

Demoralizing

Norwalk kicks Shelby out of NOL lead with late field for 3-3 tie

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NORWALK — For the seniors of the Whippet football squad it was a tough way to end the season after being knocked out of the NOL race with a demoralizing tie with Norwalk Friday night at Whitney Field, 3-3.

The tie gave the Whippets a 8-1-1 record for the year and 5-1-1 slate in the Northern Ohio League. The Truckers ended the year under first year coach Chuck Palsa at 2-6-1 overall and 2-4-1 in the NOL.

The NOL crown goes to Bellevue after they whipped the Willard Crimson Flashes, 13-0. The Whippets only three points of the night came in the first quarter and then the offense went into a deep sleep. Shelby never really threatened the Trucker endzone for the remainder of the contest.

The Whippets took the opening kickoff, and were forced to punt to the Trucker 39 yard line. They got the ball back when the defense forced Norwalk to punt back to the Shelby 24 yard line.

Engineering their only lengthy drive of the night which was 76 yards, Shelby took 12 plays to muster their three points.

With 6:35 left in the first quarter, senior tailback Brad Nothacker tore up the Norwalk defense for 27 yards and the Whippets had the ball at the Norwalk 44 yard line.

Nothacker and junior fullback Curtis Reed took turns carrying the ball, and the Whippets had a first down at Norwalk 14 yard line.

The Trucker defense then denied the Whippets the endzone and forced a fourth and five situation.

Nothacker then drilled a 19 yard field goal with 2:08 left in the first quarter. After that, Whippets remained quiet for much of the rest of the night, with the exception of the late stages of the second quarter.

A Brad Mason punt from his own five yard line gave the Whippets the ball at the 17 yard line of the Truckers after a 12 yard punt with :24 seconds left in the first half.

Three passes fell incomplete, and Nothacker attempted a 39 yard field goal which was short with :02 left in the half.

With 5:47 left in the third quarter, the Whippets had another drive stall when the Whippets offense conked out on a fourth down a yard short of a first down.

Late in the fourth quarter the Truckers started their title killing drive from their own 18 yard line and took 14 plays to get within Mason's range.

With 27 seconds left in the game, the Truckers were faced with a fourth and two at the Shelby 31 yard line, they lined up for a 48 yard field goal, but Trucker quarterback Bob Duncan took the



ROB MAHON 15 tackles
STEVE STINE Caught 17 yard pass

snap and rolled to his right side getting the first down at the Shelby 22 yardline.

Norwalk tailback Larry Buckhannon picked up a yard, and then a Duncan pass fell incomplete with five seconds left in the game.

Mason then knocked the Whippets from the NOL race with his 38 yard field goal with one second left in the game.

For the night, Nothacker rambled for 95 yards on 26 carries and capped off his senior year with a total of 853 yards and 81 points.

