

Monroeville downs New London to nab lead in Firelands

NEW LONDON — Monroeville remains as the only undefeated team in the Register area, besting New London Friday night, 22-15, in Firelands Conference play.

The Eagles (6-0, 4-0) scored just 45 seconds into the contest as Kevin Smith hit Jeff Hales on a 17-yard scoring pass. Mike Lindenberger added the point after to make it 7-0 at the 11:15 mark.

Monroeville added eight more points to its total as Jerry Morrow scored from the one with 6:32 left in the half. Morrow's two point conversion upped the score to 15-0.

The Wildcats (4-2, 4-1) then scored with just 56 ticks remaining on the clock before the intermission as Bobby Wilson rushed in from the two-yard line. Dave Ash fired a two-point conversion pass to Keith Shepherd to make it 15-8.

Both teams added a touchdown and a PAT in the final 12 minutes with Monroeville scoring at the 10:57 mark on a three-yard run by Smith.

Just 31 seconds later quarterback Ash hit Mike Abfall with a 72-yard scoring pass and with the Ash kick it was 22-15.

The Wildcats outplayed the winners, rushing for 146 yards in 31 attempts and adding 169 yards on 7-of-20 for a total of 315 offensive yards.

The Eagles finished with 244 total yards with 98 coming on the ground and 146 up above on 8-of-21 completions.

Western 44 Black River 28

SULLIVAN — Western Reserve got back on the winning track in a big way with a 44-28 Firelands Conference win over Black River on Friday.

The Riders scored 22 points in the final 12 minutes to overtake the Pirates.

Western is now 3-1 in the league and 5-1 overall, while the Pirates falls to 2-2 in the Firelands and 3-3 for the year.

Black River opened the scoring in the wild affair in the first quarter. Dan Lapinski went in from the 10 with Jeff Maslanka adding the extra point. The Riders answered with a 74-yard scamper from Burke, but the two-point conversion failed to leave the Riders up by one.

The Pirates opened up a 21-6 advantage in the second period as Jim Addington and Desmond Kellom scored. Addington went in from the three and Kellom pulled down a 29-yard pass for a touchdown.

Western started back with a 8-yard scoring strike from Chad Fairchild to Danny Thomas. Fairchild added the two-point to make it 21-14 at the half.

Matt Swain gave the Pirates a

28-14 lead with a 14-yard run after the half, but from then on it was all Western.

The Riders' Pat Carey hauled in a 10-yard scoring reception from Fairchild, and then Fairchild and Larry Jackson hooked up for the two-point conversion to make it 28-22.

The fourth quarter explosion started with Brad Eungard returning a punt 70 yards for a score. David Hipp's kick gave Western the lead for te first time, 29-28.

Burke got his second score on a 27 yard run. Fairchild ran for two to make it 37-28, and then the junior quarterback went over from the five for the final six-point play.

Hipp ended the scoring by booting the extra point.

Crestview 13 St. Paul 0

ASHLAND — Crestview scored single touchdowns in the second and fourth quarters on their way to a 13-0 Firelands Conference win over Norwalk St. Paul.

With 2:47 left in the first half Scott Hershiser hauled in a pass from Scott Durbin for the six-pointer. The play covered 29-yards and when Hershiser added the placement it was 7-0.

Crestview's second score came in the opening seconds of the final quarter with Keith Phillips punching in from the two.

The Cougars (2-4, 2-3) rushed for 148 yards on 35 attempts compared to just 39 yards for the Flyers in 35 attempts.

St. Paul (0-6, 0-5) tried 13 passes, connecting on 6 for 63 yards while Crestview managed 102 yards on 6-of-11.

Mapleton 35 South Central 8

NOVA — Mapleton registered their third win of the season and their second in the Firelands Conference, downing South Central 35-8 Friday night.

The Mounties (3-3, 2-2) scored first when Bill Rutherford rambled in from the 22. He then teamed up with quarterback Jeremy Krause for the two-point conversion.

In the second stanza Rutherford set a school record as he picked of a Trojan pass and raced 98-yards for a touchdown. This put the host up 14-0.

South Central's lone score also came in the second period as Ryan Teglovic hit Chris French with a 10-yard scoring pass and when Mike Sanders added the two-point bonus it was 14-8.

