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The drought ends

Plymouth snaps losing streak with incredible 20-13 win

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BUCYRUS — "We won and that's the name of the game."

That is what Plymouth head coach Richard Roll had to say after his Vikings defeated Buckeye Central, 20-13, Saturday night at Wynford High School in the season opener for both squads.

The victory ended a winless streak of 21 games for Plymouth, dating back to October of 1979.

The winning touchdown came with six seconds to go in the contest and capped off a late rally by the Big Red.

Following a 31-yard return of the opening kickoff by Plymouth's Darren Branham, PHS put the ball in play from the Buckeye Central 46-yard line and drove for a pair of first downs before being forced to give the ball up.

On the Bucks' first

possession, Mark Houston carried the ball for four hard-fought yards and Randy Payne added another yard.

With a third and five situation, the Bucks' Ken Kaple put the ball in the air and it was picked off by Branham who returned it to the BC 16-yard line.

After gaining eight yards on the first three plays the Big Red were faced with a fourth-and-two dilemma on the BC five-yard line where they were stopped by Buckeye Central and a holding penalty.

With a first down on the five, the Bucks put the ball in play and ran the option play that was successful for them in last season.

Ken Kaple quarterbacked the option with Randy Payne trailing, and both combined for a 95-yard touchdown run with Payne crossing the goal-line with the pigskin.

The kick for conversion was bobbled by the holder and blocked by the Plymouth defense.

Again the Vikings started to drive on the Bucks but a field goal attempt of 38 yards by Jim Will was wide to the right giving the Bucks possession on their own twenty yardline.

After picking up a first down Buckeye Central was stopped by the Big Red defense and forced to punt.

With possession of the ball, Plymouth started to drive again, but again the drive was halted by a bad break, this time being a fumble that was recovered by Buckeye Central.

Coach Roll commented on this situation saying, "we just didn't get many breaks, we were beating ourselves."

Following the fumble recovery Buckeye drove for a touchdown, with the score coming through the effort of Houston who went in from five yards out.

The kick by Bill Hinklin was good to make the score 13-0 in the Bucks' favor.

When Plymouth took over after the kickoff by Buckeye, they put the ball in play from the Buckeye Central 45-yard line.

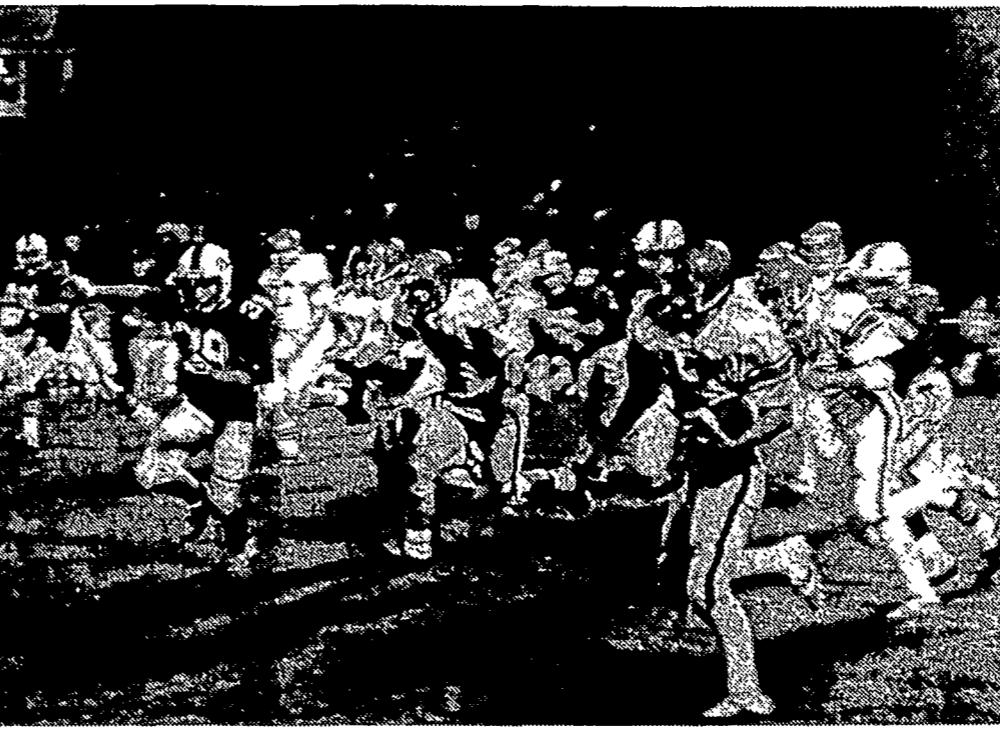
On the first play from scrimmage, Viking signal caller Rodney Hampton connected with Tom Baker, who was wide open, for a touchdown covering 45 yards.

