

Norwalk thwarts Willard comeback

WILLARD — In the past few years, there has always been a dramatic ending in the Willard-Norwalk confrontation.

And, Friday was no exception with the Truckers holding on for a 20-13 win.

With 7:39 left to play, Frank Staley went in from two yards out as the Truckers padded their 14-13 lead.

Just one play earlier, Chris Waleri had blocked a Willard punt and the Truckers had recovered on the Flashes two-yard-line.

Willard was forced to punt on the ensuing series and Norwalk reached their own 48 before coughing the ball up with Steve Hoak recovering for the Flashes on the Norwalk 40.

The Flashes were able to only gain six yards on three running plays and faced a fourth and four at the Norwalk 34. Quarterback Chris Thompson came through in the clutch, completing a 19-yard pass to Darren Trapp for a first down at the 15.

Willard moved for another first down as the clock was winding down. With 20 seconds to play, a running play lost three yards forcing Thompson to go to the air on the next play and Staley stepped in for the interception as the game ended.

"We worked very, very hard with these kids this week and it's showing. They could've have easily said the heck with it after falling behind early (13-0) but didn't quit. On the way over, I thought the first score would win it," said Norwalk second-year mentor Terry Hehl.

Thus, the Truckers snapped a

four-game losing streak since winning the season opener over Edison (20-0). While Norwalk climbed to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the Northern Ohio League, Willard dropped to the same record.

"Norwalk just executed better in the second half. Once they got up on us, we had trouble stopping their fullback (Staley) inside," said Willard head coach Terry King.

Staley, who scored twice for the Truckers, was the leading rusher in the game with 100 yards in 22 carries.

"Norwalk came up with the big play and we didn't. We had the opportunities but couldn't cash in on them. After the first quarter, when we had a 13-0 lead, all we had to do was play solid defense and the game was ours," added King.

Willard opened strong, scoring twice in the first 9:04 of the game.

Helped by a 40-yard run by Scott, Willard moved for a score on its first possession with Thompson tossing a 25-yard pass to Don Bauman who reached paydirt at the 9:24 mark. Jeff Jump converted for a 7-0 lead.

After a Norwalk punt, the Crimson Flashes came right back with an 80-yard drive in 10 plays with Thompson going the final four with 2:56 left in the period. The PAT attempt was blocked by Robert Harvey.

But, the Truckers came roaring back.

Staley scored on a 33-yard run on the first play of the second period and Ralph Chandler hit Sean Oglesby for the two-point conversion as the Truckers drew close, at 13-8.

Late in the half, the Truckers raced downfield for another score. Chandler hit Oglesby for 45 yards to get close and Waleri hauled in an 11-yard toss for the score. The try for two points failed.

ed and Norwalk had a 14-13 lead at intermission.

"Neither team could establish an outside game so we decided to go with Staley inside and he ran extremely well. His touchdown run (33-yarder) was a thing of beauty," added Hehl. While Norwalk hosts Upper Sandusky next Friday, Willard ventures to Galion.

Shelby 14 Bucyrus 7

BUCYRUS — A quarterback sneak for one yard by Steve Ousley in the second quarter helped Shelby stay perfect in the Northern Ohio League at 3-0.

The Whippets, 4-2 overall, scored first in the contest when Kevin Noel hauled in a 16-yard scoring pass from Ousley and Wes Beighley booted the conversion, the first of two he kicked in the game.

Bucyrus, 1-5 overall and winless in three NOL starts, came right back for the equalizer as Todd Enders was on the receiving end of a seven-yard pass from Jeff Fisher and Todd Adkins converted to knot the score at 7-all.

Tiffin 7 Upper Sandusky 0

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian broke through early in the second quarter for the only score of the game.

Dave Gardner fired an 11-yard pass to Brian McGowan and Adams Engle converted for the only scoring needed by the Tornados, who upped their record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the league. Upper drops to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the NOL.

New London 6 Monroeville 0

MONROEVILLE — New London (2-4, 2-3) got a 40-yard touchdown jaunt from Keith Shepherd with just 1:23 left in the game to pull of an upset win over the Eagles of Monroeville.

The Wildcats completely dominated the entire game as they gained a total of 301 (297 on the ground) yards holding Monroeville to just 25 on the ground and 21 up above for a mere 46 yards.

The Wildcats were also assessed 185 yards in penalties.

The loss was the second straight for the Eagles who now stand at 4-2 overall and 2-2 in league play.

South Central 13 Mapleton 2

Three low scoring games highlighted play in the Firelands Conference Friday night as South Central downed Mapleton 13-2. New London surprised Monroeville 6-0, and Crestline upended Norwalk St. Paul 12-6.

The Trojans (3-3, 2-3) scored lone touchdowns in the second and fourth periods while giving up just two points on a safety with 3:20 left in the half.

