



Defense plays tough despite loss

Whippets 'turnover' game to Columbian

By CARL RIDENOUR, Globe correspondent

TIFFIN—For the second time in three seasons, the Shelby Whippets traveled to Tiffin Columbian for the Tornadoes' Homecoming game and came up on the short side of the score, this time 9-6. Two years ago the score was 9-7 and was decided in much the same manner.

The Whippets fell from atop the Northern Ohio League standings as they turned the ball over five times to the Tornadoes, leading to a Columbian touchdown and poor field position that resulted in a Shelby safety.

Shelby drops to 2-1 in NOL play and 4-2 overall. The Tornadoes remain unbeaten for the season and share the NOL lead with Galion.

"Tiffin played a super game tonight," Ron Stepsis said following the loss. "We played about as good as they did, and I'm proud of these young men."

The Shelby head coach continued, "We just had too many mistakes. You can't turn the ball over five times and expect to win a game this close."

"Give Tiffin a lot of credit. They played the kind of game that forces those mistakes."

The game was marred by turnovers, and the only touchdowns came as the direct result of fumbles.

Following a scoreless first half, the Whippets were given their first—and only—turnover as the Tornadoes' Jeff Bierly

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coughed up the ball to the Hounds' Kurt Thomas at the Tiffin 33 yard-line.

Five plays later with 8:57 left in the third quarter, Shelby's Terry Baldrige scooted three yards into the end zone for the only Whippet score. On the PAT attempt, a high snap forced holder Steve Ousley to dash toward the endzone where he missed the goal-line by just inches.

The next Tiffin drive stalled and a Tornadoes' punt rolled dead at Shelby's 32 yard-line. Baldrige fumbled on the Whippets' next play, however, and Tiffin recovered at Shelby's 29 yard-line.

It took the Tornadoes eight plays before Bierly redeemed himself with the tying touchdown. Adam Engle added the PAT kick to made the score 7-6 with 2:19 to go in the third period.

The Whippets' next four drives would end in similar frustration with a pair of Baldrige fumbles, a safety, and a Randy Fagg interception (his second of the evening).

Stepsis said the Hungry Hound defense should be credited for having its "finest hour." The

Shelby defense allowed only a 29-yard drive by Tiffin late in the third quarter for a score.

The Shelby coach elaborated, "Our Hounds have been coming along every week with their progress, and this week was their finest hour. They played tough all night and we just can't say enough about them."

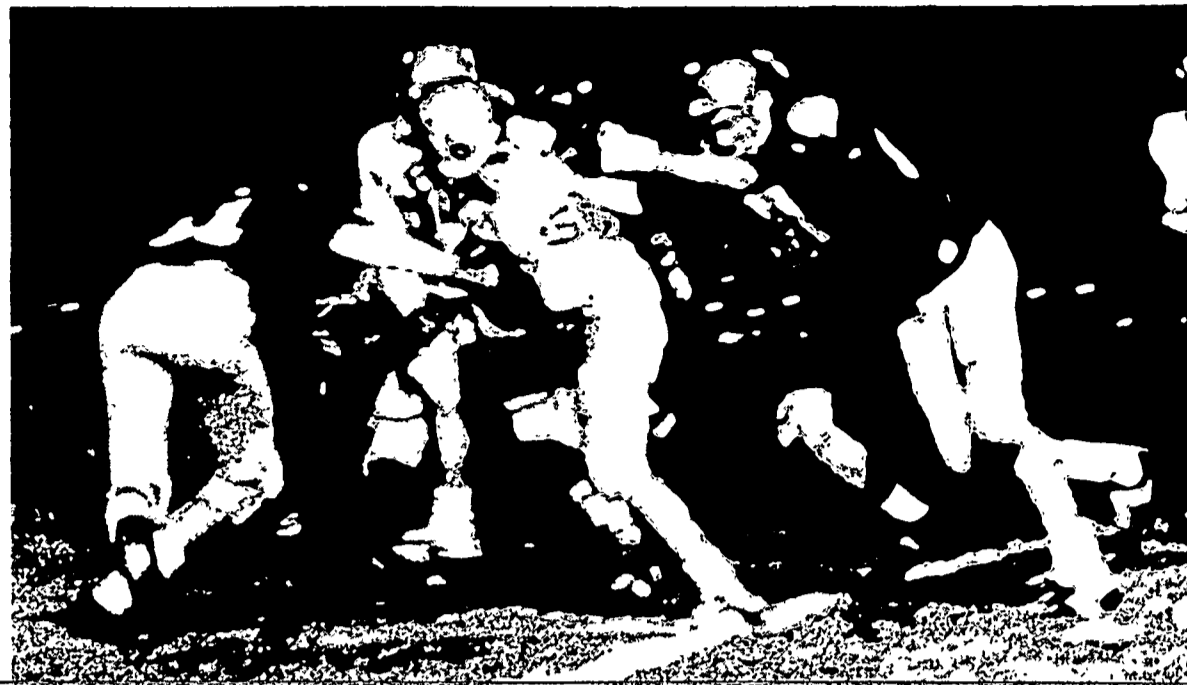
Shelby defensive co-ordinator Gary Dvorak commented, "I'm just as proud as possible of these young men. They played their hearts out and did what was asked of them all night."

