

Whippets snare five enemy aerals

Big plays carry Shelby past Lexington, 24-7

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Friday's 24-7 victory for the Shelby football team was good, but head coach Bill Varble was disappointed in the way the Whippets did it.

Racing to a 17-0 lead against Lexington, the Whippets surrendered a touchdown via an offensive mistake and had to rely on a timely interception by senior defensive back Craig Ridenour to thwart a Minuteman drive in the fourth quarter and keep LHS from closing the gap.

Ridenour stepped in front of a pass at the Shelby 20-yard line, fumbled 20 yards later and defensive teammate Ed Yetzer jumped on the pigskin at the SHS 49-yardline.

Had the Minutemen scored on that drive, Varble figures it could very well have been anybody's game from that point.

Had it not been for the Whippets' three big scoring plays, the Shelby head coach pessimistically said his team probably would not have scored.

Shelby waited until late in the first quarter before striking twice for a pair of touchdowns which provided Shelby a comfortable 14-0 lead at the time.

Ed Yetzer intercepted the first of two passes at the 3:40 juncture of the opening period to give Shelby the ball at their own 45-yard line.

Scott Martin handled the rushing chores of the drive, gaining six yards on the first play of the series and then following an incomplete pass with a 49 yard sprint into the end zone at the 2:36 mark. It looked as if Martin would have been dropped after a 10-yard gain, but the speedy senior changed his direction and raced down the left side for the score. Tim Amstutz booted the point after kick and Shelby led 7-0.

Four plays later Lexington was forced to punt on fourth and nine from the Lexington 28. After the punt Terry Baldridge put it in play at the Shelby 44-yard line and emerged out of a tight squeeze on the sidelines and gave Shelby a 13-point lead on a 56 yard jaunt at the 1:01 point in the first quarter. Amstutz made the score 14-0 with a successful PAT.

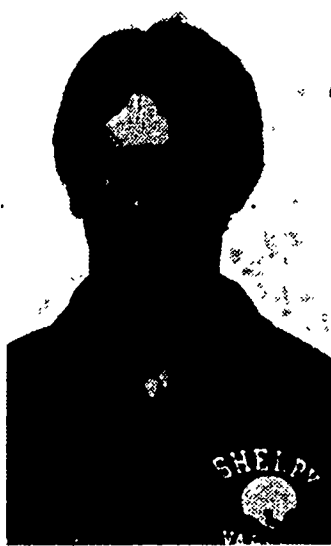
Earlier in the first quarter the Whippets had a scoring drive snuffed out with a fumble at the Lexington four-yard line on first and goal to go.

Ridenour set up the series by blocking a Lexington punt and teammate Rick Coleman fell on the pigskin at the Lexington 16-yard line with 7:34 on the clock in the opening 12 minutes.

Ridenour turned in a fine defensive effort for the Whippets with a team-leading 12 tackles, along with a blocked punt, interception, and fumble recovery.

As a team the Whippets picked off five Lexington aerals with Brad Mikolajczyk and Ed Ingle also picking off passes.

Also turning in fine defensive



ED YETZER
Two interceptions



CRAIG RIDENOUR
Leading tackler

plays were Rick Coleman with 10 tackles and a fumble recovery while Mikolajczyk and Mike Roberts had seven sticks each.

Mikolajczyk ended the first quarter with his stolen pass which gave the Whippets excellent field position to open the second frame at the Lexington 20-yard line.

The Whippets picked up a first down as Tom Keller reached for a pass which looked like it would be overthrown at the Lexington six-yard line for a first down.

Shelby gridders then hurt themselves with a pair of costly penalties which moved the ball back to the Lexington 20-yard line. Four plays later the Whippets took a 17-0 lead when Amstutz drilled a 24-yard field goal with 9:13 left in the first half.

Penalties plagued the Whippets during the entire evening with Shelby losing 144 yards on 15 penalties. Lexington fared somewhat better with five penalties for 65 yards.

Shelby forced Lexington to punt the opening kick of the second half six plays later and the Whippets advanced to the Lexington 18 on series that started at the LHS 42.

A costly illegal use of the hands penalty moved the Whippets back to Lex 38 and the drive stalled at the Lexington 26-yard line.

Four plays later the Minutemen punted the ball away with SHS taking over at their own 24-yard line.

On the first play of the series, the Whippets fumbled and Dave Bauschard scooped up the loose pigskin and ran 22 yards for the only Lexington touchdown of the evening with 49 ticks left in the third frame. Gary Gaubatz booted the PAT and cut the Whippet lead to 17-7.

Lexington was generous late in the final period with a fumble which Shelby recovered at the Lexington 36-yard line.

One play later Chip Fugate fired a 36-yard scoring strike to Paul Wagoner for a 23-7 lead and Amstutz' PAT made it 24-7 with 4:32 left to play.

After the kick the Minutemen mounted a drive which started at their own 21-yard line and drove to the Shelby four-yard

line where Ingle intercepted a pass at the goal line and returned it to the SHS 22-yard line where Shelby ran out the clock.

In the final stats Shelby outgained Lexington, 203-188 in total yardage. Shelby owned a 139-53 edge in rushing while Lexington ruled the airways with a 125-64 passing advantage.