The kick by Will was good to cut the Bucks' lead to 13-7.

The Bucks couldn't get anything going on their next series and punted to Plymouth who kept possession of the ball until the end of the half when Hampton was intercepted on a second and twenty-eight play.

In the second half both squads moved the ball up and down the field, but neither scored until the last few minutes of the game as both suffered through bad breaks to end any drives.

Many of the Bucks drives were ended by good defensive work by the Big Red, of which Roll related the following, "the defense came through in the clutch, when we needed them."



VIKINGS ON THE MOVE — Plymouth 21 game winless drought with a 20-13 win over runningback Jeff Jacobs makes a move for the sidelines and a large gain. Jacobs had 104 yards for Plymouth as the Big Red snapped a

yard for the Big Red.

Plymouth kicked off to the Bucks, who again went to the air looking to score, but this time to break the tie.

An aerial by Ken Kaple was picked off and run into the endzone by a Plymouth defender who scored on the play, but the ball was given back to the Bucks because of a defensive holding call by the Big Red.

On the next down Kaple went to the air, and on this play, Plymouth's Richard Cunningham stepped in front of the pass to intercept it at the 37 of the Big Red where he started for the endzone.

He crossed the goal line without being touched to lift his Viking team to its first victory in three years, dating back to 1979.

Jim Will added the extra point, his kick made the score 20-13.

Plymouth kicked off to the Bucks with just six seconds left on the clock, and just three were

left after the kickoff was over. Buckeye went for a long pass on the last play of the game but it fell out of bounds to end the contest and a long streak of winlessness for the Plymouth Vikings.

Roll remarked the following about the effort of his squad in the game. "The boys worked hard all summer and it paid off for them. They're the greatest bunch of kids I've worked with," said Roll.

Plymouth gained just 185 yards on the ground to 296 by the Bucks, and 156 passing yards to 85 by Buckeye Central.

Leading rusher for PHS was Jeff Jacobs with 104 yards on 18 carries and Baker had two receptions for 132 yards and a pair of TD's.

The next game for Plymouth will be Friday night when they host Columbia, a 39-20 loser to Western Reserve.

Buckeye Central will travel to Colonel Crawford Friday to open their league season.

SHS harriers to be young outfit

By BRAD METZGER
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Many miles and tired feet mean the start of another cross country season at Shelby High School in 1982.

The 1981 harriers placed fifth in the league, and had a season with an overall record of 7-3.

Shelby will be under the direction of second year coach Terry Zuercher who also has nine years experience of coaching junior high track.

Last year the Whippets sent one runner to the districts-Rob Place, who is a returning letterman for the squad as a senior.

Also returning are lettermen seniors Joe Grant, Marc Milliron, and junior Earl Lynch.

Zuercher figures the key to a successful season will be if the younger runners move up and can compete against the older more experienced teams.

"The league favorite this season will probably be Galion because they return with the number one runner," said Zuercher.

Shelby's first dual meet will be today at Norwalk.

Shelby girls cross country

Girls cross country has only been in existence for a couple of years in the NOL leaving very few teams participating.

Thus the 1981 girl runners ended their season with an overall record of 1-2.

The girls will be directed by first year coach Deb Cochran who was last year's assistant girls track coach.

Michelle Lynch and Anne Hancock were the only harriers lost through graduation.

The returning letterwomen for the squad are sophomore Julie Herman, junior Suzie Shaw, and senior Cheryl Linn.

Other members of the team include Bernie Frankl, Catharina Ronnblad, Judy Wheeler, Tracy Phillips, and Wadeana Davis.

The key to a successful season will be a lot of hard work, consistent dedication, and team work.

"It is too early to determine a league favorite, but I am sure the girls will be able to hold their own in the league," commented Cochran.

The girls meets coincide with the boys cross country meets

Shelby finishes 7th

The Shelby Senior High School boys and girls cross country teams opened their 1982 season by participating in the Ashland Invitational Saturday.

