

# Willard tops Shelby, turns NOL race into logjam

WILLARD — Fullback Bill McLendon rushed for 135 yards and the stingy Flashes defense held Shelby to just 17 yards on the ground in defeating the Whippets, 29-20, Friday.

The victory by Willard threw the Northern Ohio League football standings into a three-team tie for first place between Willard, Shelby and Galion — all with 4-1 league marks.

Not only that, but Bellevue and Tiffin Columbian are now 3-2 and just one game out of first place with two weeks remaining.

Willard is 6-2 overall, while Shelby suffered its first loss after seven straight victories. The victory was only Willard's

third in the last 21 years against the Whippets.

Willard jumped on Shelby quickly, scoring two touchdowns in the first period. McLendon scored from 19 yards and Curt Storts kicked the extra point less than four minutes into the game.

McLendon then added a one-yard touchdown run with two minutes left in the first period, and Storts again added the kick to make it 14-0 entering the second stanza.

Shelby scored the only touchdown of the second period — with just 24 seconds left before half. Terry Baldrige scored from one yard out and Tim Amstutz kicked the PAT to

make it 14-7 at halftime.

Willard stretched its lead with just under two minutes left in the third period on a one-yard touchdown run by Dan Bauman, with McLendon running for the two-point conversion. Willard led entering the fourth period, 22-7.

But Shelby stormed back with a pair of scores to close the margin to 22-20. Baldrige threw a 59-yard pass to Mike Stanford with 5:25 remaining in the game, but the run for two points failed, leaving the score at 22-13.

Less than a minute later, Baldrige connected again with Stanford, this time for 49 yards, and Amstutz kicked the extra point to pull Shelby within 22-20

with 4:53 left.

But Willard retaliated with a final touchdown, as McLendon went over from seven-yards out and Storts added another kick with 3:11 to go.

Amazingly, Shelby gained just 17 yards rushing for the game, and had zero yards on the ground in the first half. Shelby has made a living off the running game, but the Whippets stopped them cold.

"We did feel we could move the ball on them and stop their running game," Willard coach Terry King said. "That's our game, to play the rush. We wanted them to pass more than they wanted to, and we did, although they did pass pretty well."

"We have relied on our defense all year long and our offense is starting to come along now," King said. "Bill McLendon did a fantastic job running the ball. We have a great center in Mark Secor, and McLendon did a great job reading the blocks."

Hosang rambled 39 yards for a touchdown and Beckley went 65 yards with an Ed Green pass for another TD.

The Redmen totaled 440 total yards, with 236 coming on the ground and 204 coming in the air. Upper was ineffective passing, hitting on just six of 20 attempts.

### STATISTICS

	US	Bell
First Downs (total)	13	22
Rushes (total)	120	47
net yards rushing	30	236
passes attempted	20	24
passes completed	6	13
had intercepted	4	0
net yards passing	102	204
Total plays	52	71
Total Net Yards Gained	222	440
Fumbles (number)	3	1
ball lost	2	0
Penalties (number)	1	2
yards penalized	15	20

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Upper Sandusky	0	0	0	0
Bellevue	3	17	14	0
Scoring: Bellevue — Greg Hogue, 24 field goal.				
Bellevue — Mike Hosang, 39 run. (Hogue, kick).				
Bellevue — Scott Beckley, 65 pass from Ed Green. (Hogue, kick).				
Bellevue — Greg Hogue, 25 field goal.				
Bellevue — Sean Pflaumer, 13 run. (Hogue, kick).				
Bellevue — Beckley, 8 pass from Green. (Hogue, kick).				

