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'S' sore spot: pass defense

By JOE MITCH
State News Sports Editor

Like Houston and Southern California, Michigan State's football coaches know what to expect from the University of Wisconsin Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

"They've got a wide-open type of offense," said the Spartans' Duffy Daugherty. "They haven't got their ground attack going yet, so we think the air will be filled with footballs Saturday."

The Spartans knew that Houston and Southern California had powerful running attacks and were definite long pass threats. The only trouble was that it did little good for MSU to know what to expect from either team. Houston and Southern California both came away from East Lansing with victories.

The coaches are hoping the story will be different against Wisconsin. Much of this week's practice has been devoted to defending against the Badger's pass patterns.

"We're improving," said the Spartans' defensive backfield coach Vince Carillot. "Last week's game against Southern California was a great improvement over the Houston game."

"But we still did not play great ball on pass defense," Carillot continued. "For if we did, we would have won."

Wisconsin comes to town with not much more than a passing attack. Badger Coach

attack. Badger Coach Coatta, a Dearborn native, has styled his offensive play after Florida State where he was an assistant coach for six years.

Florida State was mainly a passing team, especially in 1964. when it compiled an 8-1-1 record and Gator Bowl victory over Oklahoma.

Coatta is a former quarterback. He led the Wisconsin teams from 1949 through 1951 and in 1950 set a Big Ten record for passing accuracy. He hit for .642 with 52 completions out of 81 attempts.

"I feel if we are going to be effective offensively, we have to utilize the pro-type flanker and split-end offense," Coatta said. "We're not going to overpower many people so we're going to spread them."

"We have the personnel who lend themselves to this offensive set."

If there is any time the Spartans would not like to meet a passing team, it is now. Pass defense has been one of the sore spots on the team.

In two games MSU's defenders have given up three touchdowns via passing. Together, Houston and Southern California have gained 405 yards through the air, for an average of 202.5 yards per game.

The Spartans have been able to intercept only one pass of the 29 thrown by Houston and Southern California. Twenty have been completed, for an average gain of 20.2 yards.

MSU has been forced to a make-shift defensive backfield, with the recent injuries to Drake Garrett and Jesse Phillips, who is lost for the season.

Two sophomores, Jack Pitts and Steve Garvey, were rushed into service and their lack of experience has been a stumbling block to the Spartans.


The only veterans in the backfield are Paul Lawson and Bob Super.

"It's true we have a lot of inexperience back there," Carillot said, "but these boys are going to get better each game."

"Garvey did a credit to himself with last week's game and Lawson is making steady improvement. Super did an excellent job for us and Pitts is coming along, but he still has room for improvement."

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Tony Keyes, leading goal scorer on the soccer team last year, hopes to get his first goal of the year this weekend as the booters face Denver and the Air Force Academy.

1967 Spartan Soccer

Date	Opponent	Place
Fri., Oct. 6	Denver	Denver, Colo. 8 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 8	Air Force	USAF, Colo. 1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	Akron	East Lansing 1:30
Wed., Oct. 18	Ball State	Muncie, Ind. 3:30
Sat., Oct. 21	Denison	East Lansing 1:30
Sat., Oct. 28	St. Louis	East Lansing 1:30
Fri., Nov. 3	Ohio	Athens, O. 3 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 30	NCAA Semis	St. Louis Univ.
Sat., Dec. 2	NCAA Finals	St. Louis, Mo.

BOTH UNBEATEN

Booter clean slate risked at Denver

By NORM SAARI

State News Sports Writer

Someone is going to have a winning streak stopped tonight at Denver when the MSU soccer team meets the University of Denver.

Both teams have long undefeated strings at stake. The Spartans are 3-0 this season and were 10-0-2 last year. But Denver can boast of a longer string. They have compiled 27 consecutive undefeated contests over the past 2 1/2 years.

They are also 3-0 this season.

The Denver game is only the first of a soccer weekend for the Spartans, as coach Gene Kenney's booters meet the Air Force Academy for a game in Colorado Springs Sunday afternoon.

The Academy is a 2-1 this year, losing to national power St. Louis University, 4-1, last weekend.

"Neither game is going to be

an easy one," Kenney said. "A big factor at Denver is the fact that we are playing on another narrow field. Also, the thin atmosphere will certainly be to our disadvantage, since Denver has had time to condition its lungs to it."

The MSU offense was slowed down considerably on the narrow field used in the game at Pittsburgh last Saturday and Kenney says the Denver field is even narrower.