"The Hounds did their job very well, it's unfortunate they don't realize how well they played because of the loss."

The first-year Shelby assistant concluded, "No matter how well we played, this is a team and no one person can lose the game. It takes a whole team to win a ballgame, and an entire team to lose."

Both schools were almost identical in the statistical categories—except for Shelby's five turnovers compared to Tiffin's one. That told the story.

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Shelby quarterback Randy Fagg (15) is chased around in his own backfield by a swarming Tiffin defense. Fagg and the

Whippets suffered an "off day" by dropping a 9-6 Northern Ohio League decision to the Tornadoes.

race). A lot of strange things happen in this league every year," said Stepsis.

Next week the Whippets travel to Norwalk to take on the Truickers in another NOL contest before returning to W. W. Skiles Field for the annual Homecoming game

Varsity Football statistics table for Shelby vs Tiffin at Columbian Stadium. Includes rushing, passing, and punting stats for both teams.

BC stuns Pleasant; tied for NCC lead

MARION—The Buckeye Central Bucks scored a stunning 20-8 upset of previously unbeaten Marion Pleasant in a key North Central Conference game for the Bucks Friday night.

The victory vaulted the Bucks into a first place tie for the NCC lead with Pleasant and Mohawk. All three stand at 4-1 in the conference standings.

Buckeye Central is 4-2 on the year and returns home next Saturday against River Valley for its homecoming game. This contest will be played at the new BC athletic complex located in New

Washington. It will be the first-ever football game played in New Washington by Buckeye Central. All previous BC games were played at Wynford High School, a field BC rented.

Three different players scored for Buckeye Central, which forged a 20-0 advantage before surrendering a touchdown in the fourth quarter to the Spartans.

Kevin Heydinger snagged a 14-yard pass from Jeff Kehres to open the scoring for the Bucks in the second period.

Following halftime, Trent

Johnson scampered 10-yards for another BC score and Heydinger ran for the PAT and a 14-0 BC advantage.

Kris Walter, BC's slippery runningback, capped off the scoring with a 54-yard run in the third frame. Walter led all rushers with 181 yards.

Pleasant scored on a nine-yard pass from Joe Voll to Dan Lefler while Steve Lundquist ran the PAT.

The Bucks had 320 yards rushing and totaled 12 first downs via rushing. The Bucks were two-for-six passing for 28 yards. Pleasant had 151 yards rushing and 63 yards passing.

Varsity Football statistics table for BC vs Pleasant at Marion Pleasant High School. Includes rushing, passing, and punting stats.

Indians clip Minnesota 8-6

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI)—Joe Carter and Jerry Willard singled in a run apiece in the ninth inning Friday night to lead the Cleveland Indians to an 8-6 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

George Vukovich led off the Cleveland ninth with a double to right. One out later, pinch runner Otis Nixon scored on Willard's single to right. After Brett Butler walked, Joe Carter singled to score Willard.

Jerry Reed, 3-5, picked up the victory, hurling 2 1-3 innings of relief. Dennis Burt, 2-2, took the loss.

The Indians opened a 4-0 lead in the first against starter John Butcher, who lasted only one-third of an inning. Butler led off with a single and reached se-

cond on an error by center fielder Kirby Puckett. Carter singled home Butler. Julio Franco doubled and Andre Thornton delivered a two-run double. Tony Bernazard singled to drive in Thornton and chase Butcher.

Cleveland made it 6-0 in the third on Vukovich's 432-foot home run into the upper deck in right field, driving in Bernazard who had doubled. It was Vukovich's eighth of the year and came on a 1-0 pitch from Burt.

With one out in the Twins fifth, Greg Gagne singled, reached third on Steve Lombardozi's infield hit and scored on Puckett's double to right. Lombardozi scored on Mickey Hatcher's groundout to pull within 6-2

Fourth quarter punt return defeats Plymouth 15-14

By CHUCK RIDENOUR, Globe staff reporter

Jim Anderson returned a punt for 27 yards and a touchdown with 1:29 left to play and rally the Crestview Cougars to a 15-14 come-from-behind win over Plymouth Friday night in Firelands Conference play.

Anderson's return tied the score at 14-14 and Mark Hershiser kicked the point-after for the game-winning kick.

The loss was the second in a row for the Big Red. Plymouth stands at 4-2 overall and 1-2 in the Firelands. Crestview improves to 4-2 in all outings and 2-1 versus conference opponents.