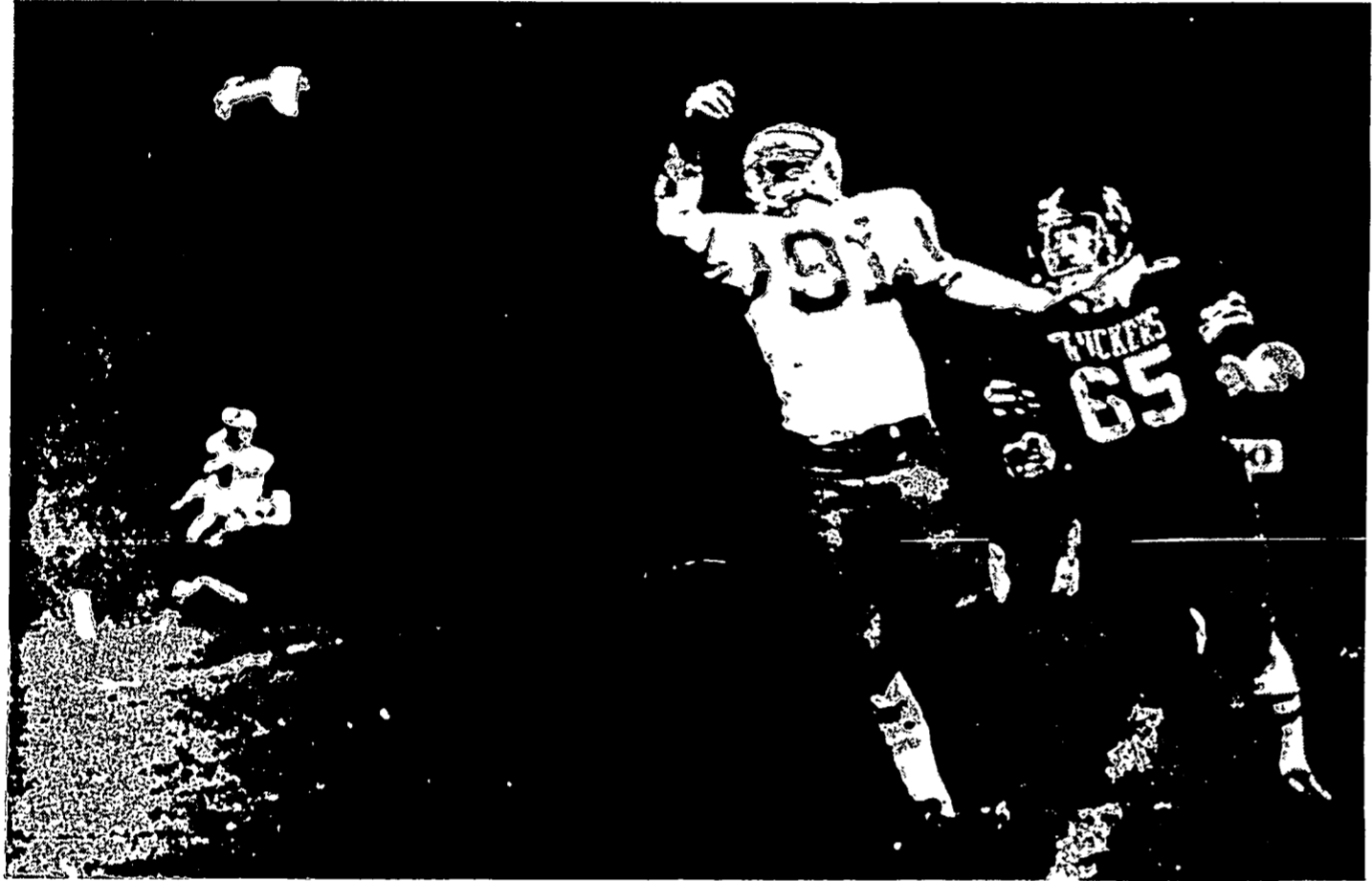
Curtis Reed carried the ball for 42 yards, and finished the season with 300 yards in the NOL.

Hiatt was two of nine passing for 22 yards.

Norwalk picked up 67 yards on the ground and 67 through the air on six completions in 20 tries.

Leading tackles for the Whippets were Rob Mahon with 15, while Mike Lybarger and Bob Boroff stuck eight runners each and Larry Cross had seven tackles.

| SHELBY | | | | |
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| Norwalk | 3 | 0 | 0 | - 3 |
| S-Brad Nothacker | 19 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| N-Brett Mason | 38 | 0 | 0 | 3 |



OUT OF REACH — Whippet end Steve Stine (91) and Norwalk defender Tony Sardanoff cannot reach an errant pass thrown by Shelby's Dave Hiatt. (Globe photo by Linda Stotts)



DEFENSIVE REACH — Shelby defenders Mark Argo (87) and Mark Keller (70) put their hands in the air trying to knock down a Trucker pass. (Both teams defenses were tough in last night's 3-3 standoff. (Globe photo by Linda Stotts).

NOL roundup

Bellevue new champions

The Bellevue Redmen earned the right to say that they are the champions, as far as the Northern Ohio League is concerned, by beating the Willard Flashes, 13-0.

In other NOL contests it was the Upper Sandusky Rams beating the Tigers of Galion, 28-13, and the Tornadoes of Tiffin downing the Bucyrus Redmen, 28-14.