The Spartans' home field is 75 yards wide, but Denver Stadium has a playing area 60 yards wide.

To somewhat compensate for the narrow field, Kenney will put his Jamaican speedsters, Trevor Harris and Tony Keyes, on the outside forward wings. Harris has scored nine goals so far in the season, while Keyes, leading goal scorer last year with 21, has yet to score a goal.

Kenney will start sophomore Alex Skotarek at inside left. Skotarek has seen action in all three games this season and scored one goal against Calvin College. His older brother, Ed, is also on the soccer team.

Teaming with Skotarek at the other inside spot will be Ernie Tuchscherer. Guy Busch will again play center forward.

Defensively, Kenney is sticking with the same combination that has allowed opponents only one goal this season.

Peter Hens, Barry Tiemann and Barry Jacobson will be at halfback and Tom Belloli and Terry Sanders at fullback.

Joe Baum will be in the goal. The Denver game will also mark the first time an MSU soccer team has played at night under the lights.

The Spartans have never met Denver or the Academy in a soccer game before.

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Grid crowds grow to half-million mark

NEW YORK (UPI) — College football, which zoomed past the 25 million mark in attendance for the first time last year, expects to keep zooming.

Last year's half-million increase may be matched.

Part of the expected increase comes from expanded seating capacities in many areas but a lot of football people are convinced the boom is the result of the product.

"The fans of America are seeing a much better brand of college football since we went back to the platoons," say Coach George Blackburn of Virginia. "We're all geared for platoon

football now and the game has to be better with specialists playing it."

Along this line comes word from Penn State's Joe Paterno, who has taken a second look at the new punt rule which he panned originally.

"I view the rule with mixed emotions," said Paterno. "It's tough on the coaches who have to cope with it but from what I've seen so far I think the game will be more interesting for the spectator."

"That's what the rules committee was after. The rule will make for exciting punt returns.

Maybe it'll be a great thing for the game after all."

For one reason or another, ticket managers around the college map are wearing happy smiles and don't seem to mind the extra work of increased sales.

Southern Methodist and Texas A&M pulled 33,000 for their opener last week in a stadium that's still undergoing expansion. Final construction by the end of 1967 will make Kyle Field at College Station, Tex., a 52,000 seat arena.

Two years ago, North Carolina State couldn't sell out its (continued on page 6)



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Wieners a winner with hungry fans

By TOM BROWN

An amateur weatherman and crowd psychologist, John J. Kennedy proves Linus' point—a hot

dog tastes best when there is a ball game in front of it.

Kennedy, manager of MSU Concessions, balances the weather against the size of the crowd in determining what people will eat and drink on Saturday afternoons. Past records are consulted, but the element of chance always remains.

The largest crowds are Kennedy's smallest problems.

"They tell me to start worrying because they expect a capacity crowd," he says. "That is the least of our problems, people don't want to move around in a crowd like that."

"When they are squeezed in tight, they don't want to leave their seat; they are afraid of losing it."

"In our business, the ideal crowd is 50-55,000."

A small crowd won't ask for the pause that refreshes if the score is close.

"They just don't want to miss anything," Kennedy says.

"Weather is the biggest factor," he goes on. "Sometimes we call the weather bureau on Thursday, but they usually don't know any more than anyone else."

"One hot Saturday a couple of years ago, we sold every soft drink that our supplier had in the Lansing area."

"But then you never really know," Kennedy says.

The concession countdown starts at 7 a.m. when they start the coffee brewing. A cold November date would find the big urns lit two hours earlier.

The majority of Kennedy's 180 workers arrive by 11 a.m. When they leave the stadium six hours later, depending on the weather, they will have sold as many as 1,500 gallons of coffee or 45,000 soft drinks.

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Grid crowds

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22,000 seat stadium for the North Carolina game. But last week, when the two met for the first time in State's 41,000-seat Carter Stadium it became the earliest sellout in the history of the rivalry. Stands brought the actual total to 42,300.

A sampling:

Utah season tickets are going at a record pace. Oregon's new stadium is ready with 41,078 seats. Arizona set a record of 37,500 for last week's opener against Wyoming.

Army reports a boom on the

heels of an 8-2 season for the resurging Cadets last year. Indiana may top its home opener record of 42,296 (against Ohio State in 1963) in this week's game with Kentucky.

And there appears to be no falling off in the demand to see such big-draw teams as Notre Dame, Alabama, MSU or Ohio State, the perennial home-game leader.

