

Baker, Martin each run for over 100 yards

Shelby repels Willard with stingy 'D' in 24-20 win

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Shelby's Hungry Hound defense dodged a bullet in the fourth period to preserve a 24-20 win Friday night over visiting Willard.

Shelby not only notched a Northern Ohio League victory, but did so in front of the annual Parents' Night crowd.

The outcome was not decided, though, until the final minutes.

With an uneasy four-point difference late in the game, the Whippets got great field position at the Flash's 40 after a Willard punt.

However, on the first play from scrimmage a bobbled handoff was recovered at the Flash's 38-yard line by Dave Conley with 9:54 left to play.

The Flash's went to work and were knocking at the door from the Whippets 21-yard line before being forced to give up the ball when a pair of passes fell incomplete with 6:10 on the clock.

The Whippets took the ball, and Scott Martin bulled his way for nine yards before the Willard defense buckled down and forced Shelby to punt.

Terry Baldrige's punt was off the side of his foot and the Flash's were apparently back in business from the SHS 35-yard line.

Then a charged up Shelby defense nailed wingback Dan Bauman for a three-yard loss before and forced three consecutive incomplete passes from Flash's quarterback John Heffley. The Whippet fans awarded the defense a standing ovation as it trotted off the field.

From that point, the game was history as the Whippets stuck to the ground and eventually ran out the clock with the ball-sitting on the Willard five-yard line.

Shelby's senior running back tandem of tailback Scott Martin and fullback Buddy Baker made life miserable for the Flash's defense, which especially had trouble containing the speedy Martin.

He scorched Willard for 125

yards on 25 carries, while Baker surged for 100 yards in the second half to finish the night with 129 stripes on 19 trans-sports. It was Baker's best night of the season; his furthest carry was a 33 yarder.

The Flash's were no easy task to handle on offense as junior Kelly Reynolds stepped into the tailback position and slashed his way for 167 yards on 30 carries. His biggest explosion was for 52 yards which led to Willard's first score of the night.

But it was early field position that decided the contest for the Whippets. Craig Eier took the opening kickoff and was eventually tackled at his own 1-foot line by a busload of Whippets. The stingy Shelby defense held on three plays and a bad snap had Willard punter Rex Adams scurrying for his life in the end zone as he unloaded a pass which dropped to the ground incomplete at the Shelby 22-yard line at 10:30 on the first quarter clock.

Shelby took over from the Willard 10-yard line, but the Flash's defense kept Shelby out of the six-point zone and forced SHS to bring on the field goal team. With 9:07 remaining in the first period, sophomore Tim Amstutz shoed a 22-yarder for a 3-0 advantage.

Things went easier for Willard on its next offensive series until senior strong safety Craig Ridenour waltzed in front of a Heffley aerial at the midfield stripe.

Shelby started to drive, but a fumble at the Willard 36-yard line stalled SHS. But Shelby's Rick Coleman pounced on a Heffley fumble one play later at the Willard 37-yard line.

Shelby got its second score of the contest when quarterback Chip Fugate found Baldrige racing down the right sideline. He fired a 33-yard pass and Martin bulled his way into the end zone from four yards out with 5:09 on the clock. Amstutz drilled the PAT kick for a 10-0 lead.

Things got even worse for the Flash's as the kickoff was fumbled and recovered by Shelby's Ed Yetzer at the Willard 34-yard line. Shelby was forced to give up the ball on downs and the Flash's avoided being blown out of Skiles Field in the first period.

After the punt, Reynolds broke loose from the line of scrimmage and scampered 52 yards until Yetzer tackled him from behind at the SHS 19-yard line.

On third and nine, Heffley launched a wounded duck which Dan Bauman ran under in the end zone for a touchdown at 2:02. Bauman kick was off the mark and the score was 10-6.

Shelby got the ball back at their own 30-yard line after the kickoff, and the Whippets strung together a ball control drive of 10 plays which was capped off with a one-yard plunge by Baker at 9:55.

