

Locals tied for NOL lead with two others

Shelby controls Upper Sandusky in 21-6 conquest

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UPPER SANDUSKY — Taking one giant step in the rugged Northern Ohio League football wars, the Shelby Whippets clobbered Upper Sandusky 21-6 Friday night before a packed parent's night crowd.

With the loss for Upper Sandusky, Shelby and Tiffin Columbian also are tied for first in the NOL with the Rams. All three have league marks of 4-1.

The Whippets fans were treated to another team effort Friday night as SHS balanced its passing and running.

"We hung tough early in the game when Upper Sandusky scored first, but that didn't discourage us, and we came on top of some early bad breaks," beamed a happy Shelby coach Bill Varble.

The head coach for the Whippets had high praise for assistant coaches, offensive coordinator Roger Ebersole and defensive boss Ron Stepsis.

"Both Roger and Ron had excellent game plans," Varble said. "Roger called an excellent game and Ron came up with a game plan to slow down Scott Ogg."

The game plans by the coaching staff were executed to perfection by the Whippet players as Shelby held the upper hand in the game for the final 35 minutes, 57 seconds after Upper's only score.

Taking the ball from their own 30-yard line, Upper Sandusky marched down the field in 18 rushing plays. Tailback Ogg leaped over the pile from two yards out on fourth and goal with 11:57 left in the half. Jim Bailey's extra point kick was wide to the left and Upper led 6-0.

The Rams squibbed the kick-off after their TD, giving the Whippets excellent field position at their own 46-yard line.

The Whippets then came to life, dominating the line of scrimmage and piecing together a balanced eight-play drive, capped off with a four-yard burst by Scott Martin for the first of his three touchdowns at 8:38.

Tim Amstutz provided the Whippets the lead for good with a successful PAT kick.

The key play of the drive was a 20-yard pass from Chip Fugate to Paul Wagoner for a first down at the US eight-yard line.

After the SHS score, the Whippets forced Upper Sandusky to punt the ball after three quick downs.

Ogg's punt went out of bounds at the Shelby 40 where the Whippets banded together to begin their second drive of the game. The drive was derailed by two fumbles, one each for both teams.

Martin and Baker bolted three and four yards, respectively, and on third down and three, the Whippets caught Upper Sandusky napping for the Whippets biggest play of the night.

Fugate stepped to the line, saw what the Rams were giving on defense, shouted out an audible, and scored the Rams on a 14-yard pass to Baldrige for the first down at the Ram 34-yard line.

Two plays later, the Whippets slowed down the drive by losing a fumble. But the generosity of the hosts gave the ball back three plays later at the US 42.

Fugate fired to Paul Wagoner down the right sidelines for 26 yards and another first down at the 15.

Baker sliced through the Upper line for six tough yards for a first down at the four-yard line, and Martin burrowed over from two yards out at 1:13. Another Amstutz PAT made the score 14-6.

The key play of the game, according to Varble, was the third and three where Fugate had the "automatic call" option and threw to Baldrige.

"We had worked on the automatic call all week in practice," Ebersole said. "Chip (Fugate) spotted something in their defense at the line of scrimmage on third and three. They were expecting us to run."

Defense was the order in the second half, with the only score coming with 5:17 left when Martin took an option from Fugate from seven yards out.

The score followed a seven-yard punt which gave Shelby the ball at the midfield stripe. Eight plays later, the Whippets iced the contest with the final score.

The Shelby defense allowed Upper to drive early in the third from the Ram 46 to the Shelby 10-yard line before US quarterback Kip Newell fumbled away the opportunity on a fourth down and one.

After the last score, the Rams stuck primarily to the ground. A last ditch effort stalled at the Shelby seven as the SHS Hungry Hound defense pounded on Ogg with Brad Mikolajczyk making a perfect open field tackle with 1:25 left in the game.

You have to be very pleased with that kind of a performance against a team like Upper Sandusky," Ebersole said. "I am super pleased with the gelling of the offense into a very potent of-

fense."