It's obvious the college rule-makers are aware of pro football's vast popularity and are trying to come up with gimmicks to prevent the pros from taking it all.

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Plush press palace

Sports writers and rival scouts watch last week's action from MSU's renowned press box.

Stadium press box almost a 'Taj Mahal'

By DAN DAHLSTROM

Sports columnist Red Smith once called the Spartan Stadium press box "a neat replica of the Taj Mahal."

It's 94 yards long, with six levels of operation of which only the upper three look out into the stadium, and has accommodated as many as 754 members of the press for a single game.

The ground level contains the press ticket booth where working passes are picked up.

The second level is used for the darkroom and wire photo machines. Each of the six three-room suites on this level has more than ample space for photo processing and wire transmission. Spartan Stadium sent out the first picture from a sports site over the national Associated Press wire photo network.

The press lounge on the third level seats about 150 people for hot pre-game luncheons served cafeteria style. The telephone headquarters and a television workroom are also located on this level.

The fourth level is the photo deck and overlooks the football field. It has positions for about 100 television, movie, newsreel, and still-variety type cameramen. Television announcers work from this area and there is an official guest area for 40 people too.

The working press occupy the fifth deck which is probably the most familiar to fans. Three rows of seats for writers, reporters, and scouts can take care of about 210. In addition, there are positions for 30 wired Western Union positions, two

snack bars, restrooms and the operational headquarters.

The latter section has a telephone switch board with operator which is believed to be the only one of its kind in the world. From here, communication among radio booths, photo areas, press deck, dressing rooms, sidelines, press entrance, and anywhere outside the stadium can be made quickly.

Also in the operational headquarters are statisticians, play-by-play specialists, duplicating machine and workers, and a press box public address system separate from the one used on the field.

All these services mean, for instance, that when an injury occurs on the field, communication with the sidelines reveals the extent of the injury to the working press literally within seconds.

The quality of service for last Saturday's game was so fast

that workers knew before the next play that, for example, Bob Super suffered a slight neck strain on the previous play or that the call for pass interference on the potential touchdown pass to Al Brenner was called on Spartan Maurice Haynes.

Running play-by-play statistics and even post-game quotes are given to everyone.

The sixth and top level is the radio deck with 19 booths. Thirteen of these are bi-level radio booths with the other reserved for field public address, official game photographers, and team coaches.

According to Fred Stabley, Sports Information Director, the largest number of workers ever in the press box were the 745 who witnessed the 10-10 tie of last season against Notre Dame. This included about 315 journalists in the press deck. The average number is about 400.

More sports available to eager females

Several team sports having intercollegiate competition are open to women this term including gymnastics, field hockey, basketball, swimming, and synchronized swimming.

In gymnastics, four tentative meets have been scheduled. They include a quad meet at Columbus, Ohio, meets with Southern Illinois and the Big Ten, both

at Carbondale, and the United States nationals in California.

The swim team will open in Ann Arbor against Michigan on October 14. Then three home meetings are scheduled against Ontario, Central Michigan, and Oakland University. The team will finish with meets at Kent State and Adrian, with the Intercollegiate at Wayne State being the final contest.

Badger hopes depend on air

QB Ryan to test 'S' secondary

By GAYEL WESCH
State News Sports Writer

A far as the Spartans are concerned, Wisconsin is number one.

The Badgers, with an 0-2 record coming into the 1:30 contest at Spartan Stadium Saturday, would hardly make any poll. But they represent the first obstacle in the Spartan quest for an unprecedented third straight undisputed Big Ten championship.

MSU has put together a 14-game winning streak in the conference and won two straight Big Ten Championships.

Ten times in the history of the conference a school has won two in a row, but the third attempt has always failed.

Furthermore, the Spartans will be looking for their first victory of the season after two straight losses.

Wisconsin is in the same boat, dropping their opener to Washington 17-0 and then losing to Arizona State 42-16 last Saturday.

The Badger offense hasn't been outstanding, but it certainly has been "pass-able." Nearly the entire attack so far has been formed around the passing of

junior John Ryan to flanker Tom McCauley, split ends Mel Riddick and Bill Yanakos or tight end Bill Fritz.

Ryan shared the quarterback duties with senior John Boyajian last year but took over last week and played the entire game. Ryan has completed 25 in 44 attempts for 264 yards.

