

# W-L to Attempt Marshall Upset

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Anyone who knows anything about Northern Virginia football knows that the Washington-Lee Generals don't have a chance against the Marshall Statesmen. The two teams are scheduled to play football at W-L Friday night.

Marshall has an outstanding 6-1 record. W-L is struggling through a 2-5 season. Marshall has played excellent defensive and at the same time has mustered a good offense. W-L hasn't been able to generate much of any kind of offense but has been tough on defense.

Statistically, Marshall is head and shoulders above W-L. The Statesmen have averaged nearly 19 points a game while allowing just over 6 points a game for the opposition. W-L has averaged about 7 points a game but have given up about 13 per contest. On top of all this, Marshall is leading the Great Falls District and has a chance to qualify for post-season play. The only thing that W-L can do is play the spoiler and work for a .500 season record.

But an upset is not impossible. Stranger things have happened, just ask the Stuart High School fans if you don't believe it. As Ellis Wisler, the W-L coach, puts it, "The people least surprised by an upset are those who work to cause it." In other words, a coach can know his team is capable of playing an outstanding game against a top team and gear them to throw a kink into a smooth running machine that may have difficulty getting "up" for a game with a team with a losing record.

Wisler indicated that he would try to throw some new "wrinkles" into his game plan. "We can afford to gam-

ble and they can't," said the veteran coach.

If W-L hopes to win they will have to control the veering Marshall offense quarterbacked by Mike Oliff. Wisler realizes this. "We're fairly strong in the middle but we'll have to stop them from going to the outside." Wisler adds, "Oliff is the key to their offense. He runs and throws well, he can hit the outside and come back and hit his tight end over the middle. You have to stop him to stop the team."

W-L is coming off its second win of the season. They defeated Madison (1-6) by a score of 7-0. It was a typical General game with the defense holding on and hoping for a break. In this game, unlike most of the others this year, it was W-L that got the break instead of the other team. W-L has been a team that has not gotten the breaks. Every game they have played this year, with the exception of one has been won by less than 10 points. With a little more offense and a few lucky bounces of the ball, W-L could have a 5-2 record instead of 2-5.

Marshall has been a team that hasn't relied on breaks. They have outclassed nearly every opponent. One notable exception, being unbeaten Fairfax who trimmed the Statesmen sails 21-6.

Both teams started the season with a lot of inexperienced players. Marshall for some reason has been able to get the experience quicker and capitalize on the talent the team has.

Wisler has managed to keep his sense of humor. When asked if he considered this a building year he replied, "yes, but I'm not sure what we're building unless it's character."

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Marshall defeated Washington-Lee, 17-0, at Washington-Lee as Mark Jones scored in the first quarter on a 55-yard run and Blair Flynn added a field goal in the second quarter to put the game away early.

The only second-half score came on a two-yard run by Payton Bailey. Washington-Lee had 249 total yards to Marshall's 205, but fumbled three scoring chances away, one inside the Marshall 10. Yorktown defeated Mc-

## Oct Results 1972

| HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Landon 9             | Bullis 7          |
| McKinley 19          | Baylor 6          |
| Anacostia 12         | Phelps 0          |
| Eastern 6            | Chamberlain 0     |
| Coolidge 20          | Dunbar 14         |
| St. Paul's 18        | St. Mary's 0      |
| Roosevelt 20         | Cardozo 12        |
| Bell 19              | Western 0         |
| Yorktown 15          | McLean 12         |
| Hayfield 32          | Mount Vernon 13   |
| James Wood 21        | Fauquier 0        |
| George Mason 9       | Loudoun Valley 6  |
| Langley 34           | Herndon 26        |
| Woodson 41           | Robinson 7        |
| Annandale 24         | Wakefield 13      |
| Oakton 41            | Madison 8         |
| Stuart 53            | Jefferson 13      |
| Fairfax 27           | Falls Church 0    |
| Marshall 17          | Washington-Lee 00 |
| Fort Hill 21         | Spingarn 8        |
| Lee 14               | Groveton 6        |
| West Springfield 19  | Edison 13         |
| Surratsville 22      | Gwynn Park 0      |

# Northern Region AAA Standings

as of Oct 26, 1972  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

|            | League |   |   |     | All Games |   |   |   |     |     |
|------------|--------|---|---|-----|-----------|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Fairfax    | 4      | 0 | 0 | 102 | 28        | 7 | 0 | 0 | 184 | 34  |
| Annandale  | 3      | 1 | 0 | 98  | 49        | 6 | 1 | 0 | 197 | 72  |
| Wakefield  | 2      | 2 | 0 | 46  | 53        | 5 | 2 | 0 | 92  | 56  |
| 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  | 105       | 0 | 7 | 0 | 41  | 190 |

