

Blunt hits paydirt twice as Willard blanks Bellevue

WILLARD — Chad Blunt scored two touchdowns, including an 80-yard pass reception, to lead Willard to a 37-0 walloping of Bellevue in Northern Ohio League action Friday night.

As the score might indicate, winning coach Terry King had much to be pleased with in his team's efforts.

"We simply played well in all phases of the game," he explained. "And what I really liked was how many of our kids were able to get into the game and contribute."

Still, it was the return of Willard's defense that pleased King most.

"I told our defensive players before the game that I thought we had lost our identity, especially last week (a 32-17 loss to Galion). It was good to see us play like we did earlier in the season, and you could tell our players wanted that shutout bad," King added.

Not to go unnoticed was the continued improvement of sophomore quarterback Matt Harwood. The young signal-caller completed seven of 13 passes for 128 yards, including his touchdown pass to Blunt and a 14-yard scoring strike to Todd Kennard.

"He (Harwood) is developing into a real fine leader. He is doing his 'pre-reads' on pass plays extremely well," marveled King.

"As for Blunt, he can do it all-run, pass, catch and return kicks."

Willard (3-3 in the NOL, 6-3 overall) will try to wrap up their successful season on the road next Friday at Upper Sandusky.

For Bellevue (2-4, 4-5), an upset over league-leading Tiffin Columbian (at Bellevue) would be a memorable finish to an otherwise lackluster campaign.

One streak remained intact while another ended in Northern Ohio League play Friday night.

Tiffin Columbian continued its domination in the eight-school loop, winning for the 19th straight time. They outscored Bucyrus, 33-21, in a battle for sole possession of the league lead.

Meanwhile, Norwalk snapped its losing ways in the league with a come-from-behind 19-15 win over Shelby.

In other action, Upper Sandusky blanked Galion, 20-0.

Norwalk 19 Shelby 15

SHELBY — Norwalk scored on a one-yard run by Joey Thomas with 2:38 left to play and Jeff Phillips added the con-

NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE

SCHOOL NAME	OVERALL					LEAGUE				
	G	W	L	PF	PA	G	W	L	PF	PA
Tiffin Columbian	9	6	3	175	114	6	6	0	151	66
Bucyrus	9	6	3	163	149	6	5	1	113	94
Upper Sandusky	9	5	4	135	118	6	4	2	107	47
Willard	9	6	3	173	108	6	3	3	123	82
Bellevue	9	4	5	89	152	6	2	4	40	112
Galion	9	3	6	139	104	6	2	4	83	80
Norwalk	9	3	6	115	188	6	1	5	60	160
Shelby	9	1	8	132	171	6	1	5	90	127

version in a 19-15 win over Shelby.

The Truckers had lost 13 straight in league play, dating back to a 20-13 win over Bucyrus, Oct. 24, 1986.

Earlier, Thomas staked the Truckers to a 6-0 lead with a 46-yard scamper to paydirt with just 38 seconds gone in the contest.

But, Shelby took the lead on a 32-yard return of a blocked punt by Scott Hadley and Chad Ousley added the conversion for a 7-6 lead with 1:49 left in the first period.

The Truckers, now 3-6 overall and 1-5 in the league, took the lead for the second time in the game on a one-yard plunge by Phillips with 3:41 left in the third period.

Again, the Whippets rallied

STATISTICS		bell	will
First Downs (total)	.....	7	16
by rushing	.....	2	11
by passing	.....	5	3
by penalty	.....	0	2
Rushes (total)	.....	28	49
net yards rushing	.....	10	216
passes attempted	.....	19	15
passes completed	.....	8	8
passes intercepted	.....	1	1
net yards passing	.....	128	145
Total plays	.....	47	64
Total Net Yards Gained	.....	138	361
Fumbles (number)	.....	2	2
ball lost	.....	1	1
Penalties (number)	.....	4	7
yards penalized	.....	50	45

SCORE BY QUARTERS		bell	will
Bellevue	0	0	0
Willard	7	14	9
Willard-Matt Sheldon, 1 run. (Chris Elmlinger, kick).			
Willard-Chad Blunt, 80 pass from Matt Harwood. (Elmlinger, kick).			
Willard-Todd Kennard, 14 pass from Harwood. (Elmlinger, kick).			
Willard-Safety.			
Willard-Blunt, 2 run. (Elmlinger, kick).			
Willard-Brain Williams, 23 run. (Elmlinger, kick).			