Martin and Baker shared the ball-carrying duties before Fugate went to the air for a 21-yard completion to Paul Wagoner for a first down at the Willard eight-yard line.

Baker then squirted loose for seven yards and scored on the next play. Amstutz tacked on another PAT kick for a 17-6 lead.

The Flash's refused to buckle as a mixture of Reynolds' running and pinpoint passing from Heffley resulted in a six-yard TD pass to Adams with 5:36 left in the first half. Reynolds burrowed his way into the end zone for the two-point conversion, and the Whippets' lead was three points, 17-14.

To open the third quarter, both teams exchanged possession before Shelby got the ball back on the third series at their own 37-yard line.

Baker ignited the crowd when he burst from the line of scrimmage, worked his way down the left side of the field and into the open before being shoved out of bounds at the Willard 30-yard line.

Baker let the Flash's defense

know he was still around by blasting for another 12-yard gain and a first down at the 18-yard line. Martin then took over and completed the drive with a five-yard run with 6:45 left in the third quarter clock. Tim Amstutz booted his third PAT of the night, and the Whippets clung to a 24-14 lead.

Just before the end of the period, the Flash's scored on a six-yard pass from Heffley to Adams at the end of a 12-play, 76-yard scoring drive. The two-point conversion pass was batted away.

From that point, it was a story starring defense.

"It was one of those games," sighed a happy Shelby coach Jill Varble. "We had to overcome a lot of adversity, any kind there could be. We had a fumble, held Willard in four-down territory, then got the ball back, had a short punt and gave the ball right back in the four-down zone."

Varble had high praise for the brick wall defense, led in tackles by Brad Mikolajczyk with 12. Also in double figures in tackling were Mike Roberts with 11 and Brian Kreinbrink with 10. Other Shelby tacklers were: Jim Moore (4), Ed Yetzer (7), Todd Schaub (2), Jeff Murray (3), Craig Ridenour (6), Tim Hess (6), Rick Coleman (9), Bruce Kehres (4), Rich Greter (1), Rob Yates (1), Ed Ingle (2), Jeff Eldridge (5), Jeff Ebersole (2) and Mike Lybarger (1).

"You have to give our defense credit for the work they did in the final quarter. And the offense once again had another fine evening," Varble said.

"Rex Adams made some fine catches for Willard," he said. "The coverage was there, and it was good, but he was out-jumping our guys."

"But you have to give credit to the Willard kids, too," Varble said. "After their first score they were fired up. We played a good team out there tonight, and they are an awfully tough team."

Shelby had 321 yards in offense with 260 gained by rushing. Fugate was three of 10 passing for 61 yards. Baldrige launched one pass which was dropped.

Willard had a 188-yard rushing total while Heffley was eight of 21 for 106 yards.

Shelby battles for the NOL lead next Friday on the road at Upper Sandusky. The Rams lead the NOL with a 4-0 mark while Shelby will be challenging with a 3-1 league slate. Both teams are 6-1 overall. Willard falls to 1-2-1 in the NOL and 2-4-1 overall.

VARSITY FOOTBALL
At W.W. Skiles Field
SHELBY 10 7 7 0-24
WILLARD 6 8 6 0-30
S-Tim Amstutz 22-yard field goal
S-Scott Martin 4-yard run (Amstutz kick)
W-John Heffley 18-yard pass to Dan Bauman (Kick blocked)
S-Buddy Baker 1-yard run (Amstutz kick)
W-Heffley 8-yard pass to Rex Adams (Kelly Reynolds run)
S-Martin 5-yard run (Amstutz kick)
W-Heffley 6-yard pass to Adams (Pass failed)

SHELBY	WILLARD
14	14
16	14
By Rushing	8
By Passing	5
By Penalty	1
7-300	44-108
101	106
3-11	6-21
2-20	2-29
4-29.7	3-27.6
3-7	4-2
3	1
Passes Int. By	1

Individual Statistics
Rushing - Shelby: Martin 25-125, Baker 19-100, Fugate 2-4, Baldrige 1-0, Willard: Heffley 2-3, McLendon 2-3, Eier 4-14, Bauman 6-11, Reynolds 30-187.
Receiving - Shelby: Wagoner 1-21, Baldrige 2-40, Willard: Adams 6-73, Bauman 2-33.

