



SHS explodes in second half

Shelby crunches Toledo DeVilbiss 23-7

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Shelby earned the respect that is synonymous with Whippet football Friday as they devoured the Toledo DeVilbiss Tigers 23-7 in an independent contest

A crowd of 3,175 paid to see the Whippets cruise in the second half to their first win of the season and the first win for Shelby's new head coach Ron Stepsis.

The Whippets scored the last 23 points in the contest and dominated the much-larger Tigers throughout the second half, putting together many fine offensive and defensive charges.

"We played against a mighty fine team tonight," remarked Shelby's Ron Stepsis of the Division I Tigers. "They have an outstanding collection of athletes."

The Shelby boss continued, "You don't work as hard as we have for all those weeks and be satisfied than your best effort. Tonight we concentrated and maintained our intensity for the whole 48 minutes"

"That intensity was one of the big keys for us. Another big key was the fact that we had more people to put on the field as they wore down. They have some super athletes on their team, but going both ways wore them down," said Stepsis about the humid conditions during the game.

"Another key for us was the play of our special teams. Our special teams put them deep in their own territory and from there the defense took over"

The Tigers drew first blood with their only score of the game, but a blitzkrieging Shelby offense took advantage of many breaks dealt them by the Hungry Hound defense to score three times against a big DeVilbiss defense. The longest Shelby scoring drive was 62

yards in just seven plays. Tony Hobbs capped a 36-yard drive that started with an interception by Allen Smith, going eight yards off right tackle for the score. Vince Tammerine added the PAT kick.

Shelby's Jeff Rickens caught a 13-yard pass from Randy Fagg for the first Shelby touchdown with 3:20 remaining in the first quarter to knot the score at 7-7 as part of the 62-yard march. The senior tight end also snatched a 35-yard pass in the same drive to set up the eventual score.

For the evening Rickens would catch all five of the Whippet completions for 97 yards and two touchdowns, the second TD coming late in the third quarter to push the Whippet lead to 21-7. "Jeff had some very nice catches tonight," commented Stepsis, "and on top of the catches he gave that extra effort needed to get the first downs and touchdowns."

Carrying the bulk of the rushing chores for the Whippets was Terry Baldrige as he collected 111 yards on just 15 carries and the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter.

The senior tri-captain cut back against an over-pursuing Toledo defense for a 28-yard TD with 5:29 to go in the third quarter capping a seven play, 60-yard drive.

"Our offensive line blocked well tonight and seemed to be more crisp in their efforts," said Stepsis. "Also, Terry Baldrige did some outstanding running with the ball"

Defensively, the Hungry Hounds kept the Tigers in check and off the scoreboard after they scored on their first possession of the game, but some major penalties took the Tigers out of scoring position. For the game Toledo had 8 penalties for 113 yards.

Ken Vaughn, a consensus All-American on defense, did most

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of the running for Toledo, netting 109 yards in the game after rushing for 89 in the first half.

The Hungry Hounds stymied any chance of a comeback by the Tigers by intercepting three passes and pinning them down inside their own 20-yard line for most of the last half.

Picking off passes for Shelby

were Scott Meier, Bill Triska, and Bill Homrich. Meier's catch killed a chance at a score by the Tigers near the end of the first half.

"Scott Meier had some great plays on defense tonight, especially the interception in the first half because they were moving the ball at the time,"

said Stepsis. "The entire defense did an outstanding job of containing them"

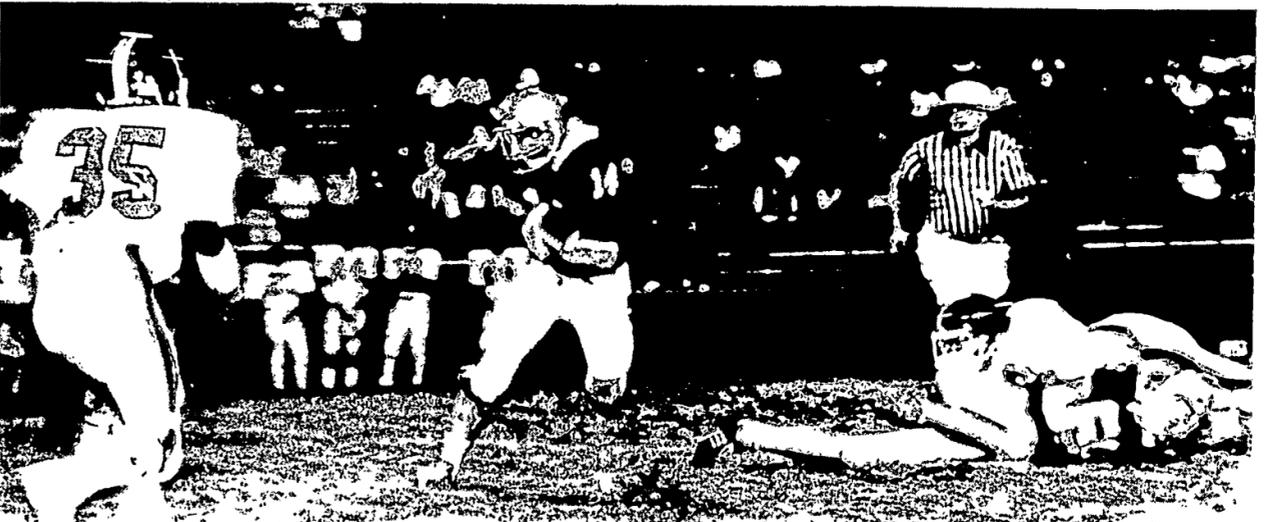
The Shelby coach summed up the Whippets effort saying, "we took the first giant step forward, but we still have more to go"

Next Friday the Whippets conclude their non-league schedule with a home encounter against the Ashland Arrows.

