

Cheek leads Clyde in romp



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Willard's Jeremy Slone (40) rambles for a big gainer in the first period against Perkins. Slone scored a pair of touchdowns for the Crimson Flashes who remained unbeaten at 2-0 with a 29-7 triumph.

Flashes extend win streak to 14

Willard rolls past Pirates, 29-7

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Willard used a balanced attack to throttle Perkins Friday night, 29-7.

The Crimson Flashes, extending their regular season winning streak to 14 games, had 331 yards total offense with 220 coming on the ground and 111 through the air.

Even with the impressive outing, Willard eighth-year head coach Terry King was not totally pleased with his team's performance.

"We committed a lot of turnovers after having none last week against Orrville (21-12 win) and that's very uncharacteristic for us. We didn't play with a lot of intensity in the first half and played a little bit better the second half," said King.

"Defensively, we gave up the big play just like we did last week and I can't stand to see that happen. But, we're young and we've won two on the road and are excited about going home for our opener against Margaretta next week," added King.

The Flashes appeared to be in control early only to have a fumble keep them from the end zone after reaching the Perkins 5-yard line.

But, they rectified that two possessions later after a 12-yard punt return by senior quarterback Chris Long put

them in business at the Perkins 49.

Mixed in with a pair of pass completions to junior Chad Clark for 9 and 17 yards, the Flashes worked their way to paydirt in 11 plays with junior Todd Corbin capping it off with a 4-yard run to the end zone with 10:25 left in the second period. Long booted the conversion and the Flashes took a 7-0 lead.

But, it was shortlived.

Just 30 seconds later, Perkins (1-1) got the equalizer on a 62-yard burst down the right sideline by senior Chadrick Johnson on the first play after Rick Schnell's 19-yard kickoff return. Bill Hilty added the conversion and the teams were knotted at 7-7 with 9:55 left in the half.

However, Willard came right back with its longest scoring drive of the game to take the lead for good.

Again, Long and Clark hooked up for a pair of completions for 16 and 24 yards to account for a major part of the 65-yard drive and senior Jeremy Slone capped off the 11-play drive with a 1-yard burst to paydirt with 6:06 left before intermission.

After an offside penalty, the Flashes went for the 2-point PAT and Long found John Vogel alone in the end zone to up the lead to 15-7.

As the second half began,

Perkins appeared to be driving for the tying score.

Sticking entirely to the ground, the Pirates moved from their own 46 to the Willard 4-yard line before stalling out as Johnson was stopped for no gain on fourth-and-two.

Late in the third period, Willard started from its own 47 following a 23-yard punt return by Long.

And, the Flashes were on the board again 10 plays later with Slone going over the left side on a 1-yard plunge. Long converted and Willard took a 22-7 lead with 9:58 left in the game.

The big play of the drive came on a fourth-and-eight at the Perkins 35-yard line. Vogel went high in the air to haul down a high throw from Long and the 31-yard play moved the ball to the Perkins 4-yard line.

And, the Flashes added icing to the cake when Corbin scooted in from 10 yards out to cap off an 8-play, 49-yard drive with 4:34 to go. Long again converted and the Flashes built the lead to 29-7 which held up as the final score.

"Chris hit some key passes and both Clark and Vogel came up with some nice catches. We've got four backs and use them equally," said King.

Long completed 6 of 11 passes for 111 yards with Clark being on the receiving end 4 times for 66 yards and Vogel hauled in 2 for 45 yards. Corbin

was the leading rusher with 92 yards on 19 carries while Slone had 35 yards on 7 attempts, Jeremy Willoughby had 31 yards on 7 carries, Shawn King had 30 yards on 6 carries and Long picked up 28 yards on 6 tries.

"We just made too many mistakes. Willard is a solid team and took advantage of the mistakes we made," said Perkins head coach Ked Varble.

"Our special teams didn't do the job and we played a lot of the game at our end of the field. We looked to be going for the tying score at the start of the second half and came up empty and that was the turning point. We just stopped ourselves. Also, they converted a lot of third down situations," said Varble.

