

Shelby Youth Stands Out

By TIM KOELBLE

SHELBY — A three-year letterman in football at Shelby High School is very unusual, but Randy Cornette became one of those three year winners this season.

Cornette spearheaded a tough Shelby defense from his middle guard position, one he has manned since his sophomore year.

According to Coach Bill Wilkins, approximately 10 sophomores in the past 25 years have made it to the varsity level. "We just don't play them on the varsity unless they are good," said Wilkins.

Cornette, who stands 6-2 and weighs a solid 215, was one of those boys. He opened at middle guard and saw action on the offensive line but as Randy says, "Defense is my best."

When the track season rolls in, Cornette will be looking for his third letter, as he participates in the discus throw and shot put.

Although statistics were unavailable on Cornette's performances, it was a distinct possibility that he would crack the first team defense in selections at the Northern Ohio League meeting last night.

Cornette has only two main hobbies, those he knows how to play—football and track. Among the two, football is his favorite.

"I really love football," says Randy, "especially on defense where you can really hit people."

"You can use your hands on defense and move around when you have to, not like on offense where you have to be stationary," he said.

Cornette recalls a Bellevue game last season when Shelby and the 1972 NOL champions fought to 0-0 tie. "We fumbled on our own three-yard line late in the game," stated Randy, "but we held them."

His first game on the varsity level came as a surprise. He had made the roster but hadn't expected to play



RANDY CORNETTE
... three-year veteran

"It was right before the kickoff when Coach Wilkins told me to go in at middle guard," he commented. "I was surprised but I wanted to play."

Wilkins says about Cornette, "Randy spearheads our defense. We think he's one of the best in the area and the best in league at his position. We are able to depend on him with is defensive play, reading offenses and cutting up the trap play."

Cornette has college ambitions but doesn't have an idea right now where he'll be going. But he would like to play football wherever he does go.

Randy stands 87th out of 283 in the senior class with a "B" average

"Randy is a solid citizen of the school," comments Wilkins. "He goof off sometimes but when it comes down to getting the work that needs to be finished completed, he does it well."

Playing varsity football since his sophomore year, Cornette well knows how to get the job done.

New London Back Chosen 'Offensive Player of Year'

By FRANK H. VALK

Mark Mullins of New London isn't the biggest back that ever graced Firelands Conference football fields, but he is with little doubt one of the fastest.

The five-foot-ten, 156-pound halfback for the Wildcats whizzed his way to 1,313 yards in 130 carries for 102 points and the distinction of being the Conference's "offensive player of the year."

Mullins, who lettered all four years at New London, was selected as a conference first team running back

"Mark was always the runner the opposing defenses keyed on," New London coach Paul Nestor said.

"And when other runners were then gaining ground, causing the opposition to key on them, Mark broke loose.

"He's a very objective young man. He evaluates well. For instance when we would give the scouting report, he wanted to know such things as how quick was the defense and how did it react under specific circumstances. In fact I'm sure he played the game mentally before physically."

Also selected to the first team offense were New London's Doug Clark at tackle and another tackle, Black River's Rollie Cox. Clark was also an all-conference tackle on defense. Jamie

Hobbs of New London was selected as an all-conference offensive center.

Earning first team defensive end laurels was Mapleton's Steve Moody. Another Mountie, Al Hildebrand, was named as first team interior lineman.

Wildcat Mark Osterland and teammate Carl Puder were first team linebackers while South Central's Chuck Rinehart and New London's Kevin Randleman were given first team defensive half-back honors.

New London, the Firelands Conference champion, dominated the first team selections, placing four players on offense and four on defense.



YOUTHFUL STYLE — Jean-Guy Talbot, new coach of the St. Louis Blues professional hockey team, wears a youthful hair style these days. He had coached the Denver Spurs farm club, before getting promoted.

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Mt. Vernon Begins in Home Test

By JOHN GRAY
MT. VERNON — Mt. Vernon will have three letter winners back for the 1972-73 basketball season opener at home with Richwood Wednesday night, Nov. 22.

Veterans include: Dave Gorsuch, 5-11 senior guard, who was chosen for the all-conference team last season; Rick Scott, 5-11 senior forward, and Ted Williams, 6-4 junior forward.

For the past two seasons, the Yellow Jackets have won the Ohio Conference. Other members of the loop are Gahanna, Worthington, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg, Delaware, Westland and Westerville High Schools.

Keith Merrin has coached at AAA Mt. Vernon for four seasons, winning 41 games and losing 35. His overall record, including Logan Elm and Delaware High Schools, is 158-87.

A graduate of Mt. Vernon High School in 1955, Merrin furthered his education at Capital University, receiving his degree in 1959, and then on to Washington State University to receive his master's degree in 1972.

Mt. Vernon will appear in the four-team preview at Shelby Senior High School Saturday night, Nov. 18. Also appearing will be Shelby, Mansfield Madison and Mansfield Senior.

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Veteran Galion High Defends Northern Ohio League Title

By JOHN GRAY
GALION — With only two lettermen lost through graduation last spring from its championship basketball squad, Galion High School looks like one of the teams to beat in defense of its Northern Ohio League title.

Returnees include five lettermen: Chip Durtzsch, two-year letter winner, 5-9 guard; Jeff Poffensbaugh, 6-0 forward; Steve Kent, 6-1 forward; Dave Jones, 6-2 forward; and Dave Repp, 6-1 forward-guard, all seniors.

Other good prospects include three other seniors: Ron Miller, 6-2 center; Gary Merckle, 6-3 center, and Greg Kubach, 5-8 guard, six juniors; Keith Bryan, 6-3 guard; John Yeager, 6-0 center; Tom Ernst, 5-10 guard; Mickey Plumme, 5-11 guard; Brian Cain, 6-0 forward; and Dave Curran, 6-0 forward, and a sophomore, Bill Fox, 6-2 forward.

Plymouth to Field Veterans

By JEANNE YOCKEY
PLYMOUTH — Watch for Plymouth in cross country next year.

Coach Robert James predicts the Big Red will be a state meet contender since only one of the top seven runners from the 14-1 1972 squad will graduate.

Mike Adams a two-year letterman is the only senior among Plymouth's top seven distance runners

Veterans Will Return For Wynford Royals

By JEANNE YOCKEY
WYNFORD — The Wynford Royal cross country runners will return in force next year after losing only two of their top 10 from the 22-14 1972 squad.

Graduating in June will be three-year letterman Mark Shealy and two-year letter winner Art Stormer.

Shealy, the team's Most Valuable in 1972, led the squad with an average time of 10:42. He is co-holder of the school record, a 10:16. He placed ninth individually in the North Central Conference Meet at Ridgedale with a 10:17 and fourth in the Findlay Invitational. Stormer averaged 11:05, with a best time of 10:27.

Overall, the team placed fifth in the NCC, sixth in the Class AA Sectional at Upper

Height Big Booting Item

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Lean John Stufflebeem once punted 83 yards for Randolph-Macon Academy. The football people at the U.S. Naval Academy remembered that and now Stufflebeem is their Number One booter.

"Anytime we're inside the 40-yard line, we aim for the coffin corner," says Stufflebeem. "Accuracy and height are more important in that area than distance. The idea is to float the ball, not drill it." Rather than go for distance "Stuffle" tries to kick punts that are best for the Navy team.

Ohioan Honored
NEW YORK (UPI) — Dayton linebacker-tackle Tim Quinn was among 11 college players named to the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar Athletes for 1972.

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MARK MULLINS
... leading offensive back

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