Cavaliers purchase Poquette

CLEVELAND (UPI) — The Cleveland Cavaliers announced Friday night they had purchased forward-center Ben Poquette from the Utah Jazz for an undisclosed amount of cash.

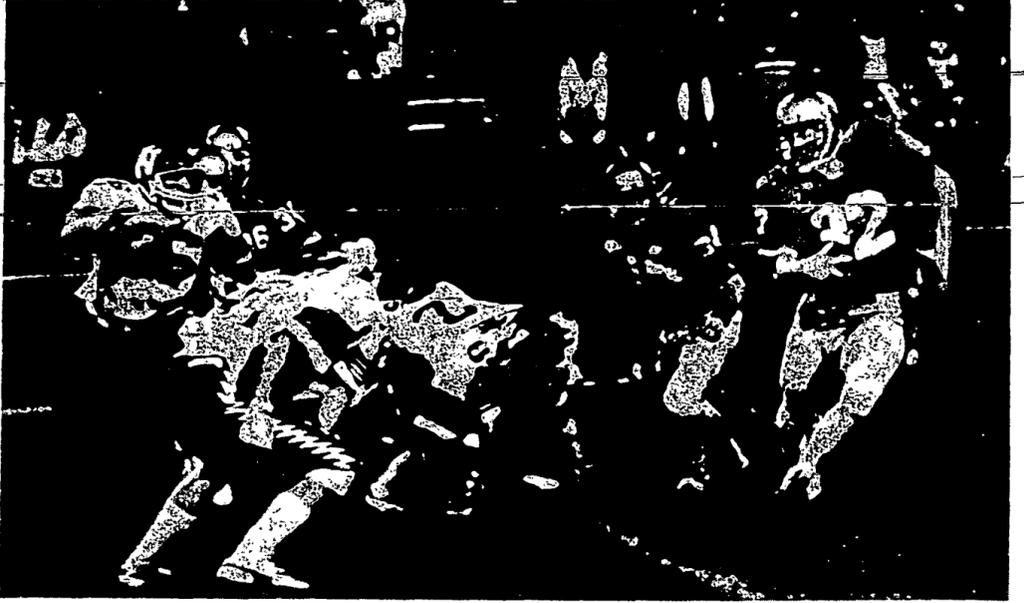
Bucks' streak at two; defeat Ridgedale

MORRAL — The Buckeye Central Bucks picked up their second win in as many weeks by spoiling Ridgedale's homecoming festivities Friday night in a 25-7 win.

Last week coach Bill Pierce's charges opened area grid fans' eyes with a 16-12 shocking of Wynford.

The Bucks are now 2-5 overall and 2-4 in the North Central Conference. Ridgedale still lays claim to last place with a league slate of 0-5-1 and 1-5-1 overall.

Senior quarterback Ken



Looking for a hole

Sophomore wingback Terry Baldrige (32) works his way down the left side of the line of scrimmage looking for a hole in the Willard defense to shoot through. Baldrige couldn't find the gap he was looking for and was held to yardage on his only

carry. Baldrige did catch two passes for 40 yards as Shelby kept its league title hopes alive with a 24-20 win over the Flash's. (Globe photo by Eric Ernst)

Northern Ohio League roundup

Upper Sandusky shakes of Bellevue, 21-17

Upper Sandusky held tightly to its lead in the Northern Ohio League Friday night with a 21-17 come-from-behind win over Bellevue in a battle between the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the league.