Mike Bricker added a six-pointer on a three-yard run with Krause connecting with Dan McQuate for the two-pointer and a 22-8 lead at the half.

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STATISTICS	Mon		NL	
First Downs (total)	12	11		
by rushing	5	7		
by passing	6	4		
by penalty	1	0		
Rushes (total)	33	31		
net yards rushing	98	146		
passes attempted	21	20		
passes completed	8	7		
had intercepted	0	0		
net yards passing	146	169		
Total plays	54	51		
Total Net Yards Gained	244	315		
Fumbles (number)	2	3		
ball lost	0	2		

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Monroeville	7	8	0	7	22
New London	0	8	0	7	15

STATISTICS	WR		BR	
First Downs (total)	11	13		
Rushes (total)	208	180		
net yards rushing	12	8		
passes attempted	7	2		
had intercepted	1	0		
net yards passing	98	47		
Total Net Yards Gained	306	227		
Fumbles (number)	4	1		
ball lost	3	0		

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Western Reserve	6	8	8	22	44
Black River	7	14	7	0	28

Plymouth 25 Danbury 14

LAKESIDE — Plymouth scored 19 first half points on its way to a 25-14 independent clash with Danbury.

The first Plymouth score of the night came on a one-yard run by Chuck Deskins at the 6:43 mark of the opening quarter. Bernd Schneider added the PAT, 7-0.

The Big Red defense added two points on a safety with 1:58 left in the first quarter.

With time running out in the first half Plymouth (4-2) scored its second six-pointer as Terry Hall recovered a Plymouth fumble in the end zone and the Schneider kick made it 16-0 with 2:18 remaining.

A Danbury fumble set up yet another first half score with just 34 ticks left and Schneider split the uprights from 23 yards out to make it 19-0 at the intermission.

The Lakers (3-3) put the lone points on the board in the third stanza as Brandon Jones hauled in a six-yard pass from Del Culver with 2:56 on the clock.

In the final 12 minutes Plymouth was able to score once again with fine pressure from the defense as Erin Eckleberry recovered a fumble in the end zone to make it 25-6 with 9:14 left in the game.

The Culver-Jones combination once again put the Lakers on the board with a six-pointer that covered 88 yards and with the Brian Kowalczk run on the bonus try it was 25-14 with 8:18 left in game.

ERIE SHORE

STATISTICS	Ely		Verm	
First Downs (total)	10	13		
by rushing	7	5		
by passing	3	7		
by penalty	0	1		
net yards rushing	140	129		
passes attempted	10	17		
passes completed	3	9		
had intercepted	1	1		
net yards passing	59	166		
Total Net Yards Gained	199	295		
Fumbles (number)	2	1		
ball lost	0	0		
yards penalized	39	5		

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Elyria	7	3	7	0	17
Vermilion	0	7	0	13	20

Double overtime win keeps Bellevue in NOL title chase

Tiffin Columbian remained unbeaten with an impressive 49-0 rout of Willard Friday night.

While the Tornados climbed to 3-0 in the Northern Ohio League and 6-0 overall, the Crimson Flashes fell to 1-2 in league play and 2-4 overall.

Meanwhile, the logjam for second place was cleared a bit as only three teams are hot in the pursuit of the leaders as Bellevue, Galion and Bucyrus moved to 2-1.

Bellevue needed double overtime before brushing aside Shelby, 33-27, while Galion blanked Norwalk, 13-0, and Bucyrus handled Upper Sandusky, 30-14.

Bellevue 33 Shelby 27

BELLEVUE — Bellevue's first appearance in overtime proved to be a successful one.

"It was an emotional roller-coaster. There were a lot of scoring opportunities. We felt, going into the season, that this game would be a pivotal one and it's good to get a victory since we've got to go to Galion next week," said Bellevue head coach Terry Adams.

The Redmen, 5-1 overall, twice built a two-touchdown lead only to have Shelby stage a comeback.

In the first overtime, neither team was able to hit paydirt.

"We got pushed back and missed a fourth down pass from the 20. When they got the ball, they moved to the 11 before missing a field goal attempt which was wide to the left.

"In the second overtime, they took the ball first and (Doug) Noblet fumbled with (Brad) Schubert recovering for us. Then, we moved the ball to the 11 and (Ed) Haynes was able to break off tackle for an 11-yard touchdown run which was the game-winner," added Adams, a graduate of Shelby.