(Tim Amstutz kick)
5-Terry Baldrige 28-yard run (Amstutz kick)

5-Fagg 37-yard pass to Rickens (Amstutz kick)
5-Safety

Game Stats table comparing Shelby and Toledo DeVilbiss across various categories like First Downs, Rushing, Passing, etc.



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Shelby senior wingback Rick Reed (14) races through a hole in the Toledo DeVilbiss defense on the opening kick-off. Reed and his Whippet teammates collected victory No. 1 of the season with a 23-8 decision. SHS is now 1-1 on the year.

Standings

Standings table for Northern Ohio League and South Division.

Plymouth nips Lucas 14-12

By CHUCK RIDENOUR
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PLYMOUTH—Two first half touchdowns provided undefeated Plymouth with an exciting 14-12 victory over Lucas in a non-conference battle on the Big Red's home turf Friday evening.

Plymouth is now 2-0, a far cry from last year's 0-2 start when Plymouth eventually wound up 3-7. Lucas dips to 1-1 on the year.

After a shaky defensive performance last week in the Big Red's 34-30 victory over Crestline, Plymouth coach Dick Roll stressed defense in practice this week.

"I was very pleased with the defense," beamed Roll. "We made great improvement, which hurt our offensive strategy somewhat because we emphasized our defensive play."

The Big Red defense intercepted three Lucas passes and limited the Cubs to 67 yards passing on four of 15 completions. The visitors rushed for 95 yards on 35 carries. Lucas had six first downs in the game, but only one in the pivotal fourth quarter.

PHS grabbed a 7-0 lead in the first quarter by marching

70-yards in 12 plays with sophomore fullback Bill Castle rambling into the endzone from three-yards out at the 6:43 juncture. Randy Myers PAT kick was good.

The big play of the drive was Castle's one-yard carry on a four-and-inches call from the Lucas 34-yard line with 8:48 left in the opening stanza.

Lucas stormed back with an 88-yard kick-off return for a touchdown, but the officials negated the score when the Cubs were found guilty of clipping on the run back. The Cubs got the ball first-and-ten from their own 35-yard line and had to eventually punt the ball away.

Midway through the second period the Big Red punched in another score, a 30-yard scoring pass from senior quarterback Troy Keene to sophomore running back Dave Powers with 5:43 on the clock. Myers PAT kick pushed the margin to 14-0.

The drive started at the Plymouth 41-yard line and took seven plays to complete. A 12-yard pass from Keene to senior tight end Junior Porter advanced PHS into Lucas territory at the 44-yard line.

Late in the first half Lucas broke the ice, with the aid of an

intercepted pass. The Cubs marched 59-yards in nine tries with Rick Masters burrowing his way into the endzone from two-yards out with 49 seconds remaining in the first half.

On the extra point try, Plymouth was flagged for encroachment and that gave the Cubs the ball at the 1 1/2 yard line. Instead of kicking, the Cubs opted for the run but a stingy Plymouth defense stopped Masters just inches short of the goal line.

In the third quarter Lucas blocked a punt and put the ball in play at the Plymouth 18-yard line with 26 seconds on the clock.

On the third play of the drive, Lucas scored on a nine-yard burst by Jack Smith with 11:13 left to be played in the game. The extra point pass fell incomplete in the endzone.

Lucas appeared to be on the march late in the game, but a quarterback sack by defensive tackle Paul Manuel took the Cubs from a third-and-one situation to a fourth-and-nine call that saw the Cubs go for a first down and fail because of an incomplete pass.

The Plymouth ground game was held to 35 yards by the much larger Cubs, but Keene picked apart Lucas secondary for 120-yards despite being intercepted three times. Keene fired nine-of-20 completions. Top ground gainer for the Big Red was Castle with 38-yards on 12 rushes. Plymouth's leading receiver was Jason Robinson with four catches for 49-yards.

"The kids haven't quit at all this year," praised Roll. "They've had their backs to wall several times this year, but they've made the big play when they needed it. Tonight they took away two extra point tries that were difference in the final score."

Next Friday Plymouth travels to Northmor for an independent contest.

Friday's Games table listing various football matchups.

Next Friday's Games table listing matchups for the following week.

North Central Conference table listing team standings.

BC smashes Falcons 42-0

MOUNT BLANCAHRD—Kris Walter rushed for 144-yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns to ignite Buckeye Central to a 42-0 pasting of Riverdale Friday night in the North Central Conference opener for both schools.

Walter put the Bucks on the scoreboard in the second period with a seven-yard run and tacked on a 31-yard burst in the third stanza.

Buckeye Central broke a scoreless deadlock with a 21-point explosion in the second frame and added 14 points in the third and seven in the fourth.

BC is now 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the NCC. Riverdale is winless in two starts and 0-1 in the conference.

The Bucks rang up 224-yards rushing and passed for an additional 50. Riverdale totaled 53 yards of offense in the game and three first downs. The Falcons were also plagued by eight fumbles, seven of them which they lost to the BC gridders.

Buckeye Central hosts Mohawk next Saturday night at Wynford High School.

Varsity Football table for Riverdale High School listing game stats.



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Shelby defensive back Bill Triska (29) gives Toledo DeVilbiss quarterback Allen Smith (11) a bone-crunching hit. Triska pushed his interception count to three on the year with one more against the DeVilbiss Tigers.

Doonesbury comic strip by Garry Trudeau with four panels of dialogue.

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