Tiffin Columbian moved into a tie for second place with Shelby after stopping Norwalk, 17-13. Shelby remained in the NOL title hunt by virtue of a 24-20 win over Willard. The Tornadoes and Whippets are 3-1

in the league. In the other NOL contest, Galion kept Bucyrus winless in the NOL by winning its first league game of the year by a 28-0 margin over the Redmen.

Upper Sandusky 21, Bellevue 17
Upper Sandusky — Scott Ogg ran into the endzone from 10 yards out with 6:55 left to play and lifted the Rams to their fourth NOL win.

Earlier in the fourth quarter, Bellevue had taken a 17-14 lead on the strength of a 32-yard field

goal by Greg Hogue with 10:51 left in the contest. The Rams broke loose for 14 first quarter points before Bellevue tied the score by halftime.

Bellevue was held to 160 yards total offense while the Rams racked up 306 total yards, with 277 coming on the ground attack. Ogg was the leading ground gainer with 185 stripes on 25 carries while Bellevue's Bob

Snezek was his team's top gainer with 31 yards on six totes.

Tiffin Columbian 17, Norwalk 13
Norwalk — Norwalk's homecoming activities were dampened as Brian Briggs took an interception back 33 yards to tie the score at 13-13 before Tiffin went up one point on Mark Hoar's extra point kick. Hoar added an insurance field goal in the third period from 29 yards out.

Norwalk struck first in the opening 1:44 of the game when James Lover blazed 70 yards before TC tied the score on a 16-yard run by Jeff Greer.

The Truckers last lead came when Jon Nutter took a kick-off and returned it for 87 yards and the score.

Norwalk gained 275 yards, with 212 on the ground, while Tiffin collected 211 total yards. Lover was the leading rusher for Norwalk with 27 carries for 195 yards while Tiffin was paced by Todd Keller with 23 handlings for 65 yards.

Galion 28, Bucyrus 6
Galion — Guy Wagner passed for two touchdowns and ran for another to lead Galion to its first win in the league while also snapping a five-game losing skid.

Wagner returned a blocked punt 30 yards for one score while passing 10 and eight yards to John Mills before Steve Jacobs padded the lead with a 33-yard interception return for the last score.

Bucyrus had 94 yards rushing and 116 passing while Galion scrambled for 220 yards rushing and 100 yards passing.

Jan Waterer paced Galion rushers with 84 yards on 14 carries while Dana Foght had 20 carries for 66 yards for Bucyrus.

Columbus area schools leading golf

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Three Columbus area schools have the lead going into today's final 18 holes of the Ohio high school golf championships at the Ohio State University courses.

Columbus Academy, with Barry Fabyan the only player to match par in the three classes, went into the second and final round with a 47-stroke lead over Otterville in Class A on the par 71 Gray course.

John Ciotola had a 77 on the tougher par 72 Scarlet course in Friday's first round to lead Dublin to a 13-stroke lead over Cincinnati Indian Hills in Class AA.

In Class AAA, Worthington held a six-stroke lead over Kettering Alter as two Worthington golfers had rounds of 80

Former champs reach finals

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Two former A-AA champions advanced to the semifinal rounds of the Ohio girls' high school tennis tournament and could possibly face each other in Saturday afternoon finals.

Jane Cohodes of Bexley won the A-AA title in 1980 and 1982 while Kelly Boyse of Zanesville Rosecrans took the title in 1981. Cohodes meets Diedre Boros

of the Scarlet Course to trail Tom Kies of Medina Cloverleaf who led the large school golfers with a 76.

Plymouth mauls St. Paul

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth football team added another dimension in scoring to its playbook Friday evening enroute to a lopsided 39-0 whipping of Norwalk St. Paul at Mary Fite Park.

With a 13-0 lead, Chad McGinnis picked off a pass at the St. Paul 35-yard line and as he was going to the ground, he then lateraled to teammate Tom Baker who scored with 1:04 left in the first quarter.