Haynes, who scored three of the five Bellevue touchdowns, was the game's leading rusher with 183 yards on 26 carries.

"It was his best game of the season. He had some very big runs for us."

Bellevue forged ahead on a pair of touchdown passes as quarterback John Oddo hit Mike Minnick for an 11-yard score at the 3:17 mark of the first period. Then, the two hooked up again on a 37-yard scoring strike as time expired in the first quarter.

After failing to convert the PAT after the first score, the Redmen were successful on a two-point try following the second score as Oddo found Jon Vogel for the completion and a 14-0 lead.

Shelby, falling to 2-4 overall,

came back with a pair of touchdowns within a five-minute span in the second quarter and the teams were knotted at 14-14 at intermission.

The lone score in the third quarter came on Bellevue's first possession when Haynes rambled 17 yards and Schubert converted for a 21-14 lead with 8:43 left in the period.

Then, one period later (8:39 to play), the Redmen struck again with Haynes going 64 yards and the PAT was no good, leaving the hosts with a 27-14 lead.

But, the Whippets rallied again with a pair of scores in the final 5:46 of the game, the tying touchdown coming with 56 seconds left on a one-yard run by Joe Gies, who led the Shelby ground game with 96 yards on 26 tries.

"This was our first-ever overtime game and it was the third this year for Shelby and they've lost all three," added Adams.

Tiffin 49 Willard 0

WILLARD — For the second straight year, Willard was unable to find the end zone against Tiffin.

Last year, the Tornados prevailed by a 21-0 count.

Tiffin, which has won the past six meetings between the two schools, struck for three touchdowns in both the first and second periods as the lead grew to 42-0 at intermission.

The Flashes, falling to 2-4, were held to just 86 yards on the ground as Billy Robinson, the league's leading rusher, was limited to just 32 yards on 20 carries.

Galion 13 Norwalk 0

NORWALK — Galion, 4-2, used a pair of first half scores to get past Norwalk in what proved to be a defensive struggle.

The Tigers, who have won four straight from Norwalk, broke on top in the first period on a 66-yard run by Gary Frankhouse and Mike Dallas ripped in from three yards away late in the second quarter.

STATISTICS	Gal		Nor	
First Downs (total)	7	8		
by rushing	5	5		
by passing	2	2		
by penalty	0	1		
Rushes (total)	24	39		
net yards rushing	139	90		
passes attempted	8	11		
passes completed	2	4		
had intercepted	0	2		
net yards passing	42	8		
Total plays	32	50		
Total Net Yards Gained	181	98		
Fumbles (number)	1	3		
ball lost	1	0		
Penalties (number)	6	5		
yards penalized	50	35		

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STATISTICS	Shel		Bell	
First Downs (total)	17	13		
by rushing	9	8		
by passing	8	4		
by penalty	0	1		
Rushes (total)	46	40		
net yards rushing	144	191		
passes attempted	17	10		
passes completed	12	4		
had intercepted	1	0		
net yards passing	209	86		
Total plays	63	50		
Total Net Yards Gained	353	277		
Fumbles (number)	2	1		
ball lost	2	1		
Penalties (number)	11	5		
yards penalized	107	45		

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Shelby	0	14	0	13	0	27
Bellevue	14	0	7	6	6	33

STATISTICS	TC		Will	
First Downs (total)	16	11		
by rushing	10	4		
by passing	6	6		
by penalty	0	1		
Rushes (total)	42	30		
net yards rushing	136	86		
passes attempted	13	20		
passes completed	7	7		
had intercepted	0	3		
net yards passing	159	112		
Total plays	55	50		
Total Net Yards Gained	295	198		
Fumbles (number)	1	3		
ball lost	0	2		
Penalties (number)	4	4		
yards penalized	40	30		

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Tiffin Columbian	21	21	7	0	49
Willard	0	0	0	0	0

STATISTICS	US		Bucy	
First Downs (total)	10	15		
net yards rushing	94	204		
passes attempted	15	9		
passes completed	6	5		
had intercepted	3	1		
net yards passing	82	88		
Fumbles (number)	1	2		
ball lost	1	1		
Penalties (number)	8	9		
yards penalized	63	83		

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Upper Sandusky	0	0	14	0	14
Bucyrus	0	15	7	8	30

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