McCauley has been the major receiver, with 14 catches for 211 yards. A 6-3, 179 pound junior, McCauley has a two season total of 60 receptions for 900 yards, and is threatening to break the pass reception and yardage marks established by All-American Pat Richter in 1960-62.

Fritz has totaled 61 receptions for 605 yards in his career, with six receptions for 44 yards this season.

Badger passing has netted 376 yards for an average of 188 per game, or 6.1 yards per play.

The Spartan defensive backs can take heart in the fact that although the Badger receivers have better than adequate speed, none possess the sprinters speed they had to contend with from Don Bean of Houston and Jim Lawrence and Earl McCullough of Southern California.

Wisconsin's running attack has been practically non-existent in the first two games.

Wisconsin has netted only 70 yards rushing in the first two games, for an average of one yard per play.

Halfback John Smith, a 5-11 195 pounder leads the Badger rushers with 59 yards in 21



Flanker Tom McCauley

carries, an average of 2.8 yards per carry.

The Wisconsin defense has allowed 869 yards in the first two games, 601 on the ground and

268 by passing for an average of 6.1 yards per play.

Senior tackle Tom Domres, a 236 pounder from Gladstone, has been a stalwart for the Badgers,

and was credited with seven unassisted and seven assisted tackles last week. In the first two games he has made 16 unassisted and 15 assisted tackles.

Spartan defensive halfbacks Jack Pitts and Steve Garvey and junior Paul Lawson will try to stifle the Badger air attack.

Drake Garrett is still slowed by a tendon strain to his right ankle and a pulled muscle to his right thigh, and is not expected to see much action.

Defensive end Rich Saul was released from the hospital Thursday and team physician Dr. James S. Feurig reported that the ankle swelling had abated somewhat.

Saul could bear only partial weight on the ankle Thursday but expected to run at full strength Friday according to Feurig. He is still a questionable starter.

Jim Juday is the probable replacement for Saul.

Defensive guard Mike Young appears to be over a throat infection, as well as a knee injury he suffered in the Southern Cal game and is expected to be ready to start against Wisconsin.

The Spartan offensive unit is in good shape for the game, and the line-up is expected to be the same one that started the first two games.

But LaMarr Thomas and Reggie Cavender are expected to see more action against the Badgers than they have in previous games.

MSU has won the last three games against Wisconsin and holds a 7-6 lead against the Badgers in games dating back to 1913.

Duffy Daugherty coached teams have gone 6-2 against Wisconsin.

Probable Offensive Starters

MSU

LE 87 Maurice Haynes
LT 79 Joe Przybycki
LG 60 Mitch Pruett
C 54 Ron Ranieri
RG 67 Tony Conti
RT 70 Ron Saul
RE 86 Al Brenner
QB 16 Jim Raye
LH 34 Dwight Lee
RH 43 Frank Waters
FB 45 Bob Apisa

WISCONSIN

SE 84 Mel Riddick
LT 69 Brandt Jackson
LG 61 Don Murphy
C 53 Rex Blake
RG 50 Wally Schoessow
RT 78 John Meeks
TE 86 Bill Fritz
QB 15 John Ryan
TB 48 John Smith
FB 44 Jim Little
FL 18 Tom McCauley

Big Ten Standings

	CONFERENCE	ALL
MSU	0-0	0-2
Illinois	0-0	1-1
Indiana	0-0	2-0
Iowa	0-0	1-1
Michigan	0-0	1-1
Minnesota	0-0	1-1
Northwestern	0-0	1-1
Ohio State	0-0	1-0
Purdue	0-0	2-0
Wisconsin	0-0	0-2

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MSU - WISCONSIN
NOTRE DAME - IOWA
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OHIO STATE - OREGON
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Duffy rationalizes grid woes

Q--After two games, the offense has yet to mount any consistent scoring drives. What seems to be the problem?

A--Well, a lot of the credit should go to the two fine defensive teams we played, Houston and Southern Cal. I noticed we were rated one and two and one and three in polls. You'll have to admit we have been playing against some classy teams.

The tendency with some people is to try to divorce offense from defense. The two are inseparable.

When your defensive team is giving the offense good field position the offense has a much better chance of going in to score. The last few years we had such great defensive personnel, that time and time again they would take the ball away from opponents deep in their territory and our offense would have a chance to finally put together a drive and score.

Our defensive team this year was not only depleted by graduation but we've had a rash of injuries like we've never had in years. Consequently, the defense is inexperienced. But it's getting better. It's a young group and should improve.

On the other hand we are not satisfied with the offensive inconsistency.

