

Northern Ohio League

Shelby Stops Bucyrus

By John Gray

SHELBY — The Shelby Whippets celebrated Parents' Night by defeating scrappy Bucyrus, 20-6, last night in a Northern Ohio League opener. It was Shelby's third straight victory.

Shelby roared back in the fourth quarter to score two touchdowns after leading most of the game on a slim margin of 7 to 6.

John Armstrong 180-pound junior Whippet tailback, made all three touchdowns for the Whippets. Both extra point kicks were made by his running mate, Mike Hartz, 175-pound senior fullback.

Shelby scored first in the game with 7:13 left in the first quarter with Armstrong strong hitting pay dirt from the 15-yard line.

Bucyrus' Scott Pensinger recovered Armstrong's fumble on Shelby's six-yard line to set the stage for the Redmen's touchdown.

A pass from Redman Joe Teynor to Dave Durr was good for a touchdown from the eight yard line, but the score was nullified by a holding penalty on Bucyrus. Teynor then passed to End Denny Enders for 24 yards and the touchdown with 8:12 left before the half.

In the fourth quarter, Armstrong clinched a 50-yard drive by hitting the goal line from the 11-yard marker. Hartz kicked the extra point.

Armstrong again tallied for the Whippets on a 18-yard run with 2:53 left in the game. He ran 27 plays for 207 yards, an average of 7.6 yards per run.

Hartz ran the ball 21 times to gain 111 yards for an average of 5.2 yards per play.

There were 3,202 paid fans at the game.

Two plays later Gary Haynes, Bellevue's workhorse fullback dove into the end zone for the score.

Then the Tigers began to roll. After recovering a Bellevue fumble about midfield, the Tigers marched to the 15-yard line of the Redmen. On the first play of the second quarter, John Tychan snaked through the Bellevue secondary for 15 yards and a touchdown. Charles Goodman kicked the extra point and the game was knotted 7-7.

But the Tigers weren't through. The alert Tiger defense covered another fumble deep in Bellevue territory. This time Tiger quarterback Jeff Kirk threw a 10-yard strike to John Miller for another Tiger score. Goodman's accurate toe put the Tigers ahead, 14-7.

With five minutes to go in the half, the Tigers fumbled and Bellevue took over on the Galion 35-yard line. Haynes consummated a Bellevue drive with a 26-yard run down the sidelines for the score.

Roger Joseph's try for the extra point was wide of the mark and the Tigers went into the dressing room leading 14-13.