"The 'Blue Who,' the nickname the offensive line gave themselves, showed what they are made from end-to-end and showed what our line is capable of. They just did a super job of blocking and protecting," he said.

Ebersole was speaking of ends Wagoner and Tom Keller, tackles Toby Norris, Mick Hall and Doug Love, guards Larry Traxler and Kirk Davis and center Jeff Ebersole.

"We had passing to offset our run tonight," Ebersole pointed out. "Paul (Wagoner) had a super effort on his first catch while Scott (Martin) and Buddy (Baker) did a good job running the ball for us."

"Baker has to be the best blocking back in the NOL and he was punishing their ends coming out of the backfield," he added.

"Terry (Baldrige) had a good kick-off return to start the game (60 yards) and if it had been a dry field then, it would have been six points. We have been close to breaking off a touchdown like that in the last few games," Ebersole remarked.

Ebersole's offensive machine churned out 138 yards on the ground while going to the airways for 82.

Baker was the leading ground gainer for the Whippets with 71 stripes on 14 carries while Martin tallied 69 yards on 23 carries.

Fugate was four of five passing for 82 yards. Wagoner hauled in two receptions for 46 yards, while Tom Keller grasped a 22-yard pass and Baldrige had his key catch for 14 yards.

Martin has 806 yards through eight games while Baker has 430.

Upper Sandusky was led by Ogg's 127 yards on 28 carries, 26 yards below his average. Ogg now has 1,200 yards on the year.

Eric McMillan, Ogg's fullback and blocker, had 66 yards on 18 totes while Newell carried 16 times for 20 yards and went two of five passing for 17 yards.

Upper had 213 yards on the ground. Ogg entered the game as the NOL's leading punter with 37.1 yard average, but boots of seven and nine yards led to an average of 20.7 on four kicks in the contest. One of Ogg's kicks was blocked by Mikolajczyk.

Baldrige punted four times for Shelby with an average of 29.0.

"When you hold a team like Upper Sandusky to six points, you have to be pretty proud of the young men playing," Stepsis said. "Overall, it was our best defensive game to this point and we hope to get even better for next week at Bellevue."

Leading the Hungry Hound defense with 13 tackles each were Mikolajczyk and Rick Coleman, while Mike Roberts had 12 stops. Ed Yetzer tallied 11 while Ed Ingle had 10. Ingle and Mikolajczyk each had a fumble recovery.

Other tacklers for SHS were Brian Kreinbrink (9), Jeff Eldridge (8), Jim Moore (3), Todd Schaub (4), Jeff Murray (1), Craig Ridenour (4), Tim Hess (9), Bruce Kehres (4), Ken Greter (4), Rob Yates (2) and Bill Triska (5).

If the Whippets are to keep their NOL championship hopes alive, they must win at Bellevue next Friday. Bellevue defeated Norwalk last night 21-3.

Tickets will be on sale all week at the high school during school hours for the Bellevue game. Prices are \$1.50 for students and \$2.50 for adults.

Bellevue athletic director Sam Schubert suggests Whippet fans use the parking lot behind the visitors' bleachers.

To reach that parking lot, continue past the high school on Northwest Street to Egler Street, beyond the hospital. Turn left on Egler Street to the parking lot and enter the North gate. More seating capacity has been added to the visitors' bleachers.

In the other two NOL games, it was Willard besting Bucyrus 22-6, while Tiffin Columbian nipped Gallion 13-12.

VARSITY FOOTBALL	
At Upper Sandusky High School	
SHELBY	0 14 0 7 - 21
UPPER SANDUSKY	0 6 0 0 - 6
12-Ogg 2-yard run (Kick failed)	
5-Martin 4-yard run (Amstutz kick)	
3-Martin 2-yard run (Amstutz kick)	
5-Martin 7-yard run (Amstutz kick)	

SHELBY	UPPER
12	First downs
8	By rushing
4	By passing
0	By penalty
138	Rushing yardage
82	Passing yardage
4-5	Passes att.-comp
1-15	Penalties-yards
4-29.0	Punts-average
3-1	Fumbles-lost
0	Passes int. by

Individual statistics	
Rushing: Shelby: Scott Martin 23-69, Chip Fugate 2-4, Buddy Baker 14-71, Terry Baldrige 1-14, Upper Sandusky: Scott Ogg 28-127, Eric McMillan 18-66, Kip Newell 16-20.	
Receiving: Shelby: Paul Wagoner 2-46, Tom Keller 1-22, Terry Baldrige 1-14, Upper Sandusky: Lyle Gatchel 1-8, Mark Lambrite 1-4.	