Belleuve, 13 Willard, 0

BELLEVEUE — The Redmen led by Jeff Tackett shut out the Willard Flashes, 13-0. On the night Tackett ran for 162 yards and scored both Bellevue touchdowns in the title game for the Redmen.

Both touchdowns for the Redmen came in the second half following a turnover stricken first half. The first, and the only score that mattered, came with 3:14 to play as Tackett took the ball into the endzone from just a yard out, the kick failed.

The only other score was chalked up with 3:59 to play in the game on a Tackett 5-yard run. Ted Stout added the kick to make it 13-0.

Upper, 28 Galion, 13

UPPER — Steve Leonard rushed for 239 yards on 35 carries to lead the Rams to a 28-13 smothering of the Galion Tigers.

The Rams scored first in the opening period on a 52-yard scamper by Lamont and Keith Best added the conversion kick.

Upper scored again in the second period on a Doug Shilling 1-yard run, Best again added the kick.

The Rams opened a 21-0 lead when Bruce Smythe caught a Shilling pass of 26 yards for a touchdown, Best again added the conversion.

But the Tigers refused to go in to the locker room without a score. So to rid them of this problem John Erlsten threw a pass to Chris Wildenthaler for a touchdown, Chris Nicholls added the boot for the PAT.

The third period went scoreless, but both teams scored in the final period of the contest. Upper scored first on the 1-yard run by Dave Patchett, and for the fourth straight, Best added the point after.

The final score of the game came by way of a 17-yard pass from Darrin Taylor to Chris Nicholls, the kick failed.

Tiffin, 28 Bucyrus 14

TIFFIN — The Tornadoes of Tiffin blew through the Redmen

from Bucyrus by beating them, 28-14.

Although coming up on the short side of the score, the Redmen scored first with 4:30 to go in the first period when Mike Foght ran 14 yards into the endzone, the extra-point try failed.

In the first quarter the Tornadoes took the lead on a 33-yard run by Tony Colatruiglio, the kick by Ken Egbert was good.

With no time showing on the clock, Colatruiglio ran a single yard for another touchdown, but this time the conversion failed.

The redmen regained the lead when Todd Brenner threw to Jay Keller for a 14-yard touchdown play. The conversion went Brenner to Ron Cherry for a pair of points.

But that was the last time Bucyrus saw the endzone for the 1981 season.

The Tornadoes scored twice in the final period on passes from Chris Bellevue to Mark Hoar and to Doug Hall. Tiffin had three points in conversions on an Egbert kick and a pass to Hall.

Final NOL standings

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| Bellevue | 6-1-0 | 9-1-0 |
| SHELBY | 5-1-1 | 8-1-1 |
| Up. Sandusky | 4-3-0 | 5-4-1 |
| Tiffin | 3-4-0 | 4-5-1 |
| Willard | 3-4-0 | 3-7-0 |
| Galion | 3-4-0 | 3-7-0 |
| Norwalk | 2-4-1 | 3-6-1 |
| Bucyrus | 1-6-0 | 3-7-0 |

Plymouth falls to Lakeside in 50-12 loss

MARBLEHEAD — The Plymouth Vikings closed out their 1981 season with a 50-12 loss at the hands of Danbury Lakeside in an independent contest Friday night at Laker Stadium.

The loss dropped the Vikes to 0-9-1 and Lakeside raised its slate to 6-4 for the year.

No other details of the game were available.