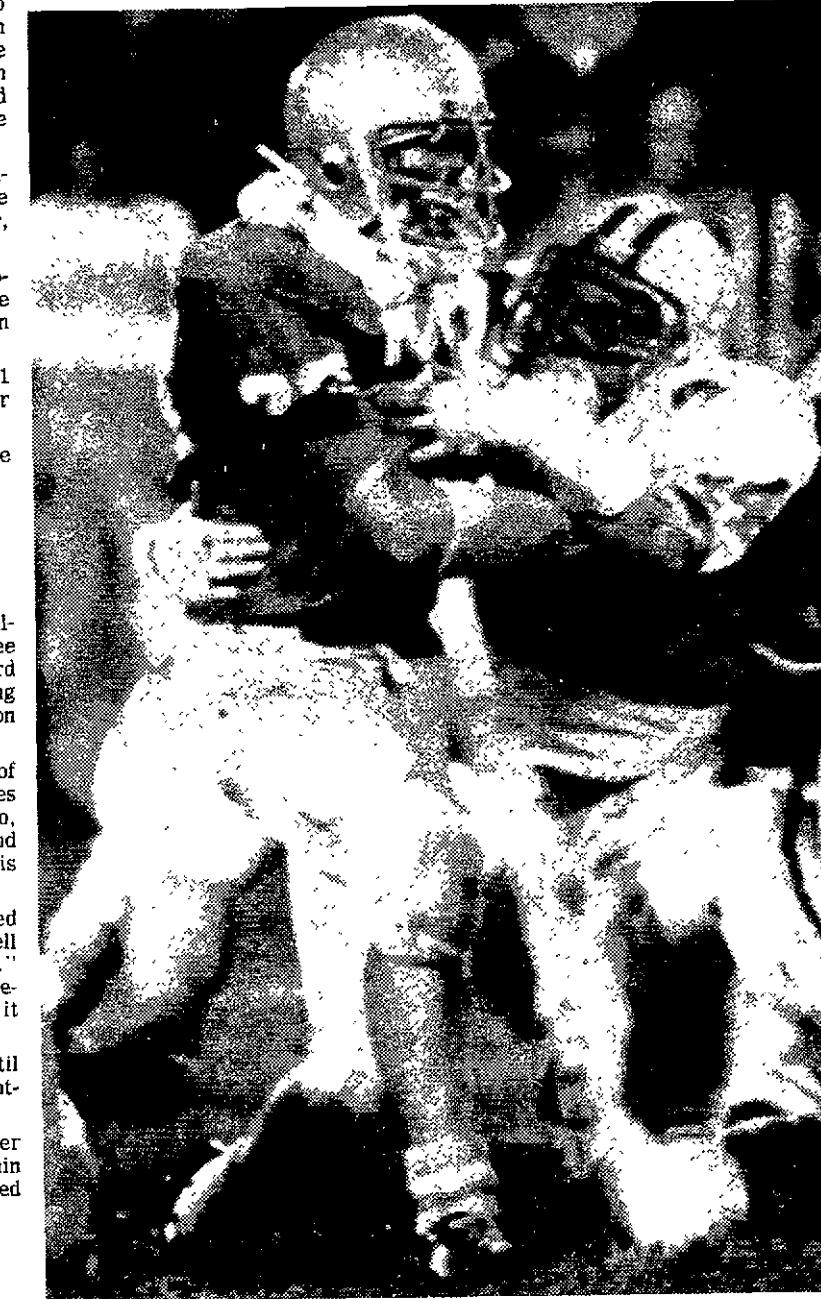
In the third quarter, Bellevue's Hayes moved the Redmen on a 60-yard drive and capped the push with a sparkling 26-yard scamper for the TD.

The Redmen were alive and well and leading the Tigers 19-14. Maybe thoughts about another 11 months of waiting to get a crack at the Redmen roused the Tiger team. Something did.

Less than two minutes later, the Tigers marched 50 yards with Kirk Beach going the final 10 yards for the score. Galion took the lead again, 20-19.

With victory in sight, the Galion defense took charge of the contest and held the Redmen in check for the rest of the game.

Eleven months is a long time to think about settling a score. The waiting is now over.



CRUNCHING TACKLE — Todd Peppard (44) of Bucyrus grabs Shelby's Steve Clark (23) as he tries to pick up some yardage through the middle of the Bucyrus line. The Whippets beat Bucyrus 20-6. (Photo by Charles Zirkle)

Hillsdale Gains 6-6 Tie

WEST SALEM — Two close-fisted goal-line stands by Hillsdale helped gain a 6-6 tie with Northwestern Friday in Wayne County League football action.

Northwestern had a first and goal from the two-yard line in the first period but the Falcons held off the threat in four plays.

Late in the final period, Northwestern marched to within one foot of the goal line when time expired.

Hillsdale drew first blood Scott Crossen blocked a Northwestern punt and pounced on it in the end zone at 7:51 of the second period. A run for the conversion failed.

At 4:34 of the second period, Rick Ickes scored for Northwestern on a 12-yard scamper. The conversion kick was blocked.

Northwestern had a 185-101 edge in total yardage.

Temple Takes Second Win

Mansfield Temple Christian remained undefeated in high school soccer as it shut out Sandusky Heritage, 3-0, in a Christian Schools of Ohio league match Friday.

It was the second shut-out victory in as many outings for Temple, which is yet to be scored upon.