Mike Jewell opened the scoring just two seconds into the second quarter as he busted in from the one. The kick failed making it 6-0.

Port Clinton girls nab SBC tennis crown

PORT CLINTON — Port Clinton clinched its third straight Sandusky Bay Conference girls tennis championship Thursday with a narrow 3-2 win over Perkins.

Coach Karen Coffin's squad raised its record to 7-0 in beating the Pirates (5-2) for the second time. The Redskins own a two-game lead with just one match remaining.

"It was another very tough match and Jennifer Armstrong was very cool in her match which went three sets. Her win gave us the championship," Coffin said.

Armstrong, playing No. 3 singles, best Ann Elias 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

"We are very happy to beat a Perkins team which has improved so much this season. The conference was much stronger overall and I don't think there was one match which ended 5-0," Coffin said.

The Mounties' Mike Hoffman then nabbed Jewel in the end zone for the safety making it 6-2 at the intermission.

South Central's Craig Conway in the final quarter picked of a Mapleton pass and raced 18 yards into paydirt. The Randy Kenny kick closed out the scoring.

Mapleton now stands at 3-3 on the season and 1-3 in the league. The Trojans dominated the ground game as they recorded 151 yards while holding Mapleton to just 47. However, South Central played a little give away game as they coughed up the ball four out of five fumbles.

Crestview 12 St. Paul 6

NORWALK — Crestview spotted Norwalk St. Paul a first quarter touchdown as The Flyers Chip Ward gathered up a fumble and raced 43 yards for a score giving St. Paul (1-5, 1-4) a 6-0 lead midway thru the stanza.

Later in the same period Crestview (5-1, 4-1) gained excellent field position following a bad snap on a punt attempt as they garnered possession on the St. Paul 27.

Six plays later Matt Bernhard scored from the one and when the two-point pass attempt failed the game was knotted at six. The final score of the night came just 55 seconds into the last period as Tony Pliger raced in from the three. The winners once again got a excellent field position as the drive started on the Flyer 27-yard line and finished five plays later with the score.

Crestview ended the night with 201 total yards compared to 111 for St. Paul.

Plymouth 26 Danbury 6

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth struck for all its points in the first half while racing past Danbury, 26-6.

The Big Red, 2-4, got on the board first when Mike Howell recovered a fumble in the end zone with 1:15 left in the first period.

Then, Plymouth came right back with three more scores in the second period as Billy Castle scored on runs of 13 and two yards and also hauled in a 44-yard pass from Chuck Kossey.

Danbury, winner just once in six outings, only got in Plymouth territory once in the first half and did not score until late in the game on a nine-yard pass from David Dadich to Todd Harris.

N. Baltimore 12 Seneca East 6

NORTH BALTIMORE — Seneca East has won just once this season.

But, the Tigers have been victimized twice in overtime including a 12-6 loss to North Baltimore Friday night.

The Tigers, 1-5, scored first in the contest on an 11-yard pass from Scott Magers to Chad Ulmer and the conversion misfired.

North Baltimore came back to tie the score at 6-6 later in the period on a one-yard run by Brian Engard and there was no further scoring in regulation.

In overtime, Clair Crouse broke the deadlock on a seven-yard run.

Ticket info for Vermilion fans

VERMILION — Vermilion football fans holding season reserved seat tickets are reminded the home game with Midview Oct. 10 was not included in the season package.

However, fans with season tickets can enter at the pass gate the night of the game and pay \$3 and will have the same seats they hold during the season.

The fans are also reminded the season ticket is good for the last home game of the season against Toledo Macomber.

Scoreboard

MAJORS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	East	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	105	54	660	—	
Philadelphia	84	75	528	21	
St. Louis	79	80	497	26	
Montreal	78	81	491	27	
Chicago	68	90	430	36½	
Pittsburgh	64	95	403	41	
	West	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Houston	94	66	588	—	
Cincinnati	85	75	531	9	
San Francisco	82	78	513	12	
San Diego	73	87	456	21	
Atlanta	72	87	453	21½	
Los Angeles	72	88	450	22	

x-clinched division title

Friday's Results
Cincinnati 6, San Diego 3
Houston 6, Atlanta 2
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 5
San Francisco 8, Los Angeles 2
St. Louis at Chicago, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh at New York, ppd., rain

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	East	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Boston	95	63	601	—	
New York	87	72	547	8½	
Toronto	86	74	538	10	
Detroit	85	75	531	11	
Cleveland	82	78	513	14	
Milwaukee	75	84	520½		
Baltimore	73	87	456	23	
	West	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-California	91	69	569	—	
Texas	86	74	538	5	
Oakland	75	85	469	16	
Kansas City	75	85	469	16	
Chicago	72	88	450	19	
Minnesota	69	91	431	22	
Seattle	67	93	419	24	

x-clinched division title

Friday's Results
Milwaukee 4, Toronto 1
Detroit 6, Baltimore 3
Cleveland 6, Seattle 5
Minnesota 9, Chicago 2
Texas 6, California 1
Kansas City 8, Oakland 4
New York at Boston, ppd., rain