Willard was very successful on third down, converting 8 of 12 times to keep drives alive. Also, they scored three times on third down. In fourth down situations, they were 3 of 3 in going for first down. Meanwhile, Perkins was just 2 of 10 in third down conversions.

The Pirates were led on the ground by Johnson with 137 yards on 14 carries while sophomore James McKinney picked up 30 yards on 13 carries and Schnell had 14 yards on 4 carries. Quarterback Mike Stubblebine completed 4 of 11 passes for 40 yards.

Bellevue rips PC

PORT CLINTON — Bellevue sputtered on offense last week with the defense playing a key role in a 12-0 win over Huron.

But, the Redmen were clicking on all cylinders Friday night in a 27-7 romp past Port Clinton.

With a strong running game, featuring Brad Weider and Kelly McClain, and a potent passing attack spearheaded by sophomore quarterback John Bollinger, the Redmen piled up 408 yards on offense.

While Bellevue was averaging nearly 8 yards each offensive snap, the defense held Port Clinton in check with 176 yards on 53 plays for just over 3 yards a snap.

"We moved the ball well and were able to control the line of scrimmage," said Bellevue first-year coach Ed Nasonti.

"We wanted to open them up with the pass and Bollinger passed well again," added Nasonti.

For the second straight week, Bollinger passed for more than 100 yards.

Unlike last week, the Redmen were able to move successfully on the ground with Weider gaining 130 yards on 10 carries while McClain picked up 72 yards on 9 carries.

"We started McClain but he had missed practice most of the week and was a bit sluggish. We brought Weider in and he had some big runs. Then, we came back with McClain and he picked up some big yards.

"Defensively, we had the one breakdown in the secondary but was able to stop them twice inside the 10-yard line. I was really pleased with the way the kids bounced back after falling behind (7-6) and our younger kids are gaining more confidence each week," said Nasonti.

Bellevue, which travels to Perkins next Friday, scored with just 35 seconds left in the first period when Marc Minnick, who had 3 receptions for 76 yards, hauled in an 11-yard scoring toss from Bollinger.

However, the 6-0 lead was shortlived as Port Clinton struck quickly on a 68-yard pass from Glenn Hemminger to Kit Lynch on the first play of the second period. Andy Benko converted and PC held a 7-6 lead.

But, the visiting Redmen struck for two more scores before halftime in retaking the lead. Bollinger scored on a 1-yard run with 5:53 left in the second period and Weider came back with a 53-yard scamper to paydirt with 3:07 remaining as the Bellevue lead climbed to 21-7 at intermission.

The Redmen closed out the scoring on the first play of the fourth period when Bollinger scored on a 20-yard run.

In addition to grabbing the touchdown pass, Lynch was also the leading rusher for PC, now 1-1, with 42 yards on 10 carries. Mike Elmes also caught 2 passes for 17 yards for the Redskins, who host Sylvania Southview next Friday.

Oak Harbor 20 Lake 6

OAK HARBOR — Calvin Metcalf scored a pair of touchdowns to lead Oak Harbor to a 20-6 win over Lake Friday.

The Rockets now stand at 1-1 on the season heading into next Friday's home outing against Norwalk.

Metcalf got Oak Harbor on the board with 5:59 left in the first half with an electrifying 49-yard touchdown scamper. Mark Shiarla added the extra point to give the Rockets a 7-6 lead.

The Blue Streaks answered with a 1-yard scoring run from Brad Deiventhal three minutes later, but Metcalf found the end zone with a 26-yard reception from Dane Epling with 23 seconds left in the half and Shiarla kicked the extra point to open up a 14-6 Oak Harbor lead.

Epling ended the scoring with a 14-yard touchdown strike to Nathan Whitman with 10:04 left in the final period.

The Rockets piled up a 282-212 edge in total yardage with 185 coming on the ground and Epling going 9 of 14 for 97 yards through the air.

Twins' Tapani holds spell over Yanks

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Kevin Tapani says he doesn't know what magic he has over the New York Yankees, he just hopes that it doesn't come back to haunt him.