Martin was the leading rusher for Shelby with 99 stripes on 15 carries while junior fullback Ron Roberts collected 32 yards on 11 totes. Greg Elgin led Lexington with 44 yards on 14 carries.

Varble said he would have to wait until this morning when he views the films to find anything positive out of last night's tiff with the Minutemen.

Shelby, now 2-0, will be at home this coming Friday when Ashland invades Siiles Field. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. Canton South topped Ashland Friday, 23-2.

In other games involving Northern Ohio League teams: it was Huron topping Norwalk, 30-12; Upper Sandusky slipped by Mansfield Malabar, 10-9; Gallon was beaten by Mount Vernon, 34-7; Tiffin Columbian ripped Bowling Green, 21-12; Bellevue erased Port Clinton, 15-7; Willard was pounded by Fostoria, 43-0, and Bucyrus dropped a 28-0 decision to Sandusky Perkins.

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Sprinting through the hole

Shelby fullback Ron Roberts sprints through a gaping hole in the defensive line of Lexington. Roberts had 32 yards for SHS. On this carry Roberts picked up a first down for the Whippets.

Shelby raced to a 14-0 first quarter lead and held on for a 24-7 win over the Minutemen. (Globe photo by Carl Ridenour)

Scores-n-standings

NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE STANDINGS		League..Overall		Non-league	
Shelby	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0
Bellevue	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0
Upper Sandusky	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0
Gallon	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Bucyrus	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Willard	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Tiffin Columbian	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Norwalk	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2

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BC topped, 46-22

CAREY — Opening the North Central Conference, the Buckeye Central Bucks traveled to Carey and were crushed by the Blue Devils 46-22 as the Bucks lost their second game of the season.

With the win Carey goes to 1-0 in the NCC and 2-0 overall, while the Bucks drop to 0-1 and 0-2.

Carey jumped out to a 27-0 lead at the half and built it to 40-0 before the Bucks could find the endzone with a Ken Kaple three-yard run in the third quarter. Randy Payne added the PAT kick to cut the deficit to 40-7.

Buckeye Central came alive in the fourth quarter out-scoring the Devils 15-6, but that was not enough to overcome a Carey offense that rolled up 401 yards for the game.

The Bucks gained 229 yards for the game.

Although the game did reach the upper-limits in scoring,

neither team committed a turnover.

The next game for the Bucks will be Saturday, September 17, when they host Colonel Crawford for their home opener at Wynford High School.

BUCKEYE CENTRAL		Carey	
14	First downs	16	
116	Rushing yards	336	
113	Passing yards	47	
4:13	Passes-comp.	65	
6:32.6	Penalty yards	35	
0-0	Punts-average	8-36.6	
0	Fumbles-lost	0-0	
0	Interceptions by	0	

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Plymouth now 2-0

PLYMOUTH — Senior runningback Mike McKenzie broke loose for 136 yards and four touchdowns to lift Plymouth to a 26-0 win over Lucas Friday afternoon in an independent clash at Mary Faye Park.

McKenzie's scoring jaunts came on runs of 26, 1, 14 and 1 yards out during the second and third quarters.

More importantly, Plymouth is now 2-0 on the year and has held opponents scoreless for the last seven quarters.

The shutout for the Big Red was the first one in five seasons, dating back to 1978.

Plymouth piled up 306 yards on the ground and passed for 125

more, despite being hounded by 11 penalties for 105 yards.

Friday, Plymouth travels to Galion Northmor for an independent contest.

PLYMOUTH		Lucas	
13	First downs	8	
2	By rushing	3	
0	By passing	4	
0	By penalty	1	
46-306	Rushing yards	28-69	
125	Passing yards	95	
8-22	Passes att-comp	8-18	
11-105	Penalties-yards	4-40	
N/A	Punts-average	N/A	
2-0	Fumbles-lost	4-2	
3	Pass int. by	2	



Shelby defensive back Craig Ridenour greets Lexington quarterback Bob Stewart, in the secondary with a jolting hit while Whippet teammate Todd Schaub moves in to offer assistance. Ridenour had a fine day on

defense with a team-leading 12 tackles, a blocked punt, fumble recovery and an interception. Shelby topped Lexington, 24-7, in a non-league contest. (Globe photo by Carl Ridenour)



National League		East		West	
Phila	72	67	518	—	—
Atl	71	67	514	1 1/2	—
St Louis	71	68	511	1	—
Pisbgh	71	69	507	1 1/2	—
Chi	62	78	443	10 1/2	—
NY	59	81	421	13 1/2	—

American League		East		West	
Balt	79	60	544	4	—
Detroit	79	62	560	5	—
Milw	79	62	560	5	—
Toronto	77	64	538	8	—
Boston	68	73	482	16	—
Cleve	68	78	447	21	—

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American Conference		East		West	
LA	1	0	1,000	—	—
San Diego	1	0	1,000	—	—
National	0	1	0	0	0

Central		East		West	
Phila	1	0	1,000	—	—
Dallas	1	0	1,000	—	—
Wash	1	0	1,000	—	—
St Louis	1	0	1,000	—	—
NY	0	1	0	0	0



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