SEATTLE

	abr	h	bi
Moses cf	5	0	1
SBradley c	4	1	2
Presley 3b	4	1	2
Phelps 1b	4	1	0
Davis dh	4	0	0
Tartabull rf	4	1	2
Hengel lf	3	1	1
Quinones ss	2	0	1
PBradley ph	0	0	0
RJones 2b	0	0	0
Reynolds 2b	2	0	0
Valpe	1	0	0
Ramos ss	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	9

CLEVELAND

	abr	h	bi
Butler cf	4	0	0
Clark rf	4	1	1
Franco 2b	4	1	1
Carter 1b	4	1	1
Hall lf	3	1	1
Bell ph	1	0	0
Nixon lf	0	0	0
Snyder ss	4	0	1
Tabler dh	4	2	2
Jacoby 3b	4	0	2
Bando c	4	0	1
Totals	36	6	11

Winning run scored with one in ninth

Seattle 200 100 100—5
Cleveland 600 000 501—6
Game-winning RBI — Bando (3).
E—Quinones. DP—Cleveland. 2. LOB—Seattle 5. Cleveland 5. 2B—Snyder, Phelps, Quinones, Hall, Jacoby. HR—Presley (27), Hengel (1), Clark (3), Tabler (6). SB—Tartabull (4). S—Hengel.

FOOTBALL

Ohio High School Football Scores

Akr Ellet 25, Akr North 0
Akr Firestone 15, Akr Kenmore 2
Akr Hoban 19, Louisville Aquinas 16
Alliance 34, E Liverpool 6
Amanda Clearcreek 24, Lanc Fisher 7
Arcanum 6, Bethel 0
Arlington 19, Vanlue 6
Ashland Crestview 12, Norwalk Paul 6
Ashtabula Edgewood 19, Geneva 14
Austintown Fitch 14, Massillon 10
Beaver Local 12, Cadiz 0
Bellevue 3, Galion 0
Bellefontaine 30, Clark NE 0
Benjamin Logan 17, W Liberty-Salem 0
Berea 14, Medina 10
Berea Midpark 30, Brecksville 6
Bergholz Spring 29, Col Crestview 6
Berne Union 29, Licking Hts 0
Bowling Green 7, Millbury Lake 0
Bradford 26, Mississinawa Val 0
Brooklyn 16, Buckeye 0
Brunswick 7, N Royalton 0
Bryan 20, Patrick Henry 7
Buckeye S 20, River 17
Buckeye W 19, Bridgeport 6
Can S 28, Can Cent Cath 24
Can Timken 20, Barberton 3
Can McKinley 36, Lancaster 14
Cardington 7, Ontario 6
Carey 12, Marion Pleasant 0
Carlisle 8, Middletown Madison 14
Cedarville 13, Greenvew 0
Celina 31, Lima Bath 7
Centerville 24, Springfield N 3
Cin CAPE 46, Loveland 6
Cin Princeton 28, Lima Sr 7
Cin Taft 21, Cin Hughes 0
Cin Princeton 28, Lima Sr 7
Cin Turpin 27, Cin Withrow 8
Cin Aiken 35, Cin Oak Hills 21
Cin LaSalle 21, Cin Roger Bacon 15
Cin Western Hills 38, Mt Healthy 12
Cin Indian Hills 7, Cin Deer Park 3
Cin Purcell 13, Cin Moeller 10 (ot)
Cin Green Hills 20, N College Hill 14
Circleville 24, Washington CH 6
Clark NW 36, Greenon 7
Clark SE 19, Clinton-Massie 0
Clayton N'mont 6, Vand-Butler 0 (2ot)
Cle Benedictine 19, Mansfield 0
Clearfork 25, Loudonville 12
Clermont NE 14, Bethel Tate 13

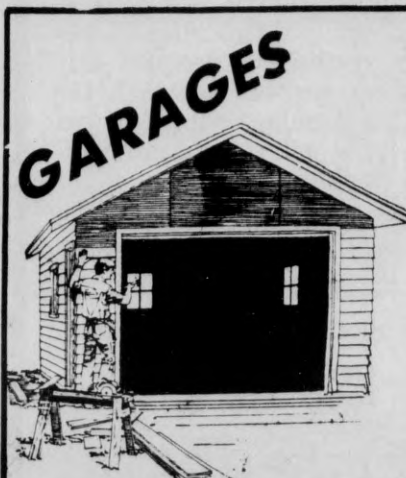
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