### STATISTICS

	Shel	Will
First Downs (total)	8	22
by rushing	1	17
by passing	5	3
by penalty	2	2
Rushes (total)	17	241
net yards rushing	17	241
passes attempted	21	16
passes completed	7	7
had intercepted	0	0
net yards passing	196	114
Total Net Yards Gained	213	355
Fumbles (number)	1	1
ball lost	1	0
Penalties (number)	4	9
yards penalized	39	85

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Shelby	0	7	0	13
Willard	14	0	8	7
Scoring: Willard — Bill McLendon, 19 run. (kick failed).				
Willard — McLendon, 1 run. (Storts, kick).				
Shelby — Terry Baldrige, 1 run. (Tim Amstutz, kick).				
Willard — Dan Bauman, 1 run. (McLendon, run).				
Shelby — Baldrige, 59 pass from Mike Stanford. (run failed).				
Shelby — Standard, 49 pass from Baldrige. (Amstutz, kick).				
Willard — McLendon, 7 run. (Storts, kick).				

## Bellevue 34

## Upper Sandusky 0

BELLEVUE — Bellevue got back into contention in the Northern Ohio League race thanks to Willard's win over Shelby and the Redmen's 34-0 romp over Upper Sandusky Friday.

Bellevue is 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the league, while Upper Sandusky is 2-6 and 0-4.

Greg Hogue kicked a pair of first half field goals and Mike Hosang and Scott Beckley added long touchdowns as Bellevue jumped out to a 20-0 lead at halftime.

## Tiffin Col. 21

## Norwalk 12

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian spotted Norwalk 12 points, then scored 21 straight points to knock-off the injury-plagued Truckers, 21-12.

Tiffin, the defending NOL champs, is back in the race with a 5-3 mark overall and a 3-2 league record. Norwalk fell to 2-6 and 1-4, and hasn't won a game since their outstanding running back James Lover broke his ankle a month ago.

But Norwalk scored the first two touchdowns, as Chris Harkness stepped in front of a Tiffin pass and returned it 68

### STATISTICS

	Nor	TCol
First Downs (total)	9	17
Rushes (total)	130	308
net yards rushing	6	3
passes attempted	2	0
passes completed	1	1
had intercepted	15	0
net yards passing	145	308
Total Net Yards Gained	1	2
Fumbles (number)	0	1
ball lost	0	1
Penalties (number)	6	6
yards penalized	67	80

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Norwalk	6	6	0	0
Tiffin Columbian	0	7	7	7
Scoring: Norwalk — Chris Harkness, 68 interception return. (kick failed).				
Norwalk — Robert Harvey, 1 run. (kick failed).				
Tiffin Columbian — Craig Adams, 36 interception return. (Adams Engle, kick).				
Tiffin Columbian — Todd Hyde, 1 run. (Engle, kick).				
Tiffin Columbian — Hyde, 54 run. (Engle, kick).				

## Defense also key for Monroeville

# Western avoids letdown in disposing of New London, 25-8

It could've easily been the week for a letdown by Western Reserve.

After all, the Roughriders were fresh from a 14-13 nipping of Monroeville in a battle of undefeated last week.

But, coach Dick Taylor's squad were impressive enroute to a 25-8 win over New London.

Thus, Western continues as the only undefeated team in the Register area, having won eight in a row.

The Roughriders are 5-0 and sit on top in the Firelands Conference North Division while New London drops to 2-3 in the conference, 3-5 overall.

Monroeville remained on the heels of the Riders, blanking Ashland Crestview by an 18-0 count. The Eagles are 7-1 overall, 4-1 in the FC North.

In the South Division, Black River rolled to a third straight win and continued to hold first place.

The Pirates, in a game marred by a late fight, edged past Plymouth, 29-24, as their record climbs to 3-2 in the South Division and 4-4 overall.

Mapleton, at 2-3 in the conference and 3-5 overall, is the closest competitor for the South leaders after disposing of South Central, 25-15.

Tonight, Edison and Norwalk St. Paul collide in a battle of FC North teams with 3-1 records.

## W-Reserve 25

## New London 8

NEW LONDON — Western rushed right past New London, gaining 273 yards on the ground.

And, the Wildcats, who were held to a minus-11 yards on the ground, were unable to score until the waning minutes of the contest.

With just 17 seconds left before the end of the first period, Russ Logan scooted in from four yards out as the Roughriders

took a 6-0 lead.

And, they were able to up the advantage to 13-0 by halftime as Shannon Wolfe tallied on a 23-yard run with Dan Horning adding the conversion just 5:51 before intermission.

