

NOL Roundup

Whippets Nip Upper, 7-6

By John Gray
UPPER SANDUSKY — Shelby's John Armstrong sparked the Whippets to an exciting 7-6 victory over Upper Sandusky in Northern Ohio League football action Friday night.

Armstrong, who gained 186 yards in the contest, took the ball in from the 15-yard line with only 5:35 left in the final quarter, pulling the Whippets (5-1 in the league and 7-1 overall) to a 6-6 tie with Upper (4-2 and 6-2).

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Then Mike Hartz kicked the winning extra point, giving him his 18th successful extra-point boot this season. He's only missed one time.

Armstrong's rushing total Friday raised his season yardage to 1,106.

It looked like Shelby would score on the opening kickoff, until penalties took their toll. The Whippets took the opening kick 93 yards to the Upper 21, despite 40 yards in penalties.

Then, Tom Imhoff passed to Doug Stein in the end zone and it looked like Shelby would go on the scoreboard. Not so. An illegal procedure penalty was assessed against the Whippets and the score called back.

Not giving up, Shelby tried a field goal. Hartz' 43-yard attempt fell short, however, and the Rams took over the ball.

The Rams drove down the field to the Shelby 19, where the Whippet defense held firm.

In the second quarter, Shelby made a goal line stand at its own one. It happened after Mike Arnold tried to punt for the Whippets, but a bad snap gave him problems. Upper recovered at the Shelby 21-yard line and took the ball 20 yards. Shelby took over on downs at 1:22.

The Rams finally scored in the third quarter when Doug Orians bulled over from the one-yard line. Upper drove from its 49-yard line. The extra point failed when a bad snap was fallen on by kicker Mark Calmes.

Shelby was assessed for 11 penalties for 95 yards to only 35 yards on three infractions for the Rams.

Willard 14 Bucyrus 6

By Wil Hane
WILLARD — Daniel Boone or Davey Crockett couldn't have done it any better.

Friday night Mark Miller ran the gamut time and again past a hoard of blood-in-the-eye Redmen, determined to bring him to the turf, to lead Willard High School (2-4) to a 14-6 Northern Ohio League upset victory over Bucyrus High School (2-4).

Only an hour before the game, a physician examined the 170-pound halfback's badly bruised thigh and pronounced him able to play in the contest. Miller proceeded to shred the Bucyrus line for 182 yards, a season high for the Crimson Flash sophomore.

While Miller triggered the offense, the crimson-shirted Willard defensive line must have appeared to be a brick wall to the attacking Redmen, not bending to allow a score until victory was out of reach. Blanket coverage by the Flash secondary resulted in Bucyrus pass whiz Joe Teynor having his worst aerial game of the season, completing only two of eight spirals for a sub-par 26 yards.

Before a standing room only Parent's Night crowd, the Flashes scored the first time they got their hands on the ball. The 65-yard drive halted only when Miller crashed into the end zone with seven minutes still left in the first quarter.

While a hundred or so parents in the crowd boasted "That's my boy," the Flashes continued to dominate the first half of the game.

Holding the Redmen in check after the opening kickoff, the Flash attack force went into action and marched 70 yards for another score. Adrian Thompson took a pitchout and out-raced two Redmen to the corner of the end zone for the two-point conversion.

The Flash defensive line proved who controlled the line of scrimmage when Bucyrus recovered a fumble deep in Flash territory. The Redmen drove to the shadow of the goal line but Flash defenders time and again zapped Bucyrus ball carriers short of the chalk stripe.

The drive was finally ended when Keith Willoughby intercepted a Teyson pass on the Flash six-yard line.

The Flash defenders, led by Ron Williams and Alec Thornton on the line of scrimmage and John Rosso and Paul Adams in the secondary, pulled the plug

on the Redmen attack until the final two minutes.

Affable Flash coach Don Graham credited everyone from the ticket-takers to the cheerleaders for the victory which he said was our "overall best game of the year."

"I wish we could have another Parent Night next week," he quipped. "These are good kids. They do what mom and pop say."