## GUNSTON DISTRICT

|           | League |   |   |     | All Games |   |   |   |     |     |
|-----------|--------|---|---|-----|-----------|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Williams  | 5      | 0 | 0 | 175 | 21        | 6 | 1 | 0 | 253 | 70  |
| Fort Hunt | 3      | 1 | 0 | 108 | 42        | 5 | 2 | 0 | 186 | 70  |
| Hayfield  | 3      | 1 | 0 | 83  | 43        | 5 | 1 | 1 | 132 | 70  |
| Groveton  | 2      | 2 | 0 | 21  | 63        | 4 | 3 | 0 | 91  | 121 |
| Mt. Vrn   | 1      | 2 | 1 | 33  | 67        | 2 | 4 | 1 | 40  | 125 |
| Lee       | 1      | 2 | 1 | 42  | 89        | 3 | 3 | 1 | 90  | 128 |
| Edison    | 1      | 3 | 0 | 15  | 102       | 1 | 6 | 0 | 23  | 198 |
| Springfld | 0      | 5 | 0 | 23  | 144       | 0 | 8 | 0 | 49  | 177 |

## 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  |
| W - L    | 3      | 2 | 0 | 42 | 36        | 3 | 4 | 1 | 92  | 117 |
| Langley  | 2      | 2 | 0 | 49 | 46        | 4 | 3 | 0 | 77  | 95  |
| Yorktown | 2      | 2 | 0 | 48 | 104       | 2 | 4 | 1 | 57  | 146 |
| Herndon  | 1      | 2 | 1 | 66 | 83        | 1 | 5 | 1 | 102 | 152 |
| McLean   | 0      | 2 | 2 | 26 | 47        | 1 | 4 | 2 | 40  | 111 |
| Madison  | 0      | 5 | 0 | 13 | 61        | 1 | 7 | 0 | 40  | 121 |

# Fairfax Second In State Rank

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CHARLOTTESVILLE — Top AAA teams under the Fairfax is second in the Virginia High School League rating system in statistics released Thursday. Glass High School of Lynchburg is the number one team.

| School         | Rating | W | L | T |
|----------------|--------|---|---|---|
| E. C. Glass    | 15.7   | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Fairfax        | 15.5   | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Hampton        | 15.1   | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Maury          | 14.9   | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Patrick Henry  | 14.4   | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Dale    | 14.3   | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Norview        | 14.1   | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Lane           | 12.8   | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| I. C. Norcom   | 12.5   | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Annandale      | 12.4   | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Geo. Marshall  | 12.3   | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Bethel         | 12.2   | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Hermitage      | 12.2   | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| T. C. Williams | 12.1   | 6 | 1 | 0 |

Fairfax stands just two-tenths of a point behind the leading Glass team. Other Northern Virginia schools are well back in the list of state leaders. Annandale is tenth on the list with a rating of 12.3 followed closely by Marshall at 12.2. T. C. Williams is fourteenth on the weekly ratings at 12.1.

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|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Marshall                                | 7 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 17 |
| Washington-Lee                          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Marshall—Jones (55, run); Flynn (kick). |   |   |   |   |    |
| Marshall—Flynn (25, field goal).        |   |   |   |   |    |
| Marshall—Bailey (2, run); Flynn (kick). |   |   |   |   |    |

# Marshall, Fairfax, Williams Go For Consecutive League Win

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It's another full slate of football this week with all AAA teams in the Northern region active. All games this week are Friday night affairs with the exception of the showdown between Fort Hunt and T. C. Williams which will be played Saturday afternoon.

In the Great Falls District, league-leader Marshall travels to Washington-Lee with the intent of remaining undefeated in district action. W-L will be trying to muster forces for the upset of the week.

Langley will test the arm of Rusty Bechtelheimer, the Herndon quarterback, on their own field. Bechtelheimer was outstanding last week in a game against Yorktown. In that game he threw over 60 times and completed better than half of his passes with several more going incomplete when the receivers dropped the ball because of the cold. Despite the fine individual effort, Yorktown won the game. Herndon has not won a game since the opener against W. Springfield. Langley is coming off a loss to Oakton 28-7.

Yorktown, after a slow start this season, seems to have uncovered some offense. They will be going against McLean. McLean is winless in league play but has tied Herndon and Oakton. The game will be played at Yorktown.

Oakton, apparently the only threat to Marshall supremacy in the Great Falls District, hopes to keep its undefeated league record intact against Madison. Madison beat Robinson the first game of the season but has not won a game since. Madison will host the game.

In the Northern District, the Virginia equivalent of the "black and blue division", Wakefield travels to Annandale in the headliner. Wakefield must win in order to stand any

chance for a league title. Annandale too, must play to win in order to stay in the race for the title and a possible shot at the Regional playoffs for the second year in a row.

