

Whippets climb into share of NOL lead

Shelby guns down Bellevue, 10-7

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BELLEVUE — Defensive coach Ron Stepias had a few key phrases which described the Whippets 10-7 win over the previously undefeated Bellevue Redmen Friday night at BAF stadium.

"We hit tougher than we have in a while which created a few more fumbles for the offense to take advantage of," beamed Stepias.

The most costly of all fumbles occurred in the second period when Shelby punted to the Redmen where they put the ball in play at their own 17 yard line.

On their first play of the series, the Redmen coughed up the ball and 225 pound defensive tackle Mark Keller pounced on the ball and the Whippets were back in the ball game with under seven minutes left in the first half.

The Whippets tried to make senior tailback Brad Nothacker

a hero on the first three plays but the Bellevue defense denied him entrance to the endzone.

This left Shelby faced with a critical fourth and two play and the Whippets called time out with 4:57 left in the half as quarterback Dave Hiatt headed to sidelines for a conference with coach Bill Varble.

Both teams dug in but it didn't matter because it took Nothacker and his blocking friends only three seconds to get him in the endzone over the right side to cut the lead to 7-6.

Nothacker then booted the PAT after the touchdown and it was a new 7-7 ball game with 4:54 left in the first half.

The Whippets decided that seven points wasn't enough and they went back to the trenches to dig up another round of points after getting the ball back after a Redmen punt with less than three minutes to go in the half.

Nothacker fielded the punt and was dropped at his own 31

yard line. On the return the Redmen were guilty of facemasking and the Whippets had it first and ten at their own 46 yard line.

Junior fullback Curtis Reed broke a few tackles and was dropped at the Redmen 44 yard line for a 12 yard pickup and first down.

Nothacker scampered for four more yards and then Hiatt hit Nothacker coming out of the backfield with a pass which was good enough for a first down at the Redmen 22 yardline.

In the next series of downs, the Whippets could muster only two yards on a first down jaunt by Nothacker before a pair of incomplete passes fell short and Shelby was faced with a fourth down.

With 37 seconds left in the half, Nothacker drilled the uprights with a field goal and a 10-7 lead which was never given back.

The Redmen showed the

hometown fans as well as the Shelby following that they were for real when they took the opening kickoff of the game and marched the ball down the field in 12 plays and scored on a drive which covered 67 yards.

Bellevue's running attack tandem of Jeff Tackett and Duffy Milkie exchanged times juggling the ball for the Redmen as they got it down to the 11 yard line with the big play of the drive being a 13 yard sprint by Tackett which got the Redmen into Shelby territory.

On a third and two situation, quarterback Joe Green hooked up on a 11 yard touchdown strike to Jeff Schaffer and Mark Bollenbacher added the successful PAT kick for the Redmen's only lead, 7-0.

Shelby's offense moved the ball, and then quit at critical times of the drives in the third and fourth quarters. The same went for the Redmen, as neither



MARK KELLER Key fumble recovery
MIKE LYBARGER 16 tackles

could dent the endzone in the second half in a battle of the trenches.

Bellevue appeared to give the Shelby fans a scare when the Redmen gained control of the ball with less than two and a half minutes to go in the game after a Shelby punt.

Bellevue put the ball in play on their own 24 yard line after a Nothacker punt and Green

found Schaffer for a 28 yard pass to the Shelby 48 yard line with 1:40 left in the game.

The Shelby defense kept the heat on Green and he tossed four straight incomplete passes and the Whippets took over with 1:29 left as the Whippets ran out the clock.

"It was an exciting outcome and the key to the game was that we made the breaks and took advantage of them," remarked head coach Bill Varble.

"We didn't play the defense we were capable of in the first series and we were being blown off the line of scrimmage," said Varble. "But at half time I told the kids we had all the points we needed to win."

"We got off to a shaky start but we settled down and played exceptionally well and we have three tough games left and I hope we maintain our intensity," according to Stepias.

The defense was anchored by the fine play of Mike Lybarger who had 16 tackles and he was followed by Rob Mahon with 10 sticks and Larry Cross who had nine drops.

