### Norwalk thwarts Willard comeback

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

And, Friday was no exception with the Truckers holding on for

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 twoyard-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.

"We needed a win over a team with an established program and tonight, we beat a quality coach and program. In weather like this, every sloppy play is a big one and that blocked punt was our big play...a very big play," added Hehl.

Thus, the Truckers snapped a

And, for a good reason.

against the stubborn Rockets.

and scored another on a run.

being a key factor in the outcome.

passes in the early going.

score," added Quisno.

did the job," noted Zang.

Clair had 43 in 11 tries.

first five games.

Margaretta

Both coaches laud

By ED FOX

Staff Writer

CASTALIA — Mike Coukart drew praise from both coaches follow-

After all, the Polar Bear senior quarterback was uncanny while

He completed 8-of-11 passes for 144 yards, threw for one touchdown

"We felt we had to keep the balanced offense and that's why we

went to the air early. In the midst of the hurricane, he managed to

complete some key passes which helped us jump on top early. He

just did a great job of moving around back there and finding the open

receiver. He moves his feet well, is a great leader and has excellent

"Margaretta's got a fine team and Coukart is a fine athlete. His

The veteran Rocket mentor pointed to his team's four turnovers as

"We just made too many mistakes to win a big football game.

"We had our opportunities, we just couldn't take advantage of

them. When we scored in the first half and it was called back because

of the offensive interference penalty, that was the ball game because

they came right back and scored. But, I'm very proud of these kids

because a lesser team would have folded when it fell behind by a 16-0

Oak Harbor had featured a strong running attack in winning its

However, the Rockets were held to 170 yards on the ground by

"We felt we had to stop (Duane) Weirich first, then the wingbacks

Weirich gained just 41 yards in 14 carries after reaching the cen-

tury mark in four of the first five games and rushing for over 600

yards at the halfway point of the season. Quarterback Rick Ferguson

led the Rockets with 45 yards in 12 carries while sophomore Tracy St.

(Mike) Shadoan and St. Clair a lot and both ran well," added Quisno.

sophomore Josh Bell who had over 300 yards in five games.

Shadoan had 28 yards in just five carries.

to get another touchdown," added Zang.

"They (Margaretta) really loaded up inside on us and we went to

The Rockets were without their second-leading rusher in

'He carried the ball once and limped for seven yards and we miss-

"This is a very big win for us and it was truly a team effort with so

ed him but the others did a good job in his absence," added Quisno.

many kids coming up with big plays. At halftime, I just told them to

go out and stop them defensively. After they scored, I was just look-

ing for first downs and were hoping we could get in scoring position

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and then the quarterback in that order and I feel our defense really

Fumbles, interceptions and penalties killed us. We wanted to spread

them out defensively early and that's the reason we tried so many

run for a touchdown right before the half really hurt because that

gave them a solid lead," said Oak Harbor mentor Gary Quisno.

field presence out there," said Margaretta head coach John Zang.

leading his team to three first half scores which proved to be enough

ing Friday's showdown battle between Margaretta and Oak Harbor.

Coukart's effort

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

"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

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 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 sevenyard 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 Tornadoes, 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 Shephard 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 assesed 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 twogame lead with just one match remaning.

"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 aexcellent field position as the drive started on the Flyer 27-yard line and finished five plays later with the

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 Dan-

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 unitl 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 sevenyard 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.



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# Scoreboard

#### **MAJORS**

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Philadelphia	84	75	.528	21
St. Louis	79	80	.497	26
Montreal	78	81	.491	27
Chicago	68	90	.430	361/2
Pittsburgh	64	95	.403	41
West				
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	211/2
Los Angeles	72	88	.450	22
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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

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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

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#### **FOOTBALL**

**Ohio High School Football Scores** 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, Greeneview 0 Celina 31, Lima Bath 7 Centerville 24, Springfield N 3 Cin CAPE 46, Loveland 6 Cin Princeton 28, Lima 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 (20t) Cle Benedictine 19, Mansfield 0 Clearfork 25, Loudonville 12 Clermont NE 14, Bethel Tate 13





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Wilmington 13, Hillsboro 3 Wintersville 28, Garfield I'ts 0

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