

# Willard knocks off unbeaten Shelby in 29-20 NOL thriller

By **CHUCK RIDENOUR**  
Globe staff reporter

**WILLARD**—Dreams of an undefeated season...a possible computer playoff berth...and a outright Northern Ohio League championship fizzled when the Willard Crimson Flashes whipped the Shelby Whippets, 29-20, in a NOL battle contested Friday night at Willard High School before 4,000 fans, with the majority being from Shelby.

But there's still light at the end of the tunnel for the Whippets who are now tied for the league lead with Willard and Galion at 4-1. Overall Shelby is 7-1 and Willard improves to 6-2. The next two weeks for the Whippets are 'must win' situations in order to stay in the league race.

As for the Division II playoff battle...challengers Toledo Scott and Galion were both winners while Perrysburg was a 23-21 loser to Bowling Green. Dayton Chaminade-Julienne and Kettering Alter play tonight. The Whippet opponents of Tiffin Columbian, Galion and Madison chalked up wins to add another eight points to the SHS computer total. Depending on what the other competitors do along with their opponents, the Whippets could possibly still reign at the top or slip a few notches.

Willard, which needed the win for a chance at a playoff berth in Division III, picked up 17.5 points for their win and any additional points from their opponents. The Flashes were rated fourth in their region behind Lima Bath, Elyria Catholic and St. Mary's Memorial in that order. Bath lost 12-6 to St. Mary's and Elyria Catholic plays tonight against Parma Padua.

As for the league championship, two weeks remain and a tri-championship is a reality if the current leaders finish with

wins. But a possibility of a five-way championship exists if Bellevue and Tiffin Columbian have any say in the matter.

From the opening gun the Whippets were in trouble as the Flashes pounded out a pair of first quarter scores against the Hungry Hound defense and then dodged SHS bullets in a wild fourth quarter.

The Flashes took the opening kickoff and drove 76 yards in eight plays with Bill McClendon scampering into the endzone from 19-yards out with 8:35 showing on the clock.

Shelby appeared to be on the move with the ball at the WHS 45-yard line when the Whippets fumbled and the Flashes eventually recovered at the Shelby 42-yard line. From there the hosts grinded out a nine play drive that was capped off with a one-yard plunge by McClendon with 2:06 on the timer. Curt Storts drilled his second consecutive PAT kick for a 14-0 lead.

Willard put the clamps on the Shelby offense for most of the first half until the Whippets caught the Flashes napping in the secondary and sliced the lead to 14-7 at halftime.

With 2:32 left in the first half the Whippets put the ball in play at their own 29-yard line and pieced together a 11-play drive that was completed with 24 seconds on the clock after a one-yard dive by Terry Baldrige over the right side of the line. Key pass completions in the drive went to Baldrige (12 yards) and Rick Reed (2 catches for 59 yards). One of Reed's catches was a 33-yarder down the right sideline where he was eventually knocked out of bounds at the Willard three-yard line.

The game looked to be on ice late in the third period when Bauman rambled in from one-yard put and McClendon burrowed his way in with the two-

point conversion for a 22-7 lead with 1:26 on the clock. The Flashes were unstoppable on the drive of 67 yards and 15 plays that initiated when a SHS drive ended on downs.

Things remained quiet until the Whippets broke the ice and scratched their way back into the contest, trailing 22-20 with 4:53 remaining.

After fielding a Willard punt at their own 17-yard line, the Whippets reached their own 41-yard line before quarterback Mike Stanford rifled a bomb to Baldrige good enough for 59 yards and the score with 5:25 left in the game. The PAT run failed with WHS clinging to a 22-13 lead.

The Whippets then recovered the successful onside kick attempt at the Willard 48-yard line and the SHS offense went to its bag a tricks with a one-play strike into the endzone Baldrige took a handoff from Stanford and went right while Stanford raced into the Willard secondary toward the left sideline with no WHS defenders in sight. Stanford hauled in the pass off his finger tips and ran untouched into the endzone. Tim Amstutz then booted his second of two successful PAT attempts that had the Flashes dazed for a moment.

Willard bounced back by returning the kickoff to the Shelby 25 but were penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct. Aided by a questionable roughing the kicker penalty the Flashes drove for the game winning score, an 8-yard run by McClendon that was iced on a kick by Storts with 3:11 on the clock.

The Flashes defense paralyzed the Shelby running attack early and since the Whippets were forced to play catchup for the most part were held to a paltry 22 yards total, nearly 225 yards below their game average. Stanford riddled the WHS defense for 197 yards with

Baldrige being his top target. The Whippet junior snagged three passes for 82 yards and Reed had two catches for 59 stripes in the first half.