The offense picked up 18 yards in the passing department as Hiatt was two of eight with one interception.

On the ground, Nothacker had 55 yards on 20 totes and Reed picked up 68 yards on 13 carries.

The Bellevue offense had 164 yards on the ground on 40 carries while the passing department was two of 13 for 23 yards.

The Whippets will come home next weekend when they host Bucyrus in another NOL tilt at 8 p.m. at Skiles Field Friday night.

SHELBY 0 10 0 0 - 10
BELLEVUE 7 0 0 0 - 7

B- 11 yard pass Green to Schaffer (Bollenbacher kick)
S- Nothacker two yard run (Nothacker kick)
S- Nothacker 37 yard field goal

Expos take 2-1 lead

Rogers stops Dodgers

MONTREAL (UPI) — When the baseball players strike was settled in the early morning hours of July 31st, Steve Rogers was one of the last player representatives to leave the negotiating room in New York.

He said that one job was done and another was yet to be completed. He then hunched his shoulders against a chilly dawn breeze and went out for breakfast.

It's been that way for Steve Rogers right up through October. One job after another gets done, the latest piece of work being a seven-hitter that carried the Expos to a 4-1 triumph over the Los Angeles Dodgers Friday night in Game 3 of the National League Championship series.

The Expos moved to within one game of winning the first National League Championship in the team's 13 year history. Jerry White, another of the unexpected surprises that the Expos keep springing on their

adversaries, contributed a three-run homer to cap a two-out, four-run rally in the sixth inning.

"After eight or nine years, to play in a game of this magnitude and win is so gratifying," said Rogers, who has had to shrug off the image of a "big-game loser" for two seasons.

The Expos' emotional and demanding fans have screamed in unison for Gary Carter in the past, and for "Cro" (Warren Cromartie) and for Tim Lincecum, but they have never been known to strike up a stadium-wide chant for Rogers, the Expos' workhorse.

Until Friday night, that is. "The crowd was fabulous," Rogers said. "It's very satisfying but what is most satisfying is having done the job."

Rogers' Expo since 1973, struggled through a tense ninth inning with "one good pitch" — a sinking fastball — after Steve Garvey and Ron Cey lined

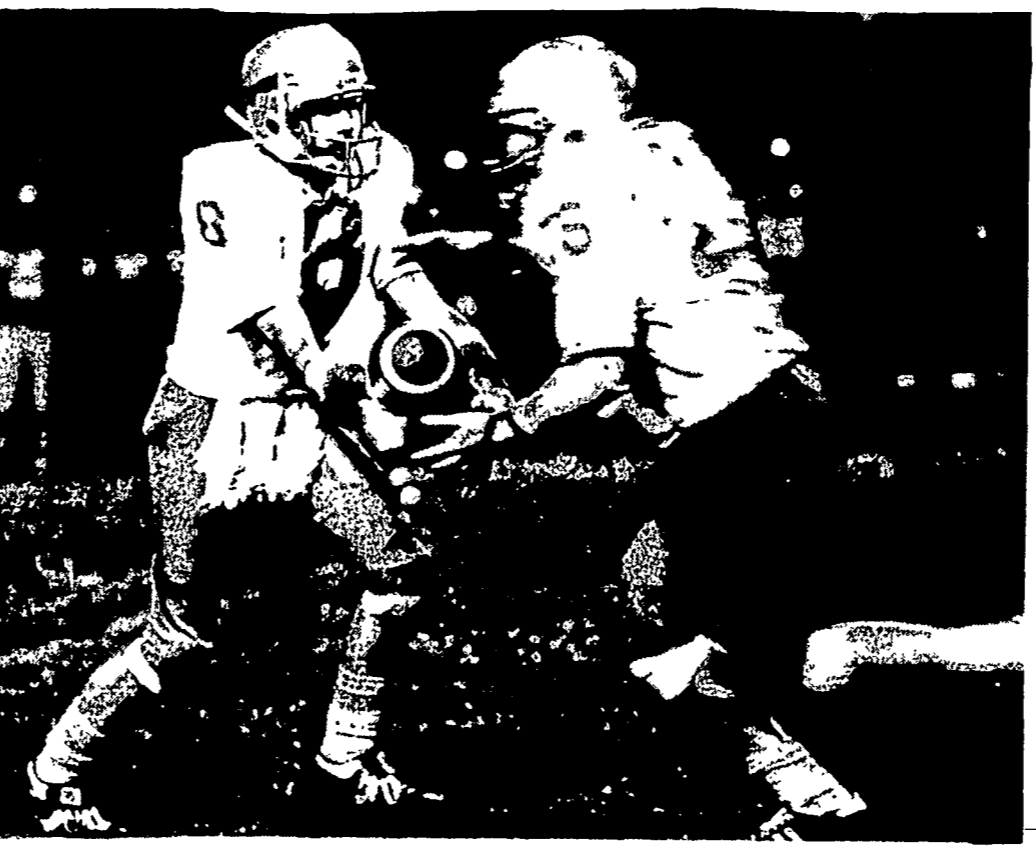
back-to-back singles leading off.