High school scores

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| Ohio High School Football Results By United Press International | Gehanna 43, Reynoldsburg 0 |
| Hamilton Twp 29, Millersport 6 | Groveport 22, Col Westland 8 |
| Monroeville 20, Norwalk St Paul 0 | Whitehall 38, Chillicothe 0 |
| Cle Glennville 7, Cle Collinwood 6 | Col St Charles 6, Col Ready 0 |
| Cle Kennedy 38, Cle East Tech 0 | Col DeSales 21, Col Hartley 0 |
| Cle Marshall 25, Cle Adams 6 | Bexley 34, North Union 0 |
| Normandy 21, Valley Forge 0 | W Jefferson 23, Olatangy 0 |
| Mentor 19, Bedford 0 | Col Academy 42, Buckeye Val 6 |
| Willoughby South 14, Brush 0 | Lancaster 28, Newark 14 |
| Wadsworth 15, Cloverleaf 14 | Johnstown 26, Northridge 0 |
| Coyahoga Hts 14, Cle Lutheran W 0 | Lakewood 45, Licking Hts 8 |
| Cin Moeller 21, Cin Princeton 17 | Marion Harding 34, Tol Rogers 8 |
| Strasbourg 33, Garaway 8 | Ridgedale 13, Marion Elgin 8 |
| Dover 14, New Philadelphia 0 | Carey 12, Marion Pleasant 6 |
| Fremont Ross 24, Sandusky 8 | Riverdale 13, Wynford 0 |
| Sandusky Perkins 13, Fort Clinton 0 | Tiffin Columbian 28, Bucyrus 14 |
| Belleuve 13, Willard 0 | Cambridge 36, Coshocton 0 |
| Norwalk 3, Shelby 3 (tie) | Warsaw River View 32, Sheridan 0 |
| Upper Sandusky 29, Galion 13 | Ridewood 14, Indian Valley N 6 |
| Danbury 50, Plymouth 12 | Newcomerstown 36, Indian Valley S 6 |
| Defiance 19, Van Wert 13 | Maysville 21, Dresden Tri-Valley 0 |
| Ayersville 33, Edgerton 7 | Crooksville 22, New Lexington 0 |
| Montpelier 21, Bryan 0 | Youngs Mooney 12, Austintown Fitch 7 |
| Wauseon 6, Delta 0 | Beardman 28, Niles 21 |
| Edon 14, Hilltop 0 | Struthers 12, Girard 0 |
| Sherwood Fairview 53, Tinora 0 | Warren Kennedy 20, Cortland Lakeview 17 |
| Lepisc 27, Cory-Rawson 12 | Hubbard 31, Campbell 15 |
| Archbold 14, Liberty Center 7 | McDonald 27, Mineral Ridge 7 |
| Evergreen 6, Patrick Henry 0 | South Range 9, Berlin Cent Western Rav 7 |
| Napoleon 21, Oregon Clay 10 | Jackson-Milton 32, Columbiana 0 |
| Tol St John 17, Tol Bowsher 7 | Leavittsburg LaBrae 32, Akron Hoban 8 |
| Tol Stritch 16, Tol Walte 0 | Hanoverton United 28, Salineville Southern 6 |
| Bowling Green 16, Perrysburg 0 | Sebring 21, Lisbon 0 |
| Northwood 28, N Baltimore 6 | East Palestine 27, Wellsville 6 |
| Ottawa Hills 9, Hopewell-Loudon 6 | McComb 13, Pandora-Gilboa 0 |
| Tol Whilmer 10, Tol Central 0 | Lima Sr 34, Lima Shawnee 0 |
| Green 0, Shawnee 0 | Dayton Jefferson 22, Lima Cent Cath 9 |
| Portsmouth 35, Wheelersburg 0 | Bluffton 22, Crideraville Perry 0 |
| Mansfield Sr 20, Ashland 19 | Elida 34, Ottawa-Glandorf 0 |
| Madison 10, Mansfield Malabar 6 | St Marys 32, Wapakoneta 7 |
| Tuslaw 16, Lake 14 | Allen-East 7, Columbus Grove 0 |
| Can Cent Cath 14, Louisville Aquinas 33 | Spencerville 32, Crestview 0 |
| Cap Timken 3, Kent Roosevelt 0 | Hartin-Northern 7, Liberty-Benton 6 |
| GlenOak 26, Massillon Perry 15 | Lepisc 27, Cory-Rawson 12 |
| Massillon Jackson 3, N Canton 0 | Coldwater 14, Parkway 12 |
| Canal Fulton NW 8, Sandy Valley 7 | New Bremen 13, St Henry 0 |
| Mayfield 10, Maple Hts 6 | Marion Local 29, Minster 6 |
| Chagrin Falls 35, Orange 7 | West Liberty-Salem 30, Ridgmont 6 |
| Cardinal 22, Kirtland 0 | Waynesfield 49, Mechanicsburg 8 |
| Strongsville 7, Brunswick 6 | Barnesville 8, Caldwell 3 |
| Independence 7, Buckeye 6 | Meadowbrook 41, Frontier 0 |
| Ash Harbor 30, Ash Edgewood 6 | Cambridge 36, Coshocton 0 |
| Grand Valley 14, Perry 10 | New Concord Glenn 22, Philo 0 |
| Midview 3, Oberlin 0 | Fr Frye 15, Shenandoah 0 |
| Vermilion 22, Wellington 8 | Cle Hts 13, East Cle Shaw 12 |
| Elyria Cath 22, Southview 0 | Lakewood 21, Shaker Heights 12 |
| Col Eastmoor 54, Col Walnut Ridge 15 | Euclid 7, Eastlake North 0 |
| Col Independence 0, Col Mar-Frank 0 (tie) | Fairview 34, Rocky River 30 |
| Col South 30, Col Central 0 | West Geauga 28, Aurora 0 |
| Col Briggs 20, Col West 0 | Kenston 31, Twinsburg 14 |
| Col Green 0, Col East 6 | Brecksville 27, North Royalton 7 |
| Col Centennial 7, Col Wheelstone 2 | Geneva 14, Ashabula St John 0 |
| Col Beechcroft 19, Col Northland 14 | Clearview 18, Amberst 2 |
| Col Millfin 6, Col Brookhaven 0 | |
| Upper Arlington 28, Westerville S 0 | |

