

Kranz paces Plymouth

Shelby fourth at Ontario Invitational

ONTARIO — Tremendous pack running, with only 13 seconds separating the top five Shelby runners, paced the Whippets to a fourth place finish Saturday in the Ontario Invitational.

Earl Lynch was the first harrier to cross the finish line for Sift with a 17:24. Doug Barnd trailed one place and one second later and Ron Stroup was 23rd with a 17:29. Rounding out the scoring were Mike Caskey, 25th with a 17:32, and Rick Greter, 27th with 17:37.

Participating in the varsity race, but not having their places count in the final tally were 37th-place finisher Timothy Lynch (17:51) and Mark Hess, who finished 46th in 18:17.

Tiffin Columbian won the meet with 57 points while Worthington took runners-up honors with 63 tallies. Findlay was third with 67, followed by Shelby with 114. The rest, in order, were Sandusky (155), Strongsville (157), Marion Hardine (157), Upper Arlington (167), Mansfield Madison (192), Wooster (270) and Marlington (279).

The Whippet junior varsity team took a sixth place. Shelby's best reserve runner was Aaron Hawk in 21st place with an 18:28, while Gary Heydinger followed in 22nd with 18:28. Kevin Baird (28th-18:33), Dave Cirata (31st-18:39), Brent Mitchell (57th-19:35), Charles Chittick (68th-19:52) and Larry Stacklin (98th-20:41) rounded out the Shelby contingent.

Whippet runners competing in the boys' open race were Randy Takos (13th-19:51), Morris Hawk (16th-19:55), Brian Glenwright (19th-20:03), Tim DeLauder (31st-21:06), David Chittick (44th-22:49) and Todd Armstrong (46th-23:29).

Tiffin Columbian won the girls' race; Norwalk finished second; Shelby and Willard took sixth and seventh.

Bernie Frankl paced the Lady Whippets with a 14th place finish and a time of 20:23. Wadeana Davis was 23rd with 20:58 and Tracy Phillips was 57th with 22:28. Monica Gies was 70th with 22:45 and Suzie Shaw was 79th with 23:10. Also representing Shelby were Jean Thompson, 80th in 23:10 and Judy Wheeler, 107th in 24:01.

In the Class A race, Plymouth took eighth place as Loren Kranz cruised to a third place time of 16:43. Completing the scoring for Plymouth were Rob Beck (34th-18:42), Kris Barnhouse (44th-19:00), Ryan Wilson (46th-19:08) and Mike Kosic (52nd-19:24).

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Buckeyes bury Minnesota

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Ohio State Coach Earle Bruce had proclaimed all week he intended to put the run back into Buckeye football. But when the time came Saturday against Minnesota, he reverted back to his old philosophy on the game: "Take what they give you."

Minnesota, like so many teams have, stacked its defense to stop the run and the Gophers got buried with the pass and buried 9-18.

True, quarterbacks Mike Tomczak and Brent Offenbecker completed only 9 of 19 between them, but those 9 completions accounted for 247 yards, 27.4 per completion, and two touchdowns.

"They committed a lot of men to the line of scrimmage and did a pretty good job of it," said Bruce. "We did get some big plays when they over-committed. Their defense gave us a nice blend of pass and run. We weren't great on the pass, but we hit some big plays."

There were a number of big plays turned in by the defense as well, which made the job of the offense much easier.

Tom Boser recovered a Minnesota fumble on the Gopher 11 to set up a TD.

Sophomore middle guard Darryl Lee blocked a Minnesota punt which Cedric Anderson recovered in the end zone for a touchdown.

Doug Hill recovered a Minnesota fumble on the Gopher 28 to set up a score.

Rowland Tatum picked off a Greg Murphy pass and returned it 52 yards to the Minnesota 22 to set up another TD.



Final appearance at Cincy

Making his final appearance at home in Cincinnati as a member of the Reds, Johnny Bench playfully carries an armful of balloons and wears a tie while taking the lineup card out to the umpires before the start of the Red.

Giants game last Thursday. Bench retired after a 16-year baseball career with the Reds at the close of the regular season Sunday. (UPI photo)

Browns tripped by Seattle defense, 24-9

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Jacob Green thinks self-examination helped the Seattle Seahawks field a defensive effort that led to his first NFL touchdown and game balls for the entire defense.

The Seahawks' left defensive end, a four-year veteran, picked off a Brian Sipe pass and rumbled 73 yards for a touchdown Sunday. The score choked off Cleveland's last gasp late in Seattle's 24-9 triumph over the Browns.

"The defense called a meeting last night," Green said just after the game. "We just weren't getting it done. We had to work on pressure and coverage."

It must have worked because Seattle intercepted Sipe three times, sacked him three times and recovered a fumble.