McClendon ran over and through the Shelby defense en route to a 124-yard evening on 21 carries. Bauman blasted his way for 94 yards on 27 totes Jason Jump was six of 14 passing for 112 yards and Don Schaffer was the top WHS receiver with five catches for 91 yards. Several of Schaffer's receipts got the Flashes out of trouble in the first half.

"We were outplayed by a bunch of kids who played a hell of a game," praised losing coach Bill Varble of the Willard effort. "They (Willard) outdid us in everything to win with outstanding efforts from McClendon and Jump. We'd do something good and then Willard would come right back after us with something better."

The Whippets will now return home for a pair of home contests to wrap up their league schedule. Next Friday Shelby hosts Upper Sandusky

### Varsity Football

At Willard High School	
Shelby	0 7 0 13 20
Willard	14 0 8 7 29
W-Bill McClendon 19-yd run(Storts kick)	
W-McClendon 1-yd run(Storts kick)	
S-Terry Baldrige 1-yd run(Tim Amstutz kick)	
W-Dan Bauman 1-yd run(McClendon run)	
S-Mike Stanford 59-yd pass to Baldrige(Run fail)	
S-Baldrige 48-yd pass to Stanford(Amstutz kick)	
W McClendon 8 yd run(Storts kick)	

Game Stats	
Shelby	Willard
8	17
1	12
4	4
3	1
22	229
187	112
7-21	6-14
4-38	9-80
5-32.2	4 22.5
1 1	2 0
0	2

Game Statistics	
Plymouth	Black River
17	13
x	x
x	x
x	x
140	308
268	33
14 39	3 6
9-85	4 46
x	x
3 1	3 3
1	3

Game Statistics	
Plymouth	Black River
17	13
x	x
x	x
x	x
140	308
268	33
14 39	3 6
9-85	4 46
x	x
3 1	3 3
1	3

## Misery loves company—Bengals, Browns to meet

at the end of the ball game. Plymouth is out of the race with a league mark of 1-4 while Black River bolsters its league mark to 3-2. Overall Plymouth is 2-6 and Black River improves to 4-4.

Friday Plymouth travels to South Central for another Firelands Conference game

Varsity Football	
At Plymouth High School	
Plymouth	0 6 6 12 24
BR	14 9 6 0 29
BR-Jim Foky 33-yd run(Dave Sovick kick)	
BR-Chad McComas 13-yd run(Sovick kick)	
BR-Sovick 30-yd field goal	
BR-Foky 30-yd run(Kick failed)	

of Cleveland's biggest problems is a poor running game (the Browns have been outrushed 881 to 580 yards) and Rutigliano puts the blame squarely on the offensive line which has been weakened by injuries to 6-foot-7, 280-pound Cody Risien and 6-5, 250-pound Doug Dieken

"The loss of Risien has had a devastating effect on our offense," said Rutigliano. "We've just not had the kind of play from our offensive tackles that we've had in the past."

The Browns have the No. 1 defense in the AFC, but Rutigliano says he can't call it "great" because of the 1-6 record.

"A great defense is one that wins games for you," he noted. "We were ahead of Denver 14-0, ahead of New York 16-3, ahead of New York 20-17 and tied with Los Angeles 17-17, but lost all of them."

Cleveland's all-time leading receiver Ozzie Newsome set a pair of club records with 14 receptions for 191 yards last Sunday and Wyche will have his defenders keying on him

"You've got to concentrate on stopping Newsome," said Wyche. "You've got to shut him down to some extent, but I don't think you can shut him out."

As for the rivalry, both coaches feel it's still there despite the sorry records

"It's a legitimate rivalry, not just another NFL contest," insisted Wyche. "It would be a tremendous lift if we beat Cleveland."

"Ohio is a great football state," said Rutigliano. "For example, we played at Kansas City after they had lost two straight games and they drew 40,000. We played at home after we had lost three straight and drew 80,000."

"It's obvious that when the Bengals went to the Super Bowl, Kenny Anderson was having a great year," he said. "Pete Johnson's departure represents the loss of a lot of critical

yardage. "Plus, you can't lose people like Dan Ross and Jim LeClair (to the USFL) and Ken Riley (to retirement). And, they're now going into their eighth game and they're going with their third quarterback. I think that's difficult for the team. The quarterback is in the eye of the storm."

But Wyche notes that Cleveland also has had quarterback woes.

"Early in the season it looked like McDonald had a couple of games where he didn't have a hot hand," Wyche said in diplomatic fashion.

Neither Rutigliano nor McDonald would argue with that.