Tiffin Columbian 35 Galion 8

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian (1-5 and 1-7) used a massive second quarter — scoring four touchdowns and one safety — while shutting the door on Galion (2-4 and 3-5) for the first three quarters, defeating the Tigers, 35-8, in Friday football action.

Columbian's Mark Wahl scored on a five-yard run, Scott Smith on a 10-yard blocked punt return, Rob Moyer on a six-yarder, and Kevin Frontz on a 14-yard pass from Eric Gosche to give the Tornadoes an early 28-0 second quarter lead.

Galion's only score came on a 29-yard pass from Jeff Kirk to Tab Carmel in the fourth quarter. Carmel was the bright spot of the Tigers offense, as he led the game in rushing with 113 yards in 12 carries.

Tiffin Columbian's final score came in the fourth quarter on Moyer's second score of the game. He took it over from three yards out and Ralph Smothers added the extra point to make the final score, 35-8.

Columbian's quarterback Gosche had a sparkling performance, completing 10 of 13 for 133 yards.

Indians Add Six Players

CLEVELAND (AP) — Six minor league players were added to the winter roster of the Cleveland Indians

Filling out the Indians' list are four pitchers, a first baseman and an outfielder.

The free agent status of Bruce Bochte, Frank Duffy, Orlando Gonzalez, and Bill Melton created the room for the minor leaguers.

The pitchers are Tom Brennan, Gary Nelson and Dennis Kinney from Class AAA teams and Sandy Wihol from Class A Waterloo.

Completing the list were outfielder Tim Norrid from Class AA Chattanooga and AAA first baseman Wayne Cagne.

Nelson has been pitching in Venezuela and Brennan, Wihol and Norrid were playing at the Indians' Florida Instructional League camp.



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RUNNING WILD — Ontario quarterback Randy Perry weaves his way through for yardage Friday against Lexington. Just missing Perry is Lexington defender Daryl Cory (31). The Warriors, led by Perry and tailback Steve Arnett, blanked the Minutemen, 14-0, to gain a share of the JAC title. (Photo by Charles Zirkle)

Clear Fork Cracks Cougars, 13-6

By Bob Sherwin

ASHLAND — Klaus Palmelund, who is more used to knocking a soccer ball through the tulips of Denmark, showed the importance of a good toe in American football Friday night.

The Danish exchange student for the Clear Fork Colts booted field goals of 20 and 32 yards to provide the Colts' padding in their 13-6 victory over Crestview.

Crestview (1-3 in the Johnny Appleseed Conference and 2-5-1 overall), however, nearly pulled out the victory over the Colts (2-2 and 3-3-2) in the closing minutes.

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With just under four minutes remaining, Clear Fork's fourth-down punt at their own 46-yard line was blocked by hard-charging junior tackle Paul Dean. Crestview had the ball on the Colts' 38-yard line.

By the 2:40 mark, the Cougars had moved to the 24-yard line. On second and 11, Crestview quarterback Terry Chronister tried to hit his end Fred Stimpert with a sideline pass at the eight, but Colt defender Rob Fellure stole the aerial to douse the Cougar hopes.

It was one of four interceptions the Cougars suffered, foiling their attack.

On the opening play of the game, Colt defensive back Amos Fry snatched the first interception and returned it to the Crestview 39-yard line.

After stalling at the 10-yard line, Palmelund tried a 29-yard fielder. It was a booming blast but it sailed high to the left.

Johnny Appleseed Conference

Crestview had much better results on its next play from scrimmage. Halfback Tony Crank took a handoff and bounced into the line. He rolled to his right and found 80 yards open wide for a dazzling six-pointer. The conversion attempt was bobbled and ended in failure. That would come back to haunt the Cougars.

A Cougar fumble on their own 10-yard line midway through the second period set up Clear Fork's sole touchdown.

Jerry Layfield rambled four yards for the score at 5:22 of the half. He then kicked the conversion for what turned out to be the margin of victory.

Clear Fork had one more big play before the half to set up Palmelund's first successful fielder. On second and nine from the Cougar 44-yard line, Colt quarterback Fellure found Chuck Golden slipping behind the secondary for a 32-yard connection to the Crestview eight-yard line with 32 seconds showing.

Crestview blunted the Colt attack at that point which sent Palmelund to the rescue for a 20-yard boot and a 10-6 edge at intermission.