Not getting too far

Being drug to the soggy turf is Upper Sandusky ball carrier Eric McMillan by an unidentified Shelby tackler while Whippets Jeff Murray (45), Craig

Ridenour (49), Jim Moore (4) and Don Lykins (42) view the action. The Hungry Hound defense limited a view the action. The Hungry Hound defense limited a view the action. The Hungry Hound defense limited a view the action.

one touchdown in a 21-6 victory. SHS is now tied for first place in the NOL with Upper and Tiffin. (Globe photo by Lance Constien)

Northern Ohio League roundup

Bellevue, Tiffin and Willard all post victories

Though the Shelby-Upper Sandusky took the spotlight in the Northern Ohio League Friday night, Bellevue also kept its championship hopes alive with a 21-3 drubbing of Norwalk.

In other games, it was Willard rallying by Bucyrus 22-6, while an extra point was the difference in Tiffin Columbian's 13-12 win over Gallion.

BELLEVUE 21, NORWALK 3

Ed Green passed for touchdowns of 23 yards to Scott Beckley and six yards to Tom McPeak, while Pren Trickett raced 90 yards for another touchdown to lead the Redmen over Norwalk.

Norwalk's only score was a

23-yard field goal by Steve Risner in the second period which cut the Bellevue lead to 7-3.

Norwalk rushed for 185 yards and passed for 114 while Bellevue had 229 on the ground and 99 through the air.

WILLARD 22, BUCYRUS 6

Mark Hunter passed to Tom Baum for a four-yard Bucyrus score in the first period, but the Flashes caught fire with 22 second-half points.

Dan Bauman ran eight yards for one score and then flipped a 36-yard pass to Tom Phillips for another TD while John Heffley had a one-yard plunge for Willard. Bauman had two PAT

kicks and one extra point run.

The Crimson Flashes had 281 yards rushing and 36 yards passing while Bucyrus was held to 160 yards running and 40 via the pass.

TIFFIN COLUMBIAN 13, GALLION 12

The Tornadoes remained tied for first with Shelby and Upper Sandusky with an extra point kick by Mark Hoar providing the one-point edge for TC.

Tiffin scored first on a four-yard run by Bob Bean before Jan Waterer's score from one yard out tied the game at 6-6 before the half.

Tom Spraggins then returned a Gallion fumble 65 yards for a touchdown.

Gallon scrapped back with a five yard pass from Jon Mills from Guy Wagner, but the conversion run was muffed by a fumble.

Todd Keller had 113 of Tiffin's 160 yards rushing, while Gallion ran for 99. Gallion passed for 151 yards and Tiffin aired the ball

for 56 yards.

Next week, Bellevue hosts Shelby, Bucyrus entertains Upper, Gallion travels to Norwalk and Tiffin is at Willard.

NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE

League	Overall
SHELBY	4-1 7-14
Upper Sandusky	4-1 6-20
Tiffin Columbian	4-1 5-30
Bellevue	3-1 5-21
Willard	2-3 3-41
Gallon	1-4 2-40
Norwalk	1-4 1-70
Bucyrus	0-5 1-70

Friday's Results

SHELBY 21, Upper Sandusky 6
Bellevue 21, Norwalk 3
Tiffin Columbian 13, Gallion 12
Willard 22, Bucyrus 6

FIRELANDS CONFERENCE

Northern Division	League	Overall
Edison	2-0	7-10
Monroeville	2-0	5-20
Western Reserve	1-1	7-14
Norwalk St. Paul	0-1	2-60
New London	0-3	2-40

Southern Division

League	Overall
Plymouth	2-0 7-10
Black River	2-1 2-41
Crestview	1-1 5-30
South Central	1-1 3-60
Mapleton	0-3 2-40

Friday's Results

Plymouth 40, Black River 12
Edison 9, Crestview 6
South Central 20, Mapleton 6
Western Reserve 20, New London 12

Today's Game

Monroeville at Norwalk St. Paul

NFL

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Houston, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 2 p.m.