STATISTICS		Nor	She
First Downs (total)	.....	10	13
by rushing	.....	9	8
by passing	.....	1	5
by penalty	.....	0	0
Rushes (total)	.....	48	28
net yards rushing	.....	176	77
passes attempted	.....	5	23
passes completed	.....	2	9
passes intercepted	.....	0	4
net yards passing	.....	27	99
Total plays	.....	53	51

SCORE BY QUARTERS		Nor	She
Norwalk	6	0	6
Shelby	7	0	0
Norwalk - Joey Thomas, 46 run. (run failed).			
Shelby - Scott Hadley, 32 blocked punt return. (Chad Ousley, kick).			
Norwalk - Jeff Phillips, 1 run. (run failed).			
Shelby - Corey Schuck, 1 run. (Roger Noel, pass from Bryce Haller).			
Norwalk - Thomas, 1 run. (Phillips, kick).			

SCORE BY QUARTERS		Bucyrus	Tiffin Columbian
Bucyrus	0	7	6
Tiffin Columbian	6	7	13
Tiffin Columbian-Tim Shetterley, 3 run. (kick failed).			
Bucyrus-Shawn Riley, 11 run. (Craig Kozinski, kick).			
Tiffin Columbian-Bryan Miller, 4 run. (Matt Ash, kick).			
Bucyrus-Matt Caldwell, 4 yard pass from Jeff Fisher. (kick failed).			
Tiffin Columbian-Miller, 35 run. (Ash, kick).			
Tiffin Columbian-Shetterley, 1 run. (kick failed).			
Tiffin Columbian-Shetterley, 2 run. (Ash, kick).			
Bucyrus-Riley, 12 run. (Fisher, run).			

on a one-yard run by Corey Schuck with 10:19 left in the contest. A pass from Bryce Haller to Roger Noel was good for the two-point conversion and a 15-12 lead.

That set the stage for the heroics by Thomas in the waning minutes of the game, sending Shelby down to its eighth loss in nine games and a 1-5 record in the league.

Also, it was the first time the Truckers had beaten Shelby since 1977 when they prevailed by a 21-17 score. The two teams also battled to a 3-3 tie in 1981.

Tiffin 33 Bucyrus 21

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian claimed sole possession of the lead in the league with its 19th straight NOL triumph, a 33-21 win over Bucyrus.

The Tornadoes, who were 0-3 in non-league play, have won six league games in a row to take over first place at 6-0, 6-3 overall. Meanwhile, Bucyrus fell to 6-3 overall and 5-1 in the league.

It was also the 11th consecutive win for the Tornadoes over Bucyrus, dating back to the last Redmen victory in 1977 by a 21-6 count.

Tiffin, which closes out the season at Bellevue next Friday, broke a 13-13 deadlock with three straight scores during a 16-minute span in the second half.

Bucyrus tied the score at 13-all on a four-yard pass from Jeff Fisher to Matt Caldwell with 8:42 left in the third period.

But, it was all Tiffin for most of the remaining time in the game.

The Tornadoes went ahead on a 35-yard run by Bryan Miller with 6:14 to play in the third period and Tim Shetterley followed with a one-yard plunge five minutes later as the hosts took a 26-13 lead into the final period.

Shetterley came back with his third touchdown of the game on a two-yard run with 2:54 left to play.

Bucyrus scored in the waning seconds on a 12-yard run by Shawn Riley, who had scored early in the game on an 11-yard scamper to paydirt but it was too late.

Upper 20 Galion 0

UPPER SANDUSKY — Curt McMillan scored a pair of touchdowns and rambled for 151 yards on 24 carries to lead Upper Sandusky to a 20-0 conquest of Galion.

The win lifted the Rams to 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the NOL while Galion fell to 3-6 overall and 2-4 in the league.

McMillan, the league's leading rusher with 898 yards, scored twice in the second period including a four-yard run at the 8:16 mark and a one-yard run with just 15 seconds left before halftime.