Tapani won his ninth straight game and fourth in a row over the Yankees Friday night, leading the Minnesota Twins to a 3-1 victory and raising his career mark against the Yanks to 5-0.

Asked how he accomplishes his dominance over New York, Tapani, 14-7, said, "I don't know, I just hope things don't even out!"

"Actually, some good things have happened, we've played pretty good against them. They hit some balls hard but we were able to make some good plays and limit their chances. For the most, I was ahead in the count and was able to throw my pitches. I'm a better pitcher that way."

Tapani was indeed ahead on the count. He did

not walk a man over eight innings, striking out six and allowing one earned run.

The win continues an incredible hot streak for Tapani, who named AL pitcher of the month for August.

Tigers 11, Athletics 2

At Detroit, Lloyd Moseby drove in four runs and Cecil Fielder hit his major league leading 38th home run Friday night to help Walt Terrell pick up his seventh victory in eight decisions, powering the Detroit Tigers to an 11-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Red Sox 6, Mariners 5

At Boston, Tony Pena singled to score Tom Brunansky in the seventh Friday night to edge the Boston Red Sox past Dave Valle's first career grand slam and the Seattle Mariners, 6-5.

Monroeville 24 South Central 0

MONROEVILLE — Monroeville broke open a close game with a pair of scores in the final minute of the first half en route to beating South Central for the seventh time in 8 years. Dane Tjan scored on a 1-yard

plunge with 3:49 left in the first period to put the Eagles on top. And, it remained at 7-0 until just 54 seconds before halftime when Rick Lodwick hauled in a 20-yard scoring toss from Jason Poths.

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New London 36 Crestview 0

NEW LONDON — Quarterback Rob Lavengood threw for one score and ran for another to spark New London to its second win in as many outings.

The Wildcats, who snapped an 11-game losing streak with a 22-13 win over Northwestern last week, broke on top early as Derek Davidson raced 55 yards for the first score of the game with 7:23 left in the first period. Jay Raphael added the conver-

sion for a 7-0 lead.

The Wildcats added a pair of scores in the second period, the first coming on a 36-yard pass from Lavengood to Nate Cross with 11:17 showing on the clock and Raphael added the PAT. Then, Lavengood scored on a 4-yard run with 2:38 left in the half and Josh Moody ran for the 2-point conversion and a 22-0 lead.

New London, which visits Mapleton next Friday, added two more scores in the third period. Jason Matthews scored on a 14-yard run with just over 10 minutes showing on the clock and DeWayne Williams came back with a 5-yard scamper to paydirt with 4:12 left on the clock. Raphael was successful on both conversions while upping the score to 36-0.

The Wildcats gained 248 yards on the ground with Davidson leading the charge with 118 on 13 carries, 84 of which came in the opening period.

Plymouth 13 St. Paul 0

PLYMOUTH — Curt Handshoe reached the end zone twice to lead Plymouth past St. Paul.

After a scoreless first period, Handshoe plunged over from

one yard away and Charlie Burton converted for a 7-0 lead with 8:24 left before halftime.

The score remained the same until the 9:50 mark of the final quarter when Handshoe capped off another scoring drive with a one-yard run to the end zone for a 13-0 lead.

W. Reserve 22 Firelands 0

HENRIETTA — Western Reserve used a strong running attack to hold off air-minded Firelands Friday night, 22-0.

The Roughriders, with Curt Bly and Mike McGhee leading the way, had 206 yards total offense with all of it coming on the ground.

On the other hand, Firelands had just 89 yards rushing and went to the air on 32 occasions, completing 13 for 104 yards.

Bly got the Roughriders (2-0) rolling with a 52-yard run to paydirt in the opening period and McGhee ran for the conversion. Then, McGhee came right back with a 29-yard scoring run and also ran the PAT again for a 16-0 lead at the end of the first period.

There was only one other score, that coming in the second period when McGhee tallied on a 3-yard run and the conversion attempt failed.