The boy harriers finished seventh in the Class AAA race while the girls finished sixth in the AA-AAA girls race.

Sandusky won the boys race with 25 points and Upper Arlington finished a distant second with 49 points.

Tiffin Columbian was third with 76 and host Ashland was fourth with 84. Marion Harding was fifth with 122, Mount Vernon sixth with 138 and Shelby seventh with 171.

Senior Rob Place led the Whippets with a 20th place showing and he was followed by teammates Marc Milliron was 29th, Mike Caskey 36th, Dave Cirata 40th and T. Lynch 46th.

The girls race was captured by Tiffin Columbian with 57 points and host school Ashland was 17th for SHS.

Julie Herman crossed in the 39th slot for the Whippets and she was followed by teammates Cheryl Linn who was 46th and Judy Wheeler 47th.

In the freshmen boys race, there was no score kept, but John McGinnis finished first for Shelby and he was followed by Kevin Baird (6th), Mark Hess (9th) and Larry Stacklin (10th).

Tonight the harriers will travel to Norwalk for an NOL meet and travel to Tiffin Saturday for the Tiffin Invitational.

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If you had a craving for offensive fireworks, then Saturday's Shelby Blues game against Pittsburgh was the kind of game that you were looking

for.

Considering that:

- It took only 31 seconds for Pittsburgh to score its first points of the night.

- Shelby tied the score at 7-7 when there was 13:19 left in the first quarter.

- At the end of the first quarter the Colts of Pittsburgh breezed to a 21-10 edge.

The end result during the offensive firepower of the team from Pennsylvania gave the Colts a 70-16 win in the Ohio Fooball contest over the Blues.

Before a rather sparse turnout of hometown fans, the Blues and the Colts put on a fine offensive showing in the first quarter.

Because of late arrivals, the contest got underway at 7:45 instead of the original 7:30 p.m. starting time.

The first half which was filled

with a lot of passing by both teams lasted for two hours and 15 minutes:

The Colts lit up the scoreboard first after taking advantage of a Blues fumble on the kickoff which was turned into a quick touchdown three plays and 27 yards later.

The connection from Beer to Postufka gave the Colts a quick 6-0 edge and Littler added the extra point kick for a 7-0 lead at the 14:29 mark of the first quarter.

The Blues didn't waste

anytime in getting a quick six on the board as the Shelby squad was sparked by a 49-yard punt return by Vic Schambre to put the ball in play at the Colt 34 yard line.

From 28 yards from paydirt, quarterback Jeff Klingenberg hooked up on a pass to Rick Shelton in the endzone to make

the score 7-6 and Greg Ammons tied matters up with the PAT boot with 13:19 on the clock.

Each team went through one series of offense before the Colts got the ball back and engineered a one-play, 65-yard scoring march.

Beer took the snap from his own 35-yard line and set up quickly where he found Taylor open on the left side who sped to the endzone 65 yards away for another score and a 13-7 lead with 11:27 on the clock. Littler's PAT made the score 14-7.

Jack Herr returned the kickoff to the Shelby 34-yard line on a 24-yard return for the Blues and on the next play, the Blues ran their first running play of the game which was a handoff to Scott "Spanky" Milliron who gained three

yard line. From 27 yards out and Littler made the PAT boot.

The Colts assumed a 35-10 lead during the second quarter after Beer passed a touchdown strike to LeGuard from six yards out at the 11:53 mark and

then Beer ran in a score on a second and inches all at the Shelby half-foot mark with 6:51 on the timer.

The Blues roared back with their final strike of the evening on a touchdown by Klingenberg who rolled to his left from one yard out with 3:31 left on the clock.

The last scoring of the quarter came with 1:03 left in the first half as Beer hit Taylor with a 10-yard touchdown pass.

At the half the Colts assumed a 42-10 lead.

During the second half the Colts added a single score in the third frame for a 49-16 edge while adding three more in the fourth frame for the final score of 70.

DeMarinis captures Pickle Run title

GALION — Marita DeMarinis, of Rock Road, Shelby, captured the girls' 14-under title in the Pickle Run Tennis Tournament over the

weekend at Heise Park in Galion.

DeMarinis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A.

Reserves fall in opener, 14-0

The Shelby High School junior varsity football team opened its 1982 season with a 14-0 loss against Mansfield Madison

Saturday morning at Ram Field.

No details were available

about the contest.

The Whippets will host Lexington at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Skiles Field.