The Rams added another score in the third period to gain their first win over Galion since 1983 when they won by a 21-14 count. Galion, which had won the last two meetings by the shutout route, had outscored Upper by a 167-25 count over the last four years.

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STATISTICS		m	br
First Downs (total)		6	18
by rushing		2	12
by passing		4	6
by penalty		0	0
Rushes (total)	.....	32	49
net yards rushing	.....	106	204
passes attempted	.....	15	24
passes completed	.....	7	10
passes intercepted	.....	1	1
net yards passing	.....	139	135
Total plays	.....		
Total Net Yards Gained	.....		
Fumbles (number)	.....	1	4
ball lost	.....	1	3
Penalties (number)	.....	3	1
yards penalized	.....	15	5

SCORE BY QUARTERS		Monroeville	Black River
Monroeville	6	6	8
Black River	6	0	0
Monroeville-Jerry Morrow, 35 run (kick failed).			
Black River-John Schuck, 37 run. (kick blocked).			
Monroeville-John Anderson, 25 pass from Jeff Linderberger. (kick failed).			
Monroeville-Jeff Anderson, 4 pass from Jeff Linderberger. (2 pass to John Anderson).			
Monroeville-Rick Bryant, 2 run. (Morrow, kick).			
Black River-Malonta, 10 pass from Anderton. (Anderton, kick).			

STATISTICS		Ply	NL
First Downs (total)	.....	13	9
by rushing	.....	8	8
by passing	.....	3	1
by penalty	.....	2	0
Rushes (total)	.....	43	39
net yards rushing	.....	154	145
passes attempted	.....	16	8
passes completed	.....	7	4
passes intercepted	.....	0	1
net yards passing	.....	71	50
Total plays	.....	59	47
Total Net Yards Gained	.....	225	195
Fumbles (number)	.....	0	1
ball lost	.....	0	0

SCORE BY QUARTERS		Plymouth	New London
Plymouth	0	0	6
New London	0	0	6
New London - Mike Abfall, 16 run. (kick failed).			
Plymouth - Chuck Deskins, 12 run. (kick failed).			
Plymouth - Deskins, 2 run. (Jeff Tackett, pass from Chuck Kosse).			
New London - Cory Dendinger, 10 pass from Mike Abfall. (pass failed).			

STATISTICS		WR	Map
First Downs (total)	.....	10	10
Rushes (total)	.....		
net yards rushing	.....	102	142
passes attempted	.....	16	14
passes completed	.....	9	6
passes intercepted	.....	1	2

SCORE BY QUARTERS		Western Reserve	Mapleton
Western Reserve	0	6	0
Mapleton	21	7	0
Mapleton - Jeremy Krause, 1 run. (Keith Shonkwiler, kick).			
Mapleton - Craig Ritchey, 15 pass from Krause. (Shonkwiler, kick).			
Mapleton - Ritchey, 71 pass from Krause. (Shonkwiler, kick).			
Western Reserve - Jim Fritz, 1 run. (run failed).			
Mapleton - Jason Hickey, 5 run. (Shonkwiler, kick).			
Mapleton - Bill Rutherford, 34 run. (Shonkwiler, kick).			

STATISTICS		c	p
First Downs (total)	.....	10	12
by rushing	.....	8	4
by passing	.....	1	5
by penalty	.....	1	3
Rushes (total)	.....	41	33
net yards rushing	.....	142	136
passes attempted	.....	13	17
passes completed	.....	2	8
passes intercepted	.....	1	0
net yards passing	.....	14	168
Total plays	.....	54	50
Total Net Yards Gained	.....	156	304
Fumbles (number)	.....	1	1
ball lost	.....	1	0
Penalties (number)	.....	7	7
yards penalized	.....	85	70

SCORE BY QUARTERS		Clyde	Perkins
Clyde	0	6	0
Perkins	0	14	0
Perkins-Bob Boos, 52 pass from Jim Guerrero. (kick failed).			
Perkins-Lonell Taylor, 75 run. (Guerrera, kick).			
Perkins-Boos, 32 interception return. (Guerrera, kick).			
Clyde-Troy Newsome, 1 run. (pass failed).			
Perkins-Jeff Vanderhorst, 31 pass from Guerrero. (Guerrera, kick).			
Perkins-Steve Tann, 6 pass from Guerrero. (Guerrera, kick).			