Crestview had a golden opportunity in the early portion of the third period when Ron Rider pounced on a Colt fumble at the Clear Fork 47-yard line.

In six plays, Chronister directed the Cougars to the five-yard line. But in four cracks from the five, the Cougars gained only one yard and eventually coughed up the football.

Crestview's final three offensive opportunities were stymied by an interception, fumble and Fellure's decisive interception.

Palmelund's second field goal, a 32-yard line drive, came with 7:36 left in the final frame.

There were a few players with impressive statistics. Crank, with his 80-yard run, was the leading carrier with 120 yards on 10 totes for a 12.0-yard average.

Golden, in two running plays, had 58 yards for a 29.0-yard average and Fry finished with 107 yards on 17 lugs.

Sophomore running back Don Stockmaster of Clear Fork entered the game midway through the third period and was immediately injured. He was taken to Mansfield General Hospital where he was admitted with an dislocated knee.

Plymouth 30 Loudonville 21

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth coach Mike McFarren unveiled a passing attack and with it devastated Loudonville, 30-21, in a game in which both teams left their defenses at home.

Junior quarterback Mike Berberick, starting for the first time this year, hit end Marty McKenzie with a 49-yard pass on the Big Red's (1-3 in the Johnny Appleseed Conference and 5-3 overall) first play of the second quarter to tie the score at 6-6 and introduce a new dimension in Plymouth offense.

Eight minutes later, Berberick pitched the ball out to Tom Miller, who had played quarterback for the Red for most of the season, and Miller lofted a 32-yard touchdown aerial to split end Steve Shaver.

For the game, Plymouth completed an extremely efficient five of seven passes for 133 yards which, when added to its 233 yards rushing, handily put Loudonville (1-3 and 4-4) away.

John Ross came out from behind the shadow of his running mate Mike Messer by rolling up 104 yards in 15 carries, including second half touchdown runs of 14 and three yards.

Messer carried the ball only nine times for 57 yards, but managed one touchdown on a seven-yard burst.

Both Loudonville's offense and defense were hampered by numerous injuries. Rick Beans started the game at quarterback but was knocked out in the second quarter with a shoulder injury. Tom Mumper, Redbirds fullback, leading ground gainer and leading scorer, gave his team the game's initial touchdown on a two-yard run and never appeared on the field again, as he strained already-sore ribs.

Bob Gardner, team captain and one of its best offensive and defensive players, exited the game early in the second quarter with a knee injury and may be lost for the season.

Quarterback Rex Conway, who didn't start because of an injured shoulder, came in in the second half after Beans' injury and scored his team's final touchdown on a three-yard run with a minute left in the game.

Arrows Lose To Dover

DOVER — Ken Rufener scored both touchdowns for Dover Friday night as the Tornadoes tore Ashland in Cardinal Conference football, 14-0.

Rufener's scores were three and 11 yards.

Dover snatched three passes and recovered one fumble to constantly foil the Arrows (1-5 and 1-7).

The Tornadoes (3-1-1 and 4-3-1) had 214 yards on the ground and 68 through the air. Ashland totaled 102 yards rushing and 63 through the air.

Critics Silenced

BOSTON (UPI) — The Boston Red Sox sale will be approved next week as scheduled and the new owners will have sufficient money to buy free agents, general manager Haywood Sullivan said Friday.