"Interceptions (McDonald has tossed away a dozen) and poor judgement really didn't do much to help us win some close games," said Rutigliano. "But in his last two games he threw for over 600 yards and only had one interception. He's beginning to do the things we think he's capable of."

"I think I made significant improvements the last two weeks," added McDonald. "I'm not making poor decisions like I was earlier."

Wyche also points out that penalties have cramped Cleveland.

"They've had a lot of personal fouls that have hurt them," he said after studying films of the Browns' games. "They will be stopping people and all of a sudden they foul the quarterback, they hit somebody out of bounds, they pile on, they rough the passer."

Rutigliano this week fined safety Al Gross \$1,000 for a personal foul that helped the New York Jets beat the Browns last Sunday and has warned him not to let it happen again



Daily Globe/Lance Constien

### Touchdown pass

Shelby quarterback Mike Stanford looks over his shoulder as he readies to haul in a 48-yard scoring pass from runningback Terry Baldrige.

# Sportmanship biggest loser in Plymouth-Black River game

By **BRAD METZGER**  
Globe staff reporter

**PLYMOUTH**—Sportmanship was the big loser at Friday night's football contest between Plymouth and visiting Black River as a stands-clearing brawl marred what had been an exciting game.

For those who were wandering about the massive traffic jam in Plymouth and extra police cars near the high school Friday evening, the situation reflected some sad circumstances.

To quickly get the first bad news out of the way, the Plymouth gridders will not be making a return trip to the Firelands Conference post-season encounter after losing 29-24 to Black River.

Plymouth's final drive started on their 15-yard marker and with the aid of a 43-yard pass from Troy Keene to Steve Hall, the ball was down to the Pirate's 25-yard line with less than two minutes remaining.

A motion penalty later pushed the ball back to the BR 16 where it was fourth and 13 for the Big Red with only 40 seconds showing on the clock.

The crowd was silent as Keene rolled back to pass. He saw an open man in the endzone and rifled the ball, but Dave Savick picked off the pass on the two-yard line and the rest was unbelievable.

From there Savick zigzagged his way down the field and walked into the endzone not knowing what had transformed behind him. He turned around to see a bench-clearing brawl in progress that put the NFL's player fracas to shame.

### Bowling

**JIM DANDY**  
Results—Team 3(4) def Team 9(0), Team 6(3) def Team 10(1), Team 2(3) def Team 4(1), Team 5(3) def Team 7(1)  
Women's High Series—R. Deaner 572, J. Carpenter 536, B. Furr 513, M. Cole 511  
Women's High Game—R. Deaner 201, M. Allamon 193, J. Carpenter 189, M. Shuler 184  
Top Three Teams—Team 5, B. Furr 22-10, Team 4, J. Cole 20-12, Team 6, M. Leggett 19-13

**POWDER PUFF**  
Results—Cattley(4) def Bloom(0), Bland(3) def Cooper(1), Swank(3) def Cole(1), Johnson(3) def Nashed(1).  
Women's High Series—Tink Johnson 518, Barb Burky 508, Edna Cole 489, Eloise Swank 477, Linda Curry 473, Cheryl Hawk 469, Min Britt 468, Mae Cattley 464, Audrey Lovelace 462, Millie Cline 456.  
Women's High Game—Barb Burky 214, Linda Curry 189, Edna Cole 187, Mae Cattley 185, Millie Cline 177, Tink Johnson 176, Min Britt 175, Tink Johnson 172, Pat Cooper 171, Eloise Swank 171.  
Top Three Team Games—Cattley 644, Cooper 626, Cole 623.  
Top Three Team Series—Cole 1801, Cattley 1714, Swank 1686.  
League Standings—Johnson 10-2, Swank 9-3, Cole 7-5, Bland 5-7, Cattley 5-7, Bloom 5-7, Nashed 4-8, Cooper 3-9.

gress that put the NFL's player fracas to shame. Two flags were thrown during the final play, one was a clipping call and the other was a unnecessary roughness call, both believed to be against Black River.

The latter of the two calls stemmed from a Pirate player striking Keene. The PHS quarterback retaliated and brought the Pirate head coach sprinting across the field. He then leveled Keene from behind to trigger the bench- and stands-clearing brawl.

The few Plymouth policemen at the game for security reasons called in reinforcements and attempted to disperse the crowd which became unruly as tempers flared. The officials called the game with 20 seconds still remaining on the clock and made a quick exit to safety.

The fighting went on for approximately a half hour before the stadium could be cleared.