"The defense won it for us by forcing turnovers," said Seattle coach Chuck Knox. "We needed that. Our defense has been giving up easy scores lately."

"This was the best defense we've played. We bent a little, but we didn't break."

Browns Coach Sam Rutigliano came up with the same analysis from the loser's standpoint.

"I thought that we played very poorly," he said. "Penalties and turnovers really hurt us. Eliminate those and we win."

"The loss was a combination of Seattle forcing turnovers and Sipe not playing well, although the penalties (10 for 75 yards) hurt him."

Sipe, who had 11 touchdown passes in the previous four games, was willing to take a large share of the blame.

"I don't know where to start," he said. "We just needed to have better composure on the line of scrimmage. I set up all the scores for them."

Seattle capitalized almost immediately on Sipe's first miscue early in the second half. Shelton Robinson intercepted a pass from the 11-year veteran at the Cleveland 39 and returned it to the 11.

Curt Warner, the Seahawks' sensational rookie runner, ran the ball three straight times, finally scoring on a one-yard run. That made it 10-3, the Browns and the Seahawks having traded field goals in a lackluster first half that turned into a punting duel.

In all, Warner ripped the Browns defense for 94 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries.

"I'll carry the ball as many times as they call my number and hopefully they will call it a lot," said Warner.

Knox is likely to give him his wish, saying Warner, whose

longest gain of the day was 13 yards, "gets something out of nothing."

Sipe's second error came the next time the Browns had the ball. He was intercepted at the Seattle 10 and the ball wound up on the 20 after a fumble on the runback. It was the only turnover the Seahawks failed to turn into a score.

Cleveland scored on a six-yard pass from Sipe to rookie running back Boyce Greene early in the fourth period, but Matt Bahr missed his first extra point in 79 tries and Seattle led 10-9.

The crusher came two and one-half minutes later. Sipe was sacked by Jeff Bryant and fumbled on the Cleveland 15, where Bryant fell on it to set up Warner's second touchdown.

Seattle's final TD came on Green's interception with just under two minutes left in the game.

"I felt let down," he said. "I feel I could have done better, could have broken a few more tackles. If we don't win it just doesn't mean anything."

Browns fullback Mike Pruitt refused to take much consolation from the fact that he gained 107 in 24 carries, giving him 484 yards through five games.

Big Red, Bucks lose

Plymouth gridders walloped with first loss, 39-6

MILAN — Edison added 26 points worth of insurance in the final quarter to hand Plymouth its first loss of the season Saturday evening at Charger Field, 39-6.

The hosts Chargers rolled out to a 32-0 lead with a three-touchdown barrage within a four-minute span in the fourth quarter. Shawn Branham broke the ice for Plymouth with a four-yard run late in the game.

The Edison offense churned out 284 yards on the ground and built up a 13-0 lead at the intermission with 15 of its 18 first downs gained by rushing.

Plymouth's ground attack garnered 87 yards while Rodney Hampton, Big Red quarterback, was eight of 21 passing for 98 yards with three interceptions.

The Big Red will look to get back on the winning track Friday night when they travel to Crestview for a key southern

division Firelands Conference game. Both teams are tied for the southern lead with league records of 1-1 while both are 4-1 overall. Last year, the Cougars manhandled Plymouth 40-0.

Varsity Football
At Edison High School

PLYMOUTH 0 0 0 6-6
EDISON 7 6 0 26-39

Edison: Springer 3-yard run (Landolt kick)

Edison: Ostermeier 1-yard run

Edison: Springer 15-yard run

Edison: Taylor 2-yard run (Landolt kick)

Edison: Sisson 3-yard run

Plymouth: Branham 4-yard run

Edison: Hall 3-yard run (Schwan kick)

PLYMOUTH First Downs 10

By Passing 2

By Rushing 15

By Penalty 1

Yards Rushing 284

Yards Passing 98

Passes Att-Comp 33-3

Fumbles-Lost 0-0

Penalties-Yards 22-125

27-0 first quarter deficit spoils BC homecoming

BUCKEYE — Spotting River Valley a 27-0 first quarter lead, the Buckeye Central Bucks went down to defeat 46-21 Saturday evening in their homecoming game at Wynford High School.

Buckeye Central, now winless in five starts, is 0-4 in North Central Conference play. River Valley improves to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the NCC.

Quarterback Ken Kaple keyed all three BC touchdown drives by passing for a pair and running for another. Kaple was 17 of 38 for 206 yards.

BC's first score was a 37-yard pass from Kaple to Norbert Donnersbach while Jack Ehresman hauled in the other touchdown pass from five yards out. Kaple's TD run was of nine yards and Randy Payne booted all three PAT kicks.

Buckeye Central will take on NCC leader Wynford at 8 p.m. Friday. The Royals are 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the NCC.

