

Sports

HIGH SCHOOL

FOOTBALL

as of Oct 20, 1972

Northern Region

AAA Standings

NORTHERN DISTRICT

	League				All Games					
Fairfax	4	0	0	102	28	7	0	0	184	34
Wakefield	2	2	0	46	53	5	2	0	92	56
Annandale	3	1	0	98	49	6	1	0	197	72
Stuart	2	2	0	76	57	5	2	0	188	82
Robinson	2	2	0	37	77	3	4	0	64	129
Woodson	2	2	0	85	74	4	3	0	169	108
Flls Chrch	1	3	0	74	104	2	5	0	108	146
Jefferson	0	4	0	29	05	0	7	0	41	190

GUNSTON DISTRICT

	League				All Games					
Fort Hunt	3	1	0	108	42	5	2	0	186	70
Williams	
Hayfield	3	1	0	83	43	5	1	1	132	70
Mt. Vrmn	1	2	1	33	67	2	4	1	40	125
Lee	1	2	1	42	89	3	3	1	90	128
Groveton	2	2	0	21	63	4	3	0	91	121
Springfield	
Edison	1	3	0	15	102	1	6	0	23	198

GREAT FALLS DISTRICT

	League				All Games					
Marshall	4	0	0	92	16	6	1	0	132	46
Oakton	3	0	1	88	33	4	2	1	156	83
Langley	2	2	0	49	46	4	3	0	77	95
Herndon	1	2	1	66	83	1	5	1	102	152
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McLean	0	2	2	26	47	1	4	2	40	111
Yorktown	2	2	0	48	104	2	4	1	57	146
Madison	

Marshall Awakens To Dump McLean

By Mark Olson

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Despite a sluggish first half performance, the Marshall Statesmen defeated an inspired McLean Highlander team, 20-6, at McLean Friday.

Sophomore running back Mark Jones played a major role in each of the touchdown drives by the Statesmen as he rushed for 109 yards on 14 carries.

The game started slowly for both teams. Marshall, as usual, tried to establish their running game, but McLean was keyed on running back Payton Bailey, and Marshall's first drive was stalled. The Statesmen defense also stopped McLean, and the Highlanders were forced to punt.

Then, on Marshall's second possession quarterback Mike Oliff began handing off to Jones and the Statesmen got deep into McLean territory as the first quarter ended. Bailey capped the drive with a one yard plunge. The extra point try was wide and Marshall led 6-0.

The defenses turned in excellent performances in the second quarter as the Highlander defense stopped Marshall cold with a total of six yards on offense. McLean's offense did not get much more against the Statesmen defense.

McLean's running game shifted into high gear with the start of the second half. Brad Schwarz and Matt Brownlee pounded out most of McLean's rushing yardage as Schwarz had 79 yards and Brownlee pounded out 60 more yards in the final 24 minutes.

Marshall's defense stiffened and held, however, and the Highlanders were forced to punt after taking the opening kickoff. Gary Smerdzinski caught the punt and headed to his right. Several McLean tacklers were wiped out by Marshall blocks and Smerdzinski raced up the sideline to bring the ball up to mid-field for the Statesmen.

Marshall drove deep into Highlander territory on the running of Bailey and Jones before Jones

darted through the McLean defense for a 10-yard touchdown run. Oliff went for two points and got them on a pass to tight end Blair Flynn.

McLean received the kickoff, but the Highlanders again could not mount a successful scoring drive. The Statesmen were equally unsuccessful in their attempt and they were forced to punt early in the fourth quarter.

Flynn, however, boomed a high spiraling punt to the McLean five yard line. The punt hit the ground, bounced off the McLean punt returner, and rolled into the endzone where it was pounced on by Marshall's John Cheffens.

The apparent touchdown was nullified moments later when officials ruled the McLean player did not have control of the football. Virginia High School League rules state that such a misplayed football cannot be recovered by the other team. Thus, McLean got possession of the ball on their 20 yard line.

Marshall's defense felt that it had been robbed of a touchdown. They proceeded to let the McLean ball carrier find out just how they felt by knocking the ball out of his hands. Steve Perlik dove on the ball for the Statesmen. Marshall's running game smashed down to the Highlander seven yard line.

At that point Oliff completed a touchdown pass to Larry Caynor to put Marshall on top 20-0.

With the help of a roughing-the-kicker penalty the Highlanders drove deep into Statesmen territory on the ensuing kickoff. Fullback Schwarz took a pitchout at the 15 yard line and threw a touchdown pass to Rich McLean. The score came with 12 seconds left on the clock.

Friday the Statesmen travel to Washington-Lee. Marshall is 4-0 in Great Falls District play while second place Oakton is 3-0-1. The Statesmen need a win to stay in first place in the district.