Plymouth broke out on top with 1:01 gone in the first period when Rich Cunningham rambled into the endzone from 40-yards out and Mike McKenzie's PAT kick was good.

With 3:06 left in the first quarter, Rod Hampton fired a 43-yard scoring strike to Tom Baker.

Darren Branham handled all of Plymouth's scoring in the second period by hauling in a 10-yard TD pass from Hampton with 11:00 showing before

racing into the endzone with an interception from 30-yards away at 8:22.

Mike McKenzie closed the scoring for the Big Red in the third period with a five-yard run along with a successful PAT kick.

Cunningham was Plymouth's leading rusher with 49 yards on three carries while Brian Vredenburg hauled in two aerials for 31 yards in a winning effort.

Plymouth was limited to only five total first downs, but managed to grind out 179 yards on the ground while Hampton was five of 11 passing for 92 yards.

Norwalk St. Paul was held to 77 yards on 30 rushes while being a poor five of 22 passing for 77 yards. Six of the Norwalk St. Paul passes ended up into the arms of Plymouth defenders.

Plymouth will be on the road Friday with a trip to Black

River for an important Fiveland Conference Southern Division game. Plymouth is 1-0 in the division and 6-1 overall while Black River is 2-0 against southern teams while being 2-4-1 in all contests. Friday night the Pirates defeated South Central 13-0.

VARSITY FOOTBALL
At Mary Fite Park
PLYMOUTH 39 0 0 0-39
NORWALK ST. PAUL 0 0 0 0-0

PLYMOUTH	NORWALK ST. PAUL
33-77	8
32	30-77
5-11	7-7
19-80	5-22
2-48.0	6-30
4-2	6-22.0
6	2-0
Passes Int. By	1

VARSITY FOOTBALL
At Ridgedale High School
BUCKEYE CENTRAL 0 13 6 6-25
RIDGEDALE 0 0 0 0-7-7

BUCKEYE CENTRAL	RIDGEDALE
10	11
179	143
39	114
4-10	7-18
3-50	6-80
4-37.0	5-28.6
2-2	1-1
Passes Int. By	1

NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE
League Overall

Upper Sandusky	4-0-0	61-0
Shelby	3-1-0	61-0
Tiffin	3-1-0	43-0
Bellevue	3-1-1	43-0
Willard	4-2-0	43-0
Galion	1-3-0	23-0
Norwalk	1-3-0	14-0
Bucyrus	0-4-0	14-0

Friday's Results
Upper Sandusky 21, Bellevue 17
Shelby 24, Willard 20
Tiffin Columbian 17, Norwalk 13
Galion 28, Bucyrus 6

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE
League Overall

River Valley	5-1-0	61-0
Mohawk	3-1-0	53-0
Elgin	4-1-1	51-1
Colonel Crawford	4-2-0	53-0
Wynford	4-2-0	43-0
Carey	3-3-0	43-0
Buckeye Central	2-4-0	24-0
Pleasant	1-4-0	24-0
Riverdale	1-4-0	14-0
Ridgedale	0-5-1	14-1

Friday's Results
Buckeye Central 25, Ridgedale 7
River Valley 28, Riverdale 12
Carey 14, Colonel Crawford 12
Elgin 14, Wynford 7

FIRELANDS CONFERENCE
League Overall

Monroeville	2-0-0	53-0
Edison	0-0-0	51-0
Norwalk St. Paul	0-0-0	0-0-0
Western Reserve	0-1-0	61-0
New London	0-1-0	61-0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Black River	3-0-0	34-0
Plymouth	1-0-0	14-0
Crestview	1-1-0	0-0-0
South Central	0-1-0	0-0-0
Mapleton	0-1-0	0-0-0

Friday's Results
Plymouth 30, Norwalk St. Paul 6
Black River 13, South Central 6
Crestview 27, Mapleton 6
Monroeville 21, Western Reserve 7
Tusculum's Game
New London at Edison

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