The return negated a Plymouth goal line stand late in the game when the Cougars were in the driver's seat with the potential game-winning drive.

The Cougars had first-and-goal from the Plymouth two-yard line, but the Big Red halted the drive at the six-inch line when Cougar quarterback Matt Bernhard was stopped on a fourth-down call with 3:39 left to play.

Plymouth took over in the shadows of their own goal line and advanced the ball to the two-yard line. Then the Big Red called timeout with 1:41 remaining

in the game to decide what to do. Earlier in the fourth quarter, Junior Porter was forced to punt from his own endzone and the PHS punter had his kick attempt blocked out the back of the endzone for a safety with 7:49 left on the clock. This drew the Cougars to within 14-8 of the Big Red.

Plymouth coach Dick Roll left his offensive line in for the crucial punt from the end zone, hoping to get more blocking than was displayed earlier in the quarter by punt team regulars.

Porter got the punt away with ease. Anderson caught the ball at the 27, however, and ran down the right sidelines untouched for the score.

"We blew it," Roll said following the game.

"It was a letdown by our kids and myself," explained a dejected Roll.

"We put on a heck of a stand minutes earlier in the game that kept Crestview out of the endzone," Roll praised.

"It's a tough game to lose after that defensive stand," added Roll.

Plymouth grabbed a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter on the strength of TD pass hauled in by Steve Hall.

Following a Crestview fumble, Plymouth took over at the Cougars' 25-yard line. On the

very first play, quarterback Troy Keene found Hall open down the left side for the score at 7:39. Randy Myers booted the PAT kick for a 7-0 lead.

With 1:29 left in the opening quarter the Big Red were threatening to tack on another TD when Keene was intercepted at the two-yard line by Paul Kaple.

Keene connected for two-yards to Hall for Plymouth's final score of the night with 11:31 showing on the first half clock. Myers was once again good for the PAT kick.

At 7:53 of the second quarter Crestview put six points on the board when Bernhard lofted a 14-yard pass to Hershiser. The pass failed for the two-point try.

"It was a classic game," said first-year Crestview coach Steve Gilbert. "The kids worked too hard to lose and they just refused to quit, even after coming up empty during the goal-line stand."

Crestview gained 17 first downs in the game to Plymouth's six. The Cougars rushed for 161 yards and passed for another 102 on nine of 16 completions. Plymouth was held to

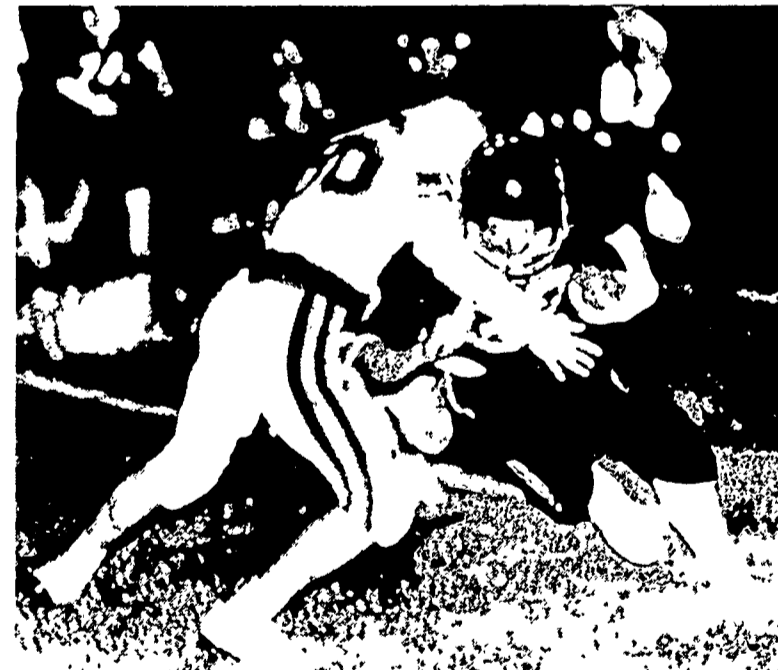
seven yards rushing and Keene was eight of 18 passing for 96 yards.

Plymouth lost the services of runningback Dave Powers in the second quarter who left with a possible broken ankle.

"Dave Powers was a big loss for us, but freshman James Fletcher came off the bench and played a super ball game in his place," said Roll.

Next week Plymouth hosts Edison in its homecoming game.

Varsity Football statistics table for Plymouth vs Crestview at Crestview High School. Includes rushing, passing, and punting stats.



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Plymouth defender Jason Robinson (86) brings down Crestview runningback John Tennis during first half action. The Cougars rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Plymouth 15-14 in a Firelands Conference game.

Woody Ridge Golf Course advertisement featuring a 20% off sale on merchandise and contact information.

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