The game got off to a quick start as the Pirates stormed down the field in four plays and scored on a Jim Foky 33-yard scamper and the point after was kicked through to give Black River an early 7-0 lead.

Late in the second quarter Foky rushed for 30 more yards and another Black River score as the Pirates took a 23-0 lead with 2:34 showing on the clock.

Plymouth had the ball on their 48 with fourth and seven and elected to punt, or so it seemed.

Punter Rodney Beverly went back into his usual stance and as the ball was snapped he turned around and acted like it was snapped over his head.

### Monday Nite Swingers

Results—Kut Kurl Style(4) def Pepsi(0), Towne Square(4) def Kullin Korner(0), Bowers Pizza(4) def American Tower(0), Corpad(4) def Moose(0) John's Lunch(3) def Argyll Shop(1).  
Women's High Series—C. Hummel 545, N Milliron 481, K. Hummel 480, J. Cole 464, J. Hibar 457, C. Auer 456, M. Martin 445, W. Coward 438, L. Armstrong 435, J. Seidel 434.  
Women's High Game—C. Hummel 196, K. Hummel 174, J. Cole 174, M. Canton 174, N. Milliron 168, J. Hibar 166, M. Hart 166, J. Cross 165, A. Imhoff 165, C. Auer 162.  
Top Three Team Games—Corpad 473, Kut Kurl Style 469, John's Lunch 461.  
Top Three Team Series—Corpad 1375, Kut Kurl Style 1342, Kullin Korner 1291.  
League Standings—Kut Kurl Style 17-7, Towne Square 17-7, Corpad 16-8, Pepsi 15-9, John's Lunch 14-10, Kullin Korner 12-12, Argyll Shop 9-15, Moose 8-16, Bowers Pizza 8-16, American Tower 4-20.

### Mens' A League

Mens' High Games and Series—J. Whisler 212-202-226-640, G. Stine 200-203-202-605, P. Roberts 220-201-599, S. Roberts 213-200-590, D. Miller 228-587, B. Fairchild 223-585, S. DeVito 224-583, K. Ewalt 212-580, L. Johnson 207-580, J. Clark 221-573, B. Amert 201-570, J.

But the ball was snapped to Larry Brooks who was blocking with Steve Hall to prevent the punt from being blocked. Brooks discretely handed the ball between the legs of Hall. As half the team chased the punter and the other half chased Brooks, Hall sifted his way 31 yards downfield to keep the drive alive for Plymouth.

Three plays later Scott Ryman took his first and long-awaited carry and punched it in from 11 yards out to put his team on the scoreboard. The PAT attempt failed as Plymouth trailed, 23-6, at the half.

Gambling on a fourth and ninth call in the third period, Keene spiraled a 56-yard bomb to Hall and as Plymouth inched closer, trailing 29-12 with 2:20 remaining in the third period.

Ryman's second-to-last touchdown was a five-yard scamper that cut the BR lead to 11 points with 7:32 remaining in the game.

Missing the bonus points after each touchdown was the difference in the game as Plymouth couldn't dig up a single PAT attempt, going 0-4.

Following the kickoff the Pirates fumbled the ball away two plays later as PHS recovered on the Pirate 16 with 6:48 showing on the clock.

Tim Deskins pushed his way for 14 yards and two tries later Ryman had his third touchdown of the night from one yard out with 5:30 remaining to set up the unfortunate finish.

Plymouth gained 140 yards on the ground as Ryman had 12 carries for 46 yards. Black River rushed for 308 yards with Foky

Jennings 238-567, A. Enzman 203-563, D. Williams 205-551, M. Swanger 217-541, S. Young 189-543.

**WEDNESDAY NITE MIXED**  
Results—Gray View Farm(16) def Modern Radio and TV(4), Bly's Lawn and Garden(13.5) def Shelby Welding(6.5), Crestview Farms(11.5) def Steele Plumbing and Heating(8.5), BEG Bar(14) def John's Auto Parts(6), Stoddard's Insurance(13) def Lybarger's Hall Acres(7), Orv's Holy Cows(20) def Blind(0).

Mens' High Series—Bob Fairchild 591, Paul Roberts 590, Orva Dawson 563, Ralph Gramly 553, Howard Ross 546.  
Mens' High Game—Bob Fairchild 237, Paul Roberts 216, Orva Dawson 203, Chuck Johnson 200, Howard Ross 200, Ralph Gramly 200.  
Women's High Series—Zooty Ross 520, Norma Kahl 486, Phyllis Lybarger 478, Sherri Morris 475.  
Women's High Game—Faye Steele 200, Phyllis Lybarger 195, Zooty Ross 191, Sherri Morris 184.