Varsity Football
At Wynford High School

RIVER VALLEY 27 6 0 13-46

BUCKEYE CENTRAL 0 7 7 7-21

RV: Schwedder 34-yard run (Hansen kick)

RV: Lucas 30-yard pass from Joliff (Hansen kick)

RV: Joliff 34-yard run (Hansen kick)

RV: Potts 10-yard run

BC: Donnersbach 37-yard pass from Kaple (Payne kick)

RV: Phyllian 19-yard pass from Studer

BC: Ehresman 5-yard pass from Kaple (Payne kick)

RV: Green 1-yard run (Hansen kick)

BC: Kaple 9-yard run (Payne kick)

RV: Studer 5-yard run

BUCKEYE First Downs 16

Yards Rushing 37

Yards Passing 188

Passes Att-Comp 24-12

Fumbles-Lost 0-0

Penalties-Yards 22-125

'Snake' bites Dolphins

By DAVE RAFFO
UPI Sports Writer

Don Shula has seen Ken Stabler on busier and better days, but the "Snake" hurt the Dolphins just as bad as ever Sunday.

Stabler pierced the Miami defense with short passes and received plenty of help from youngsters to lead the New Orleans Saints to a 17-7 victory, their first ever against the Dolphins.

"You have to take off your hat to the old man at quarterback," Shula said. "I don't remember what his final stats were, but I don't remember him missing many."

To refresh Shula's memory, Stabler completed 12 of 18 passes for 124 yards as New Orleans won for the first time in four meetings against Miami. Wayne Wilson rushed for 160 yards, wide receiver Tyrone Young scored a TD on his first NFL reception and defensive end Reggie Lewis

raced 27 yards with an interception return for his first professional TD to back Stabler's steady effort.

Lewis grabbed a ball that had popped up when Dan Marino was hit by two Saints and he sped untouched to the endzone to give the Saints a 17-0 lead late in the third period.

Young opened the scoring in the second period on a diving, twirling catch in the endzone of a 16-yard toss from Stabler.

The Dolphins scored late in the final period on a 10-yard pass from rookie Marino to wide receiver Duper, but the Dolphins were ineffective offensively throughout the afternoon.

In other interconference games, Washington outgunned the Los Angeles Raiders 37-35, Chicago clubbed Denver 31-14, San Francisco trounced New England 33-13, Kansas City crushed St. Louis 38-14 and San Diego outlasted the New York Giants 41-34.

In National Conference

games, Dallas topped Minnesota 37-24, Philadelphia nipped Atlanta 28-24, Green Bay crushed Tampa Bay 55-14 and the Los Angeles Rams beat Detroit 27-10.

In the American Conference, Baltimore edged Cincinnati 34-31, Pittsburgh topped Houston 27-7 and Seattle downed Cleveland 24-9.

Redskins 37, Raiders 35, Joe Theismann passed for a career-high 417 yards and three touchdowns.

Bears 31, Broncos 14. Rookie Willie Gault caught two TD passes — one each from Jim McMahon and Vince Evans — and the Chicago defense shut down Denver in the first half.

49ers 33, Patriots 13. Joe Montana passed for 288 yards, including two TDs, and Ray Wersching kicked four field goals to power San Francisco to its fourth straight victory.

Chiefs 38, Cardinals 14. Linebacker Charles Jackson returned a fumble 37 yards for a TD to key a Kansas City defensive effort that forced nine St. Louis turnovers.

Chargers 41, Giants 34. Chuck Muncie's third TD of the game, a 34-yard burst around left end with 4:32 left, lifted San Diego.

Cowboys 37, Vikings 24. Ron Fells scored on a 36-yard interception return for the go-ahead TD.

Eagles 38, Falcons 24. Ron Jaworski ran for one TD and passed for three others.

Packers 55, Buccaneers 14. Lynn Dickey passed for three TDs and the Green Bay Packers set an NFL record for points scored in one half.

Rams 27, Lions 10. Eric Dickerson rushed for 180 yards and scored three TDs to lift the Los Angeles Rams. The Rams improved their record to 3-2 while the Lions fell to 1-4.

Bengals clipped by Colts, 34-31

CINCINNATI (UPI) — The Baltimore Colts, winless last year, have jumped off to a 3-2 start this season and are demanding respect.

"People better start taking notice of the Colts," tight end Tim Sherwin said Sunday after catching three passes to help Baltimore upset the Cincinnati Bengals, 34-31.

"Opponents can no longer say, 'We play the Colts next and that means we've got an easy game,'" figured Sherwin. "This club is really starting to do something."

Baltimore's road victory Sunday was extremely impressive because the Colts trailed most of the game, but refused to fold.

"What impressed me the most," said Baltimore coach Frank Kush, "is that when we needed it, we reached down the boot level to get it."

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