

# Marshall Takes Positive Attitude Into Grid Battle Against Langely

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MARSHALL—Marshall High School hasn't been playing what Ed Henry, the Statesmen coach, calls "afraid football." That may be the reason that his team have been unscathed upon in three of four games this fall. It may also be the reason that they are one of only three unbeaten teams near the midway point of the season.

"Our kids attitudes have been positive going into every game, said Henry. "We've gone out every time thinking we can win."

Consistency and steady improvement seems to be the key

to the Statesmen 4-0 record. They began the season with a strong defense but not much offense in beating Falls Church 6-0. Since then they have scored 27, 26, and 28 points against Edison, Yorktown, and Herndon respectively. Herndon is the only team that has scored against Marshall, putting 12 points on the board after Marshall had a substantial lead.

We played our best game overall against Herndon," said Henry. "We did allow some points but they have an exceptional passer and we did have the game under control

when they scored."

Henry added, "They were as good as any team that we have played this year."

Henry pinpointed his quarterback, Mike Oliff, as the outstanding player of last week's game. Oliff ran for 101 yards and threw for 70 more. "One thing I was real happy to see," commented the veteran coach, "was the way he came back following a break that went against us. He ran 45 yards to the one inch line only to have the play called back on a penalty. He came right back two plays later to throw a 47 yard bomb for a touch-

down.

Another outstanding player for the Statesmen has been Peyton Bailey. He has gained over 100 yards in three of the four games played. Last week he picked up 116.

Henry lists Steve Perlik and Mark Snow as standouts on his defensive unit. "They are seniors and have done the job we expected of them. They have been steady all year."

Henry had praise for the Herndon quarterback, Rusty Bechtelheimer. "He is the best pure passer in the area. He can throw the ball hard, soft, long or short. If he can go to a college that throws the ball he is bound to be a contender for the pros."

Marshall plays Langley next week and unbeaten Fairfax the week after that. The Statesmen won't be looking past Langley. Henry expects Langley to be ready. They are presently tied for the Great Falls District lead with Marshall. They have been beaten only by Wakefield.

"Langley is an improved team over the start of the season, said Henry. "They looked exceptionally good against Washington-Lee and Madison. I expect them to be as well-prepared for us as anyone we face all season."

Langley was beaten badly by Marshall last year, which may be reason to be a little extra "psyched" when they take the field Friday.

Marshall expects to see a wishbone offense when Langley gets the ball. Langley also uses a multiple defense system. "This will be the first time that we will face a changing defense," said Henry. "It really takes a disciplined bunch to work against the different looks. It looks easy on paper but the kids really have to know their assignments when they change defenses every play."

Henry will be concentrating on winning his own game Friday night but he will be interested in the Fairfax and Woodson game. He won't be sorry if Fairfax wins, especially if he can pull out a victory himself. It isn't that he has anything against Woodson, just a simple matter of dollars and cents. "It may be a little cyn-

ical, but it means more money for both teams if we go into the game undefeated and let's face it, we all need the money." His reference, of course, is the fan attraction of two unbeaten teams meeting.

Henry still sees Annandale and T. C. Williams as the top teams in the area — even though both have been beaten once. But he still thinks everything is wide open — particularly in the Northern District where five teams have a better than even chance to win it.

Henry sees Wakefield as one of the top teams in the area. "I think they'll be right in the thick of it right down the wire," says the coach of a team that wasn't picked to do well at the start of the season but since has gone undefeated.

No matter how everyone else does, it is pretty sure that Marshall will be a team to contend with for the remainder of the year.

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# Marshall Trips Langely, 18-7, Prepares for Battle at Fairfax

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FALLS CHURCH—Marshall kept its undefeated status by beating Langley 18-7 in the rain and mud on the running of Peyton Bailey.

The Statesmen capitalized on turnovers to control the tempo of the game. The Saxons were

able to maintain only one sustained drive as the tough Marshall defense combined with the weather to control the Langley passing attack.

Joe McMahon, the Langley quarterback, put the ball in the air 25 times completing 10

but lost three to the Marshall defenders. The Saxons lost the ball twice on fumbles for a total of five turnovers.

Marshall chose to use their fine running back Peyton Bailey rather than put the ball into the air frequently. Quar-

terback Mike Oliff threw seven times, completed two and had one intercepted. Bailey picked up 102 yards on the ground. He has now picked up over a hundred yards in four of the five games this year.

Bailey put the Statesmen ahead to stay on the first play from scrimmage with a 60 yard scamper for a touchdown. Bailey took the handoff on the conversion attempt and ran the ball over for two more points.