Goals were scored by Dick Riffle, Doug Jividen and Jim Switzer. Jividen also had an assist.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER					
At Temple Christian					
Sandusky Heritage	0	0	0	0
Mansfield Temple Christian	1	1	0	0
GOALS	Dick Riffle, 10:00 (1); Doug Jividen, 15:00 (2); Jim Switzer, 10:00 (4).				
ASST.	Jividen				
GOALIE SAVES	Rob Entemann (M) 7				
JR. HIGH MATCH	Temple Christian 3; Sandusky O				

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The third member of the Plymouth full house backfield, John Ross, ran for 28 yards.

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HITTING MIDDLE — John Armstrong (31) takes a handoff from quarterback Jim Napier as Shelby teammate Steve Clark (23) gets set to block Steve Crotie (61) of Bucyrus. Clark gained 207 yards in leading Shelby to a 20-6 victory. (Photo by Charles Zirkle)

Messer Powers Plymouth Win

By Mike Van Sickle

PLYMOUTH — Lucas was attacked Friday night by a 190-pound compressor named Messer.

Mike Messer, Plymouth High School's 5-foot-8 junior bruiser, smashed and bashed for 211 yards and three touchdowns to help the Big Red (3-0) crush the Cubs, 32-0.

And Messer did it the hard way: between the tackles and through every Lucas (1-2) defender who dared attempt to stop him.

"This was Messer's best game yardage-wise," pointed out Plymouth coach Mike McFarren. "Let's see . . . that's 527 yards in three games for him. Not bad." McFarren was hard-pressed to suppress a chuckle after that line.

"This was the first game where we came out and dominated right away," said McFarren. "We lost some intensity the second quarter but the second half and got it going again."

Before the Cubs could pick up their initial first down of the night, the Big Red were toying with a two-touchdown lead.

Messer said "Hello" to Lucas and also "Goodbye" on his first carry of the game, exploding through a hole off tackle, spinning to the outside, then breaking back across the grain for 67 yards and a 7-0 Plymouth lead with just 33 seconds gone off the first-quarter clock.

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With 4:19 left in the first period, Messer mashed in from seven yards away for his second score, capping a five-play, 77-yard drive. The powerful Plymouth fullback highlighted the march with a 33-yard burst.

By the time the first quarter ended, the Cubs had been devastated for 12 points and 134 yards courtesy of a certain Fu Manchu bull.

Messer added his third touchdown from two yards away in the fourth quarter for a 20-0 Big Red bulge. When he was benched midway through the fourth stanza to give the Plymouth subs a chance, Messer had racked up 23 carries for a 9.17-yard average.

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Lexington Falls, 16-6

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE — Quarterback Todd Terrell completed 11 of 16 passes for 108 yards and tailback Larry Brinkles scored a pair of touchdowns Friday to lead Washington Court House to a 16-6 win over Lexington in a non-league high school football game.

Terrell completed 10 of his passes to end Terry Wilson for 97 yards.

Brinkles rallied Washington Court House from a 6-0 deficit in the third quarter with a three-yard run for a touchdown. Terrell passed to Wilson for the winning two-point conversion.

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Brinkles' second touchdown came in the fourth period from 13 yards away. Brinkles paced Washington Court House's rushing attack with 82 yards in 24 carries.

Lexington's lone score came in the third period and gave the Minutemen 0-3, a temporary 6-0 advantage. Jamie Hester got the score from 25 yards out.

Lexington out-gained Washington Court House on the ground Friday and had two fewer turnovers. Washington Court House is 2-1 on the year.

16 carries and caught one pass for 12 more yards. Cub teammate Gene Yohe had 48 yards in 12 attempts.

"We had a lot of missed tackles and just didn't play up to our capabilities," lamented Lucas coach Bill Nardo. "We're a better team than we showed tonight."

Ashlanders Rip Coshocton, 23-6

By Mike Etzkin

ASHLAND — An Ashland wedge opened the flood gates Friday night at Community Stadium as the Arrows swamped the Coshocton Redskins, 23-6.

The Cardinal Conference high school football opener for both schools featured a game with two winless schools. Ashland hadn't scored a point in the first two games.

