom Hall, 2-yard run (Greg Fetter run)

Ply- Tom Baker, 28-yard pass from Rod Hampton (pass failed)

Buckeye Central throttles Pleasant

MARION — Dan Shell scored touchdowns on runs of 15 and one yards Friday as the Buckeye Central Bucks demolished the Pleasant Spartans in a North Central Conference football game, 28-0.

The Bucks rolled up an impressive 197-24 rushing margin over Pleasant, with fullback Mark Houston gaining 74 yards on 13 carries

BC was also able to hold down the Spartans' high-powered passing game, intercepting six passes. Dave Seibert had two pickoffs, while Shell, Dan Pifher, Dave Richards and Steve Kehres each had one.

The Spartans had 95 yards through the air to 16 for the Bucks

Tailback Chet Johnson scored the first BC touchdown, plunging in from the one yard line. Steve Kehres put the finishing touches on the rout by returning a punt 35 yards to tally. Shell's TDs came in the middle periods.

BC is now 2-0 in all games and 1-0 in the conference. Pleasant is 0-2 for the season.

The Bucks will be at home against NCC foe River Valley next Saturday

BUCKEYE CENTRAL	7	7	7	7	- 28
PLEASANT	0	0	0	0	- 0

BC- Chet Johnson, 1-yard run (Karl Mahaffey kick)

BC- Dan Shell, 15-yard run (Mahaffey kick)

BC- Shell, 1-yard run (Mahaffey kick)

BC- Steve Kehres, 35-yard punt return (Mahaffey kick)

Navratilova dumps top-seeded Evert-Lloyd

NEW YORK (UPI) — Martina Navratilova will have trouble topping herself today.

She and Chris Evert Lloyd put on a world-beating show Friday in the semifinals of the U.S. Open, exchanging crisp ground-strokes and impossible lobs for two hours and 12 minutes before the former Czech citizen prevailed, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 over Evert, the tournament's top seed

It left 18,588 fans breathless, but there was unfinished business for the fourth-seeded Navratilova — the final today against No, 3 seed Tracy Austin

Earlier, Austin disposed of 11th-seeded Barbara Potter, 6-1, 6-3, who certainly wasn't the same opposition as Evert, five-time winner of this tournament Austin won the title in 1979, the only time since 1975 Evert didn't do it.

It will be the first time for Navratilova, who owns a 15-10 lifetime edge over Austin.

Evert made the first break of the final set, in the third game, and it seemed she would be able to run out the match. But Navratilova broke back at love in the eighth game

BASEBALL

Major League Standings
By United Press International
(Second Half)

National League

East

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	16	12	.571	—
Chicago	16	15	.516	1½
New York	15	16	.484	2½
Montreal	14	15	.483	2½
Phila	13	17	.433	4
Pittsbrgh	12	21	.364	6½

West

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	20	11	.645	—
Los Ang	18	13	.581	2
San Fran	17	13	.567	2½
Atlanta	17	13	.567	2½
Cinci	16	14	.533	3½
San Diego	9	23	.281	11½

Friday's Results

Chicago 6, Montreal 5
Philadelphia 8, Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 4, San Diego 1
Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 2
St. Louis 4, New York 2
Houston 6, San Francisco 0

American League

East

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	20	11	.645	—
Balt	18	13	.581	2
New York	18	13	.581	2
Milwauke	18	15	.545	3
Boston	16	14	.533	3½
Clevelnd	17	16	.515	4
Toronto	14	16	.467	5½

West

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	15	14	.517	—
Kan City	16	15	.516	—
Texas	13	16	.448	2
Minn	14	18	.438	2½
Chicago	13	18	.419	3
Seattle	13	19	.406	3½
Calif	11	18	.379	4

Friday's Results

Seattle 8, Toronto 1
New York 4, Boston 1
Detroit 6, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 2, Milwaukee 1
Minnesota 4, Chicago 3
Texas 11, California 6
Oakland 6, Kansas City 1