Robinson, coming off an upset victory over Stuart, challenges Woodson. Woodson had a big win over Falls Church last week but lost four in a row

to Wakefield, Stuart, Fairfax, and Williams in the preceding weeks. Woodson has demonstrated a lot of offense, even in the losing efforts but will need all it can muster to go against the tough Robinson offense.

Stuart, coming off a loss to Robinson, should be geared to demolish winless Jefferson. Stuart stood an excellent chance

to win the Northern District before the upset last week. They still have a chance but the odds have to be considered to be against them.

Falls Church could be primed for an upset as they go to Fairfax to play the league leaders. Coaches Ed Henry and Bob Hardage of Marshall and Annandale, respectively, came away from tough games with Falls Church with a lot of respect for the Jaguars. If Fairfax is looking past this week to upcoming games with Stuart and Annandale then maybe Falls Church could pull the rug from under them. If they did, however, it would definitely

rank as the upset of the year.

In the Gunston District, powerhouse T. C. Williams goes against the closest thing it has to a rival in the district as they meet Fort Hunt in a game at Williams on Saturday. Williams will probably welcome the chance to play a tougher opponent in the hopes of putting a hone on the edge they have been grinding all season.

West Springfield has its best chance to win a game this season this week as they take on Edison at home. Edison has won just one game and has been just as unimpressive as Springfield.

Groveton against Lee, at Lee, could turn out to be one of the best games in the area to

watch. Although neither team has been very impressive against others, they have very similar statistics. If the figures hold up it should be a very close game—a good one to watch.

Hayfield, off a big win over Fort Hunt, should have no trouble against Mt. Vernon. Hayfield will have to enjoy it this week because they will have no picnic next week against Williams.

It looks like another good set of games. The weather should be clear and maybe a little on the cold side as the fall wanes. This is the eighth week of the football season for the high schools with only two more to follow.

## GREAT FALLS DISTRICT

# Jones Leads Marshall Shutout

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Although Marshall running back Mark Jones would just as soon have people forget that he is the younger brother of former Statesmen star Eldridge (Dinky) Jones, opposing teams are finding the resemblance unmistakable.

Jones rushed for 109 yards in last week's victory over McLean and got another 119 last night, including a touchdown, to lead the Statesmen to a 17-0 Great Falls District victory over host Washington-Lee.

Marshall, now undefeated in five district games, plays host to Oakton, 4-0-1, next Friday in a game that could decide the district title.

Jones, who gained 78 yards on five carries in the first half, opened the scoring for the Statesmen with 3:27 remaining in the first quarter by sprinting 55 yards for a touchdown.

Jones, whose brother Dinky was an All-Great Falls choice in 1970, was instrumental in helping set up the other two Statesmen scores.

Late in the first quarter he picked up 12 yards on a sweep to set up Blair Flynn's 36-yard field goal and another 16 yards in the third period to set up a two-yard plunge by Payton Bailey.

The Marshall defense, hurt the previous week by the loss or weakening of four players due to the flu, proved surprisingly tough in the first half, stopping a pair of General drives inside its own 20-yard line.

"I'm really proud of the way that the defense played to-

night," Henry said after the game, "and especially because we're missing a couple of guys because of the flu."

"Bill Brown and Stan Forter, for example, were starting their first game and both really turned in a fine job. That should give us a lot of depth this week against Oakton and it could mean the difference.

Defensive Captain Steve Perlik stopped one threat by dumping W-L quarterback John Sarkesain for a loss and

forcing an incomplete pass. Brown halted the other when he dropped Sarkesain for an 11-yard loss while he was attempting to pass on third down.

Flynn provided a little more comfort for the defense in the third quarter, getting off a punt of 73 yards when the Statesmen were deep in their own territory.