We've looked good in spots but we have yet to show the consistency you must have if you're going to move the ball and overcome some inexperience of our

What's happening to the once-indestructible Spartans?

In an interview with staffer Leo Zainea, Duffy tries to explain some of the problems which have beset the Spartans, and what steps he intends to take to correct them in quest of an unprecedented third Big Ten title.



DUFFY DAUGHERTY

defense. The offense should pick up a bigger load this year because they are more experienced than the defense.

Q--Bob Apisa appears to run without the speed and authority he possessed as a sophomore. What's the matter?

A--Well, I think Bob will hit his stride soon. There is often this tendency among young men after a knee operation. I don't mean he feels his way. After he has a couple of games under his belt and the confidence back that he had before he was injured, he'll run stronger. There is a certain period of time that is necessary for a runner to make his stride. I have full confidence that Bob will return to his top form.

Q--The defense has yielded 58 points and failed to stop the long passes. Do you plan any major changes defensively for Saturday?

A--Only some that are necessitated by injury. We have Mike Young hobbled with a sprained knee, Rich Saul with a sprained ankle. We will make some changes. We'll be playing more sophomores and we're still going to be inexperienced. We haven't had our secondary intact yet and now have lost Jesse Phillips for the year. He was one of our finest defensive players and Drake Garrett, the defensive captain, is hobbled and has not played very much. We're going with some young players who have good potential but it will take time for them to really gell as a defensive unit.

Q--Does this mean that you intend to start rebuilding for next season, already?

A--Oh no, we're building for this year. We're not out of the conference championship. We have yet to lose a conference game.

Q--You reportedly called the Spartans, Saturday, a better football team than they were against Houston. Does this mean you are satisfied with their progress?

A--A coach is never satisfied with the progress of his team. If he ever gets to that point when he is, then it will reflect in the team and they'll stop improving. There are only two ways to go as a team. Either you get better or you go down hill. You don't stay at one plateau very long.

And, though I felt we made a lot of mistakes, honest mistakes against Southern Cal, we played with greater intensity and we played harder, with more enthusiasm. When you do this it has to be very worthwhile.

Q--Jimmy Raye seemed to have trouble Saturday at spotting his receivers. What happened?

A--A lot of it could be attributed to the tremendous size and height of those Southern Cal tackles. They had 6-4 and 6-5 linemen and that makes it very difficult to pick out the receivers when they are between the passer and the receiver. In fact, the only pass they intercepted was batted by a lineman and another Trojan grabbed it.

You'll remember our opponents last year found it difficult throwing over Bubba Smith.

Q--What about the rumor that Raye cannot distinguish jersey numbers far downfield?

A--No, Jimmy can see fine downfield. We just had his eyes refracted and tested and his vision is the same as when he was a freshman and a sophomore. He didn't appear to have any difficulties then, so there is no reason he should have any now.

Q--Do you ever plan to use Jack Pitts, the ambidextrous sophomore, as an offensive weapon?

A--Well, he can't do much passing playing on the defensive platoon, can he. I might use him in a third down punting situation, though. But he passes better right-handed than he does left-handed.

Q--How do you manage to maintain a sense of humor after two straight defeats?

A--You like to win every game, but you're not going to do it. I was not in a very humorous vein after the Houston game. We felt we had stopped ourselves a lot of the times. But I was very pleased with the Spartans after the Southern Cal game, because of the great desire they showed.

Aside from being disappointed at the score, and I think this is true of fans who watched the game, I felt both teams had played hard and it was an exciting game and this is football at its finest. When you've given your

best and it's not good enough, what else are you going to do. It's not going to do any good to act like you're going to a wake. It's much better to enthusiastically try to attack the problems of the game and improve and try to win the next one.

Q--Whatever happened to veteran guard Dave Techlin?

A--Dave will be playing this week. He started out with a bad ankle and it slowed him down some. When this cut down on his speed he needs as a pulling guard, it was necessary to move Tony Conti into his position. But Dave will play Saturday.

Q--With Phillips sidelined for the season, are you satisfied with Bob Super at roverback, or do you intend to abolish that position on defense?

A--Roverback is really a misnomer. Actually, it would probably be more appropriate to call Super a strong side safety. We think he's doing a good job, and we'll use him doing the things he does best.

Q--Do you find the offensive line weaker than last year's?

A--Oh, I don't think so. It takes a running offense like ours longer to gell, because of the timing involved.