Following a summit at the mound with Fanning, Rogers took Pedro Guerrero to 3-1 before getting him bounce to third baseman Larry Parrish, who started a double play that killed the Dodgers' chances.

Jerry Reuss was staked to a one-run lead when Ron Cey drove Dusty Baker home from third on a ground ball to the infield in the fourth inning. He was rolling through the Expos' scappy lineup until the sixth, having spaced three hits — all of them after two were out.

With two out in the sixth, Andre Dawson singled, took second on a walk to Carter and came home on Larry Parrish's single to left. White jumped on a 2-1 pitch that was up and in, driving it to the left field seats.

"You win some and you lose some," said the Dodger left-hander, who was 10-4 in the regular season.



GOOD EXCHANGE — Shelby's quarterback David Hiatt prepares to handoff to Whippet star tailback Brad Nothacker in first half grid action last night at Bellevue. The Whippets came from behind on the strength of Nothacker's touchdown run, extra point and field goal to defeat the previously unbeaten Redmen, 10-7. (Globe photo by Linda Stotts)

NOL roundup

Willard gets share of NOL lead with win

The Willard Flashes moved into a share of the Northern Ohio League lead by shutting out Tiffin Columbian, 6-0.

The Flashes, now 3-1 in NOL competition and 3-4 overall, scored the only points they needed as Chip Ebert took a Tiffin punt 34 yards for a touchdown.

In other league games Galion defeated Norwalk, 20-14, and Bucyrus stumped Upper Sandusky, 19-14.

Willard 6, Tiffin Columbian 0

WILLARD — Chip Ebert ran 34 yards in the third quarter for what later turned out to be a tie for the NOL lead after four weeks of league competition.

For the Tornados Tony Colatruoglio rushed for 119 yards as the game's leading rusher. Four interceptions by Willard dampened the Columbian offensive threat.

The loss drops Tiffin's record to 2-2 in league action and 3-3-1 for all games.

WILLARD 0 0 6 0 - 6
TIFFIN COLUMBIAN 0 0 0 0 - 0

Galion 20, Norwalk 14

NORWALK — John Erlsten scored from a yard out to score with 3:43 to play in the game which proved to be the decisive tally as Galion outlasted Norwalk, 20-14.

On the night Erlsten compiled 186 yards on 35 carries to lift the Tigers to 2-2 in the NOL and 2-5 in all games, but the night was highlighted when Norwalk's Brian Marcum intercepted a Tiger pass in his own endzone and took it 104 yards for a touchdown.

For the Truckers, now 1-3 in NOL play and 2-5 overall, Mike

Sweet completed 2 of 12 passes for 90 yards.

GALION 0 6 8 6 - 20
NORWALK 0 0 8 6 - 14

Bucyrus 19, Upper Sandusky 14

BUCYRUS — A 10 yard touchdown run by Bucyrus' Todd Brenner in the third quarter proved to be the winning tally as the Redmen beat Upper Sandusky, 19-14.