Blair Flynn added a 25 yard field goal later in the first period following a 42 yard punt return by Gary Smerdzinski to put the game out of reach.

Oliff set up a second touchdown in the third period with a 38 yard run. Mark Jones got the score on a two yard plunge. Flynn added the extra point.

Langley finally penetrated the Marshall defense in the third period on a 55 yard drive. Dave Sharatt scored from the one. Bruce Allen added 1 point.

It was another good night for the Statesmen defense who have given up an average of less than four points per game this season.

The victory gives Marshall the undisputed lead in the Great Falls District. They shared that lead with Langley last week. Oakton now is the challenger to the Statesmen with a tie keeping them from the first position.

It will be a schedule maker's dream game next week as the only two undefeated teams meet. It is even more fitting that the two teams are the leaders of their respective conferences. The game should be an indication of the relative strengths of the two conferences.

Marshall ..... 11 0 7 0-18  
Langley ..... 0 0 7 0-7

...Marshall: Peyton Bailey (60-run). Bailey (run for two).

Marshall: Blair Flynn (25-field goal).

Marshall: Mark Jones (2-run). Flynn (kick)

Langley: Dave Sharatt (1-run). Bruce Allen (kick).

Langley	0	0	7	0-7
Marshall	11	0	7	0-18

Marshall—Bailey (60, run); Bailey (run).  
Marshall—Flynn (25, field goal).  
Marshall—Jones (2, run); Flynn (kick).  
Langley—Sharrett (1, run); Allen (kick).

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Marshall, which didn't win the Gunston District championship last year when it was supposed to, has apparently recaptured its form.

The Statesmen used the strong running of Payton Bailey, who picked up 102 yards, and a tight defense, to hold off visiting Langley, 18-7.

Marshall, 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the district, stunned Langley as Bailey raced 60 yards for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Bailey then ran for

the extra point to give Marshall an 8-0 lead with only 30 seconds gone.

Moments later the Statesmen were back in scoring position after Gary Smerdzinski returned a punt 43 yards to the Saxon six. After three plays lost two yards, Blair Flynn kicked a 25-yard field goal.

Marshall's offense went back to work in the third quarter. The Statesmen marched 32 yards in eight plays to take an 18-0 lead. Mike Oliff's 40-yard scamper set up the touchdown, a two-yard plunge by Mark Jones.

Langley's offense finally got rolling in the same quarter, moving 65 yards in nine plays. The scoring play was a one-yard burst by Dave Sharrott.

Neither team threatened in the final quarter as the muddy field hampered play. The strong punting of Langley's Bruce Allen, who averaged 39 yards per kick and Marshall's Flynn, who punted for a 42-yard average, kept both teams in poor position.

## Oct Results 1972

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Anacostia 22	McKinley 0
Annandale 14	Robinson 3
Bell 12	Roosevelt 6
Cardozo 14	Dunbar 0
Coolidge 20	Woodson 6
Eastern 6	Ballou 0
Edison 8	Mount Vernon 6
Fairfax 23	Woodson 21
Falls Church 36	Jefferson 13
Fort Hunt 21	Groveton 0
George Mason 10	Loudoun County 7
Hayfield 23	West Springfield 6
James Wood 7	Stonewall Jackson 7
Marshall 18	Langley 7
Oakton 20	Washington-Lee 14
Spotsylvania 26	Phelps 0
St. Albans 32	Epsocopal 0
Stuart 22	Wakefield 0
Wilson 0	Western 0
Yorktown 7	Madison 0

### HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Peary 5	Wootton 0
Walter Johnson 4	R. Montgomery 1
Kennedy 3	Wheaton 0
Potomac 2	Northwestern 0

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Navy Plebes 24	Syracuse JV 0
Maryland JV 20	West Virginia JV 10

### FIELD HOCKEY

JFK Memorial Field Hockey Tournament	
First Round	
W. Germany 5	Washington Metro 0
D.C. 2	Bermuda 0

### EXHIBITION BASKETBALL

Carolina (ABA) 115	Atlanta (NBA) 108
Phoenix (NBA) 103	Kentucky (ABA) 91
N. York (NBA) 100	N. York (ABA) 19
Baltimore (NBA) 113	Indiana (ABA) 101

### HOCKEY

American Hockey League	
Providence 7	Rochester 3
Cleveland 5	Boston 3
Tidewater 6	Richmond 4
Baltimore 3	Springfield 3

### Exhibitions

Cleveland (WHA) 7	Syracuse (EHL) 0
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