New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Seattle, 4 p.m.

San Diego at Denver, 4 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 4 p.m.

Hampton passes for 234 yards

Big Red handles

Black River, 40-12

SULLIVAN — Plymouth took the lead in the southern division of the Firelands Conference Friday night with an impressive 40-12 win over Black River in a battle between unbeaten division foes.

The Big Red scored in every quarter and improved their overall mark to 7-1 and 2-0 in the southern division. Black River tumbled to 2-5-1 in all contests and 2-1 behind Plymouth in the division.

Mike McKenzie, who had 24 carries for 138 yards, got Plymouth off to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter with six- and 15-yard runs along with two PAT kicks.

Black River cut the lead to 14-6 on a 50-yard run by Rod Haswell before the Big Red retaliated with a 73-yard scoring pass from Rod Hampton to Tom Baker.

In the third period, Hampton scored on a one-yard sneak, and with 9:45 left in the game he rammed into the end zone from 19 yards away.

Richard Cunningham closed out the scoring for Plymouth with a one-yard run before Dan Haswell completed the Pirates' punter with an 80-yard run

Hampton enjoyed his best night of the year with 234 yards passing on 11 of 19 completions with no interceptions. Plymouth tallied 186 yards rushing for a total output of 420 yards.

Black River ran for 209 yards and were one of two passing for five yards with one interception.

Plymouth will host South Central Friday in their final home game of the year.

VARSITY FOOTBALL	
At Black River High School	
PLYMOUTH	14 6 7 13 - 40
BLACK RIVER	0 6 0 6 - 12
14-McKenzie 6-yard run (McKenzie kick)	
15-McKenzie 15-yard run (McKenzie kick)	
50-Rod Haswell 50-yard run (Kick blocked)	
73-Hampton 73-yard pass to Baker (Kick failed)	
1-Hampton 1-yard run (McKenzie kick)	
19-Hampton 19-yard run (Kick failed)	
1-Cunningham 1-yard run (McKenzie kick)	
80-BR Dan Haswell 80-yard run (Kick failed)	

PLYMOUTH	RIVER
14	First downs
6	By rushing
7	By passing
1	By penalty
186	Rushing yardage
234	Passing yardage
11-25	Passes att.-comp
6-70	Penalties-yards
2-35.0	Punts-average
4-0	Fumbles-lost
1	Pass int. by



Recovery for Ingle

Bodies fall to the turf as an Upper Sandusky fumble is about to be pounced on by Ed Ingle (88) while Rob Yates (87) arrives a shade late and Upper's Scott Ogg (36) looks on helplessly. (Globe photo by Lance Constien)

Gary fined for facemask incident

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Pittsburgh Steelers' defensive end Keith Gary has been fined an undisclosed amount by the NFL for his face mask tackle of Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Ken Anderson Oct. 10, NFL officials said Friday.

Anderson suffered a strained neck in the nationally televised Monday night game when Gary grabbed him by the face mask and swung him to the turf. Anderson missed the rest of that game as well as last week's contest at Denver and is doubtful for this Sunday's game against Cleveland.

"I think it's justified," Bengals' assistant general manager Mike Brown said of the fine. "I hope it is an example not only to him (Gary) but to others in the future."



Running rampant

Shelby fullback Buddy Baker cuts inside after finding a gigantic hole in the Upper Sandusky defense enroute to a 20-yard gain in the second half. Baker led all SHS

carriers with 71 yards and also provided key blocks for running mate Scott Martin who finished with 69 yards. The Whippets paralyzed Upper Sandusky with a

thrilling 21-6 decision on the road. (Globe photo by Lance Constien)

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