Brenner put Bucyrus on the board in the first quarter by passing 29 yards to Ron Cherry for a touchdown while leading the Redmen to their first NOL victory of 1981.

Bucyrus is now 1-3 in the NOL and 3-4 overall while the Rams are 1-3 and 2-4-1.

BUCYRUS 6 6 7 0 - 19
UPPER SANDUSKY 7 0 0 7 - 14

NOL STANDINGS		
SHELBY	3-1-0	6-1-0
Bellevue	3-1-0	6-1-0
Willard	3-1-0	3-4-0
Tiffin	2-2-0	3-3-1
Galion	2-2-0	2-5-0
Upper	1-3-0	2-4-1
Bucyrus	1-3-0	3-4-0
Norwalk	1-3-0	2-5-0

BC bombs Riverdale, 32-0

RIVERDALE — Buckeye Central took another tough North Central Conference opponent and showed no mercy for Riverdale on their homecoming night, besting the Falcons, 32-0 Friday night.

The win raised Buckeye's record to 7-0 overall and 6-0 in the NCC. Riverdale fell to 5-2 overall and 4-2 in the league.

The Bucks lit up the scoreboard with 3:07 left in the first quarter when David Richards took in a pass from Dan Shell and rambled on for a 44 yard touchdown and Karl Mahaffey added the PAT kick.

With 8:50 left in the first half, Chris Seibert was found by Shell for another completion and he waltzed into the endzone from 16 yards out for a 13-0 lead since the kick failed.

Although the Falcons, were keeping the NCC's leading scorer, Chet Johnson, out of the endzone the Bucks countered with Mark Houston who scorched the Falcons on a 58 yard touchdown run with 3:21 left in the half and Mahaffey's kick was good for a 20-0 bulge before Houston scored on a seven yard run with 31 seconds left in the half for a 26-0 edge.

Buckeye Central's Jeff Pifer scored the last points of the

game when he snatched a Shell pass and carried it in from 10 yards out with 4:12 left in the third quarter.

Leading rusher for the game was Chet Johnson for the Bucks with 92 yards on 22 carries and Houston backed him up with 89 yards on nine carries and a pair of touchdowns.

The potent ground attack for Riverdale which featured John Wolfe and Dave Beckworth were held to a total of 63 yards on 20 carries.

The Buck defense held the Falcons to a total of 92 yards.

In the passing department, Shell completed eight of 12 passes for 104 yards and three TD's for the Bucks.

"Tonight we had balance in our passing and rushing attack and we were able to mix it up a bit on offense and our defense did a super job against Riverdale," commented coach Bill Pierce.

The Bucks will host Mohawk with the number two defensive team in the league on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Wynford High School.

BUCKEYE 7 19 6 0 - 32
RIVERDALE 0 0 0 0 - 0

Plymouth falls to Seneca East

ATTICA — The Plymouth Vikings almost pulled off the upset but the game lasted four quarters instead of two as they fell to Seneca East Friday night, 22-9.

The Vikes, 0-5-1, grabbed a 9-7 lead at the half but the Tigers, 4-2-1, rambled for a pair of touchdowns in the second half to gain the win.

Seneca East scored first on a yard run by Lou Smith with 8:11 left in the first quarter and Bagant added the PAT boot for a 7-0 lead.

Plymouth roared back when Jim Will gathered in a Rodney Hampton pass that covered 11 yards and the score but the two point conversion pass failed.

At the end of the half with no time left, the Vikes took the lead when Jim Will booted a 19 yard field goal for a 9-7 lead.

In the second half Smith scored from three yards out in the

third period and from one yard out in the fourth for the win.

Smith gathered in a two point conversion pass from Shank and Bagant kicked the final PAT of the night.

The Tigers gained 22 first-downs by chewing up 309 yards on the ground and gaining one yard by passing for a total of 310 yards.

Plymouth hammered away for 183 yards of real estate and 87 more yards through the airwaves as Hampton was eight of 20 with no interceptions.

Plymouth will travel to Ontario on Friday for an 8 p.m. contest.

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