That was remedied quickly.

Forming a perfect wedge on the opening kickoff, they sprung Mark Flood up the middle. He then cut left and ran 95 yards untouched for six points.

The senior speedster broke the game open in the second quarter after Coshocton scored to cut the Ashland margin to 14-6. He took the ensuing kickoff and raced 91 yards up the middle through a crease in the wedge to go untouched for six more points.

Flood's first touchdown broke a school record set by Bill Springer who ran a 93-yard kickoff return back for a score against Galion in 1952.

Flood also ran back a punt 15 yards to amass 201 yards on three returns.

Sandwiched between Flood's two brilliant returns was a two-yard touchdown jaunt by quarterback Bob Emery.

Coshocton (0-1 in the conference and 0-8 overall) couldn't move the ball in its first series after Flood's opening return. Ashland then marched 78 yards in 14 plays aided by a 29-yard pass from Emery to Kyle Dienstberger, who was sprung loose by a beautiful block by Tom Fowler.

After a Coshocton drive died on the Ashland nine-yard line, the Redskins were able to punch the ball across in their next possession. Quarterback Larry Bishop marched the team 58 yards at the end of the second quarter and capped the drive with a two-yard dive up the middle on an option play.

The Ashland defense took over in the second half and forced Coshocton into a negative yards rushing.

The only second-half scoring came off the toe of sophomore Scott Oxley who booted a 29-yard field goal with 33 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Coshocton couldn't pass midfield in the final frame after failing to score in the opening seconds of the quarter when it was down close.

The Redskins were second and eight on the Ashland 12 to open the last period, but three passes were incomplete and Ashland controlled the remainder of the contest.

Clear Fork Stymied

COLUMBUS — Beachcroft rallied for two touchdowns in the fourth period Friday night to turn back Clear Fork, 20-7, in a non-league high school football game.

Beachcroft, 1-2, jumped to a 7-0 lead in the second period on a 32-yard touch-

Seeks Improvement

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Mason Rudolph, with six PGA tournament wins and more than \$550,000 in winnings behind him, says he may quit the pro tour at the end of the year if his game doesn't improve.

Rudolph, entered in the Kings Island Open this week, has won only \$3,000 this year, the lowest total of his career. He earned \$15,594 last season.

"I've got no business being out here on the tour unless I can get something going," said Rudolph in an interview with the Nashville Banner.

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Coach Defects

HAMBURG, West Germany (UPI) — Richard Wecke, the coach who helped East Germany become one of the world's leading rowing nations, defected from his Communist homeland last month, the Bild Zeitung newspaper reported Thursday.

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Bengals Start All Over Again

CINCINNATI (UPI) — For the Cincinnati Bengals, it's time to start the regular season over again.

Coming off a 13-3 upset loss at the hands of the Cleveland Browns, the Bengals are hoping to get their highly-touted offense back in gear tomorrow against the Seattle Seahawks.

Cincinnati came off a powerful pre-season effort, only to put on a dismal offensive show and fall flat on its faces last Sunday before a sellout hometown crowd at Riverfront Stadium.

Against Seattle, nearly all of Cincinnati's improvement must come in its offensive game. "The biggest thing contributing to our loss was the inability of our offense to move the ball," Bengals coach Bill Johnson concluded.

The Bengals may find Seattle's defense to their liking. Two starting defensive linemen will be out with serious injuries. Right tackle Bill Sandifer suffered a broken fibula in his right leg during the Seahawks' 29-14 loss to the

Browns Sunday. He will be replaced by Bob Lurtsema.

Left tackle Steve Niehaus, who was to be a mainstay in the middle, underwent shoulder surgery in July and has not resumed practice with the team. Veteran Ron East has filled his spot.

Challenging Seattle's patched-up defense may be some wounded Bengal linemen and running backs, including fullbacks Boobie Clark and Pete Johnson and guards Glenn Buynoch, Greg Fairchild and John Shrimmer.

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But beyond the injury reports and