STATISTICS		E	M
First Downs (total)	.....	18	18
by rushing	.....	16	13
by passing	.....	1	3
by penalty	.....	1	2
Rushes (total)	.....	56	42
net yards rushing	.....	250	274
passes attempted	.....	3	10
passes completed	.....	1	4
passes intercepted	.....	1	1
net yards passing	.....	9	66
Total plays	.....	59	52
Total Net Yards Gained	.....	259	340
Fumbles (number)	.....	1	2
ball lost	.....	1	1
Penalties (number)	.....	5	5
yards penalized	.....	58	57

2-point conversion lifts Plymouth, 14-12

NEW LONDON — A successful two-point conversion proved to be the difference between Plymouth and New London Friday.

Big Red quarterback Chuck Kosse hit Jeff Tackett following a 2-yard touchdown run by Chuck Deskins with 10:29 left to play in the game to lift Plymouth to the 14-12 Firelands Conference victory.

The Big Red remain in a tie for second in the league with Mapleton at 5-2 and are 7-2 overall while the Wildcats fall to 3-4 in the Firelands and 5-4 for the season.

New London opened the scoring on a 16-yard touchdown scamper from Mike Abfall in the second quarter, but Plymouth knotted the score on a 12-yard run from Deskins after the intermission.

After the Big Red grabbed the 14-6 lead on Deskins' second touchdown, the Wildcats bounced back to close the gap on a 10-yard scoring pass from Abfall to Cory Dendinger.

New London went for the two-point conversion to tie the score, but the Abfall pass fell incomplete to preserve the Plymouth win.

Deskins led the Big Red by piling up 168 yards on 36 carries while Dendinger countered with 52 yards on 19 tries to lead the Wildcats.

Plymouth ends the season by visiting Mapleton in a battle for sole possession of second place in the league while New London travels to Black River.

Mapleton 35 W. Reserve 6

NOVA — Mapleton exploded for 21 points in the first quarter to coast past reeling Western Reserve, 35-6, in Firelands Conference play Friday.

The Mounties improve to 5-2 in the league (7-2 overall) and tied for second with Plymouth while the Roughriders drop their fifth straight outing to go to 2-5 in the Firelands and 4-5 for the season.

Jeremy Krause ran one yard for the first score, and then hit Craig Ritchey on touchdown passes of 15 and 71 yards in the first 12 minutes. Keith Shonkwiler added extra points after each score to push the Mounties out to a 21-0 lead.

Western got one touchown back in the second quarter as Jim Fritz bulled over from the one, but Mapleton's Jason Hickey answered with a 5-yard run later in the quarter.

The Mounties ended the scoring on a 34-yard touchdown run from Bill Rutherford in the third period, with Shonkwiler adding the extra point.

Mapleton piled up 307 yards total offense and limited the Riders to just 162 yards.

The Mounties end the season by hosting Plymouth in a battle for second place in the conference on Friday while Western visits Norwalk St. Paul at Whitney Field on Saturday.

Crestview 31 South Central 0

ASHLAND — South Central kept the longest losing streak in the area alive as Ashland Crestview scored a 31-0 Firelands Conference win Friday.

The Trojans, who have not won since the final game of the 1986 campaign, are 0-8 in the league and 0-9 overall, while the Cougars improve to 4-3 in the Firelands and 5-4 for the season.

Scott Durbin opened the Crestview scoring by pulling down a 57-yard touchdown pass from Scott Hershiser in the first quarter.

Later in the period, Kerry Hart scored on a 17-yard scamper, followed by a 55-yard touchdown run from Bob Williams in the second stanza.

Durbin and Hershiser hooked up for a 27-yard scoring strike after the intermission and Greg Ramsay ended the scoring in the final 12 minutes on a 2-yard run.

The Cougars rolled up 256 yards rushing and 84 yards passing and held the Trojans to 48 yards total offense.

Crestview ends the season by hosting Monroeville, the two-time Firelands Conference champions, on Friday, while South Central tries to end its skid in an independent battle against Seneca East.

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