Within the span of five minutes, the Roughriders scored twice in the third quarter to put the game away.

First, quarterback Greg Mullins plunged in from the two with 7:12 left in the quarter. Then, Ken Earnest went in from the three-yard-line at the 2:30 mark. Both conversion attempts failed but the Riders had built a 25-0 cushion by that stage of the game.

New London, which managed 67 yards through the air, finally got on the board as Steve Spears hauled in a 9-yard pass from Steve Kozel and the conversion was also good with Jeff Romine grabbing a pass from Dave Kruki.

### STATISTICS

	WR	NL
First Downs (total)	15	5
net yards rushing	273	-11
passes attempted	5	18
passes completed	2	6
had intercepted	0	2
net yards passing	29	67
Total Net Yards Gained	302	56
Fumbles (number)	4	3
ball lost	2	0
Penalties (number)	7	4
yards penalized	85	27

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Western Reserve	6	7	12	0
New London	0	0	0	8
Scoring: Western Reserve — Russ Logan, 4 run. (run failed).				
Western Reserve — Shannon Wolfe, 23 run. (Dan Horning, kick).				
Western Reserve — Greg Mullins, 2 run. (pass failed).				
Western Reserve — Ken Earnest, 3 run. (run failed).				
New London — Steve Spears, 9 pass from Steve Kozel. (Jeff Romine pass from Dave Kruki).				

## Monroeville 18

## Crestview 0

ASHLAND — Like Western, Monroeville relied on a stout defensive effort.

The Eagles yielded just 116 yards to the host Cougars.

Meanwhile, Monroeville quarterback Dave Keszei was once again on target with a 14-of-27 showing for 165 yards, one touchdown and he suffered one

interception.

And, they also benefitted from the strong running of senior Roger Smith who picked up 66 yards in 21 carries.

Smith reached paydirt twice in the contest, both coming on 1-yard runs. He scored in the first and third periods with a 9-yard touchdown pass from Keszei to Rich Landoll being sandwiched between.

Mark Stacey was the leading target of Keszei, grabbing six for 66 yards.

### STATISTICS

	MON	C
First Downs (total)	17	7
net yards rushing	104	77
passes attempted	27	14
passes completed	14	2
had intercepted	1	3
net yards passing	165	39
Total Net Yards Gained	269	116
Fumbles (number)	0	0
ball lost	0	0
Penalties (number)	8	7
yards penalized	70	55

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Monroeville	6	6	6	0
Ashland Crestview	0	0	0	0
Scoring: Monroeville — Roger Smith, 1 run. (kick failed).				
Monroeville — Rich Landoll, 9 pass from Dave Keszei. (pass failed).				
Monroeville — Smith, 1 run. (kick failed).				

## Black River 29

## Plymouth 24

PLYMOUTH — Not only was the game a high-scoring affair, it was also marred by a late outbreak which forced the contest to be halted.

Black River, which moved to a 23-6 lead at halftime, was forced to hold back a gallant effort by the Big Red.

A pair of touchdowns by Scott Ryman and another by Steve Hall on a 58-yard pass from Troy Keene played a key role in the Plymouth comeback.

In fact, the only Black River score in the second half came on a 34-yard run by Larry Ensign after an interception. That allowed the South leaders to take a 29-6 lead.

The Big Red came back five minutes later to score on Hall's reception and Ryman added scoring runs of five and one yards within a two minute span midway through the fourth period.

Both teams enjoyed a big offensive night with Plymouth totaling 384 yards including 257 through the air on a 14-of-39 showing. Meanwhile, Black River stuck primarily to the ground with 282 yards.

## Hagler is easy victor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Marvin Hagler marked his debut in New York by carving up Mustafa Hamsho like a big apple to defend his world middleweight title for the 10th time Friday night with a third-round knockout.

In the co-feature, unbeaten Mike McCallum captured the vacant World Boxing Association junior middleweight title with a lopsided, 15-round unanimous decision over game, but overmatched Sean Mannion of Ireland.

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