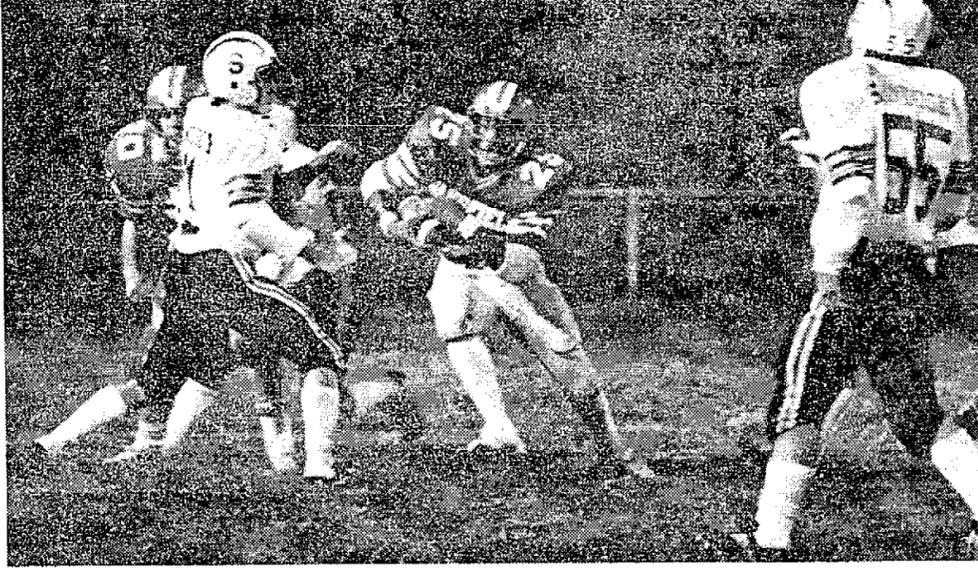
Responding to published reports the club would revert to control of the lending bank if the owners failed to pay off their debts, Sullivan said, "If I felt that, I'd call a halt to this right now. We don't want to put the good name of (late owner) Tom Yawkey in an embarrassing situation; we don't want to put ourselves in an embarrassing situation; or put the league in that situation."

"If you don't have a 90-10 chance of succeeding, why put yourself in that position? As far as the reports that the bank could take over the club, they know something I don't know. The franchise belongs to the league; that's why we need their approval."

Reports Denied

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (UPI) — Brazilian race driver Emerson Fittipaldi has denied reports he was thinking of joining a British team during the 1978 Formula One season.

Fittipaldi conducted a midweek inspection of the track where the 1978 Brazilian Grand Prix will be held and told newsmen he expected to sign a new contract with Copersucar early next month.



OPEN GROUND — Paul Twyman (25) for Mansfield Senior yards Friday night in a 28-0 Buckeye Conference Tyger set-runs through a opening in Sandusky's defense for several yards. Twyman had 67 yards in all for the game. (Photo by Jim Bikar)

Danville Trips Lucas in League Fight

DANVILLE — Danville (5-1-2) used the combined running skills of Steve Basehart and Jim Durbin to defeat Lucas (4-4), 19-14, in Mid-Buckeye Conference action Friday night.

Basehart scored first in the game on a 50-yard run from scrimmage. He also kicked the point after touchdown and finished with 82 total yards.

Durbin scored the deciding touchdown for Danville on a 60-yard run in the third

quarter. Durbin finished the game with 87 yards.

Lucas counted on the running of Gene Yohe for its scoring. Yohe was the game's leading rusher with 128 yards in 23 carries, and he scored both touchdowns for the Cubs. The first touchdown was a three yarder in the second quarter, and the second was a one-yard plunge in the fourth.

Lucas dominated many of the statistics. The Cubs totaled 13 first downs, while Danville acquired only five. The rushing yardage was 281-240 in favor of Lucas.

Art McKnight Risks Record

Inactivity and an unknown opponent could cause some concern in Art McKnight's corner as the Mansfield boxer prepares to put his 8-0 professional record on the line Wednesday.

McKnight, shut out of the Sept. 28 SOCTRON appearance after his opponent failed to show, has been working 10 to 12 rounds daily at the Pignatelli-Carbetta Athletic Club.

SOCTRON officials, who have indicated that McKnight will get a main go Dec. 7, are still stringing him along

slowly and giving him a couple of extra rounds in building him to 10 rounds.

He will be fighting a six-round event at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Cleveland Masonic Auditorium against Morris Grant of Philadelphia, who has split about even in eight pro fights.

McKnight's trainer, Paul Carbeta, said the young welterweight is in "litt-top shape and looks real sharp."

Tickets are available at Ticketron outlets. One is located in Sears at the Richmond Mall.

Temple Triumphs

Mansfield Temple Christian shut out Massillon Christian, 3-0, in high school soccer Friday afternoon. The victory gave Temple Christian a perfect 10-0 record for the regular season.

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