Around SPORTS

Holmes shakes off knockdown

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Larry Holmes successfully defended his World Boxing Council heavyweight title Friday night by coming off the floor in the seventh round to score an 11th-round technical knockout over Renaldo Snipes.

Holmes, floored for a nine count in the seventh round when Snipes suddenly landed a thundering overhand right, dominated most of the fight and finally got to the challenger 65 seconds into the 11th round.

He caught Snipes in his own corner and blasted away before referee Rudy Ortega jumped in to stop the onslaught.

Holmes, 32, who will fight top-rated contender Gerry Cooney in March, won some \$1 million in the fight; Snipes, 24, took home \$175,000.

Snipes, who jeered at the champion throughout most of the bout, continued his cockiness during post-fight interviews when he jabbed at Holmes and had to be dragged away by his cornermen and police.

As Snipes was escorted from the ring, someone in the crowd reached out and slashed the challenger on the wrist and drew blood with what appeared to be a sharp object.

Moeller survives scare, 21-17

KINGS ISLAND, Ohio (UPI) — Quarterback Mike Willing hit tight end Bob Hill on a 10-yard touchdown pass with only 10 seconds left in the game to give top-ranked Cincinnati Moeller a 21-17 come-from-behind win over No. 5 Princeton Friday night.

The touchdown capped a 37-yard drive by the Crusaders, who finished the regular season 10-0, and climaxed Moeller's comeback from a 17-7 deficit late in the fourth period.

Moeller, which now has won 43 consecutive games, closed to within 17-13 when wingback Jeff Clouse ran four yards for a touchdown with 3:04 left in the game.

The winning Moeller drive came after a short Princeton punt, the Crusaders getting the ball with 1:07 left to play.

Robert Thompson scored both of Princeton's touchdowns, one on a 62-yard pass from Bob Ulliman and the other on a 37-yard run.

Moeller's other score came on a one-yard run by tailback Dave Springmeier.

Steve Fleming kicked a 30-yard field goal for the Vikings, who finished the season 8-2.

Pruitt is doubtful

BEREA, Ohio (UPI) — The Cleveland Browns Friday listed running back Greg Pruitt, who suffered a knee injury in practice Thursday, as doubtful for Sunday's game with the Denver Broncos.

Pruitt, the team's secondleading pass receiver, sustained a sprain of his right knee which required surgery two years ago.

A team spokesman said Pruitt was examined Friday by Dr. John Bergfeld at the Cleveland Clinic and, while swelling in the joint had disappeared, there was still soreness.

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