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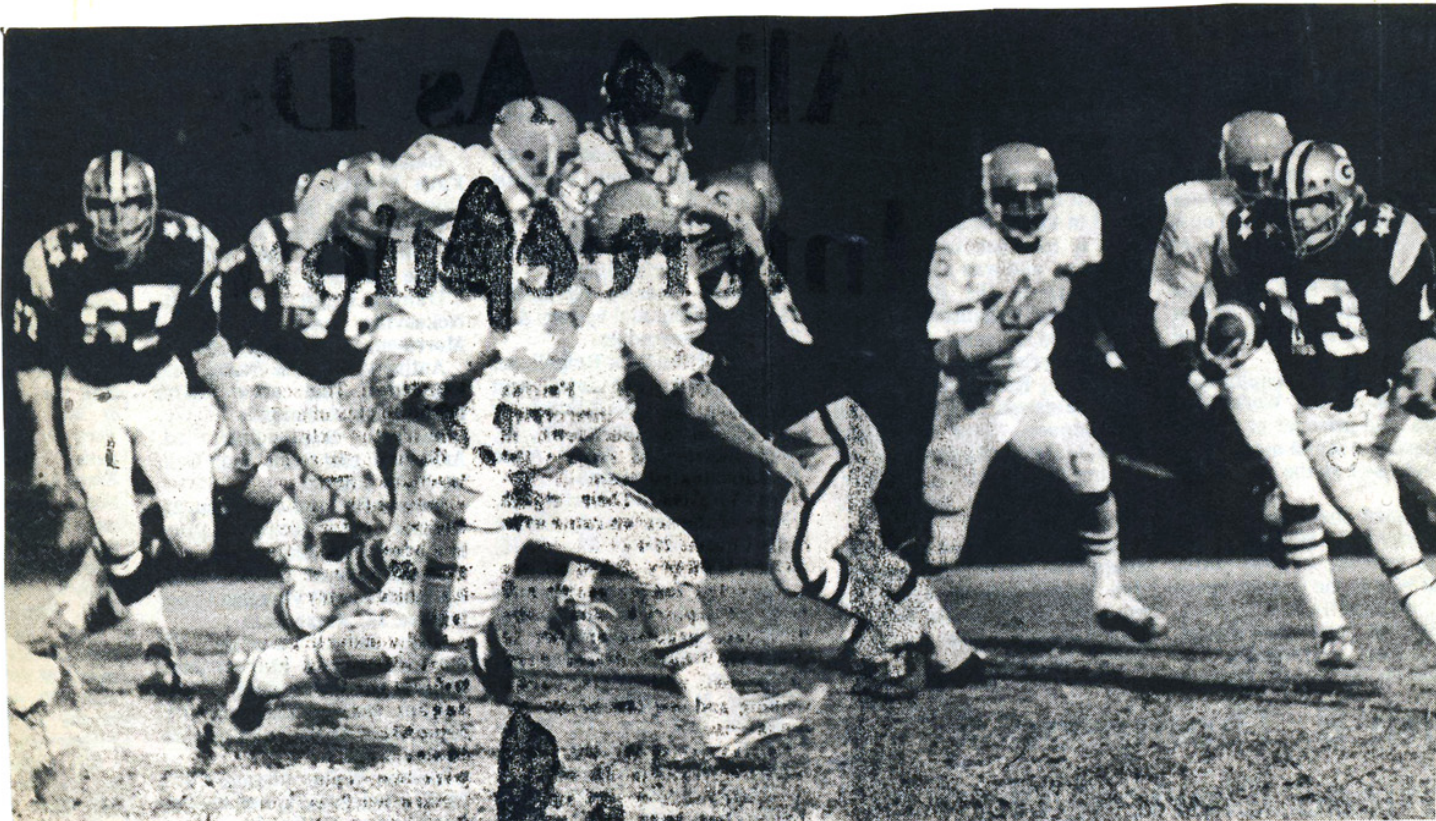


Dejected? Never!

Cheerleading is hard work, even when your team is winning, so Carla Kincaid of Marshall High was just

pooped—catching a halftime breather last night. Marshall topped W-L 17-0.

(SUN Photo by Ann Stevens)



John Cornwell breaks loose for short gain. His efforts were wasted as the Marshalls defeated his Generals 17-0.

# Generals Move Ball, but No For TDs, Lose to Statesmen

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ARLINGTON — Washington-Lee developed some offense and moved the ball 249 yards up and down the field but couldn't get it across the goal line and ended losing to Marshall 17-0 last night.

Marshall maintained its lead and unbeaten status in the Great Falls District in spite of the unimpressive effort. The

Statesmen actually yardage than W-L, p total of 205, but got across the line in key to post the win.

Marshall has only one season—that to top Fairfax. Only Oakton between the Statesmen championship. So possibly a post-season e

al and state titles.

bles and penalties in key ons stopped W-L from challenging Marshall.

ere penalized 70 yards, the yardage going them in 15 yard chunks.

ll lost 28 yards to the Jones scored on a 55- an for the Statesmen in

the first quarter. Blair Flynn added the extra point.

Flynn got within toe range again in the second period and made the most of it with a 20-yard field goal. The first half ended with Marshall leading 10-0 and for all practical purposes, the game was over.

Marshall added another touchdown in the third quarter for insurance. Payton Bailey moved the ball across from the two yard line. Flynn added his fifth point of the night for the conversion.

It was the fourth shutout in eight games for the Marshall defense. It was also the third

lowest scoring game for the Statesmen offense.

For W-L it was the third time the Generals failed to score this season and the sixth game that they have lost. They stand 3-3 in the league. W-L closes out the season against Herndon and cross-county rival Yorktown.



EVERETT CLOUD, assistant coach of Marshall Statesmen, stares intently as play begins to break. In spite of the serious look, he had reason to cheer as his boys defeated Washington-Lee 17-0. *Oct 27, 1972* (SUN Photo by Ann Stevens)