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Spartan statistics explain grid losses

Statistics can never be counted on to tell the whole story of a football game. Isn't that right Ara Parseghian.

But the statistics from the first two games provide some interesting insights into the enigma of the two Spartan defeats this season.

Parseghian is still wondering how his Notre Dame team managed to lose to Purdue despite running up more than 500 yards.

Duffy Daugherty, on the other hand, has most of the reasons for the two defeats right on the stat sheet and has indicated that one move to try and remedy the situation is pointed out there.

An injury riddled Spartan defense who had to contend with two of the nation's best offensive units fared poorly.

Houston and Southern California averaged 380 yards per game against the Spartans, 177.5 rushing, 202.5 in passing and gave up 58 points.

The passing defense has been particularly ineffective, with the enemy completing 20 of 29 for 405 yards. The average gain for completion is 20.5 yards. Three of the opponents' eight touchdowns have come by passing.

Against the run the Spartans have given up a net of 355 yards or 3.8 yards per play with eight touchdowns. Twenty of 33 first downs were allowed on the ground.

The first two opponents have netted 760 yards on 121 plays for an average of 6.2 yards per play.

Offensively, the statistics aren't exactly what Spartan fans would have predicted before the season began.

Bob Apisa has gained only 23 yards in nine carries for 2.5 yards per carry. Jimmy Raye has only 31 yards in 30 carries.

Raye actually gained 82 yards, but lost 51 in runs and trying to pass. He connected on 14 of 34 attempted passes for 41 per cent, 219 yards, and one touchdown.

Dwight Lee leads the Spartans in rushing with 105 yards in 30 carries.

Sophomore LaMarr Thomas claims 81 yards in 10 carries with the best average per carry, 8.1.

Daugherty pointed to this statistic and hinted that Thomas may be carrying the ball more in the future. Thomas' eight points on one touchdown and two point conversion pass leads in scoring.

The Spartans have averaged 264.5 per game offensively, four yards per play.

One area where the Spartans badly dominate the first two opponents is in the number of penalties and yards assessed.

MSU has been penalized 12 times for 112 yards, to six penalties for 63 yards to the opposition.



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The Big Ten, embarrassed by outside opponents last week, will try to vent that frustration against each other tomorrow in league openers.

The two big games around the country this week are Purdue vs Northwestern and Alabama against Mississippi. This is Purdue's first Big Ten game and although Northwestern lost to Missouri last Saturday they will still be a good test for the Boiler-makers. Alabama, with a 1-0-1 record meets a good Mississippi team in one of the great Southern traditional battles.

In the Big Ten this week there will be six teams trying to win the conference championship. Along with Purdue and Northwestern, Illinois will entertain the Hoosiers from Indiana in what promises to be a most

interesting and informative match. Michigan State and Wisconsin, both winless, will be going all out to win their first.

Nonconference games will see Iowa at Notre Dame, Michigan and Navy, Minnesota against SMU and Ohio State at Oregon. All four of these conference teams lost last week and by the looks of some of their opponents will have to play exceptionally well to come out on top this Saturday.

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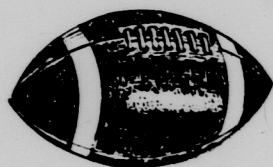
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Hoard of super-stars cause grid upsets, says 'Bear'

NEW YORK (UPI) --Alabama's "Bear" Bryant offers a reasonable explanation for the topsy-turvy start of the college football season.

"There are so many fine football players around today that if you play poorly on any given Saturday you're going to get beat," says the Big Bear.

Unlike Notre Dame, which lost to Purdue, Alabama survived its first two games with a tie and a victory but it's still uphill all the way if the Crimson Tide is to pull back into contention for No. 1.

But like Notre Dame, Alabama has been trying to live by the pass alone and that's just not good enough with great playing talent spreading into so many areas across the nation.

"Even pro teams can't get along on just the pass," Bryant said the other day. "We must move the ball up the middle if we're going to beat really good teams. We have been running at the corners and trying to live with the pass."

Notre Dame died with the pass against Purdue as Terry Hanratty threw 63 times and lost four

of them to interceptors. Alabama nearly died with the pass but escaped with a 37-37 tie against Florida State and a 25-3 winner over Southern Mississippi.

Establishing a running game is rugged when teams at almost every level come up with monster-sized linemen who can move like 175-pounders of a couple of decades ago.

Further, recruiting is a fine art from the Ivy League to the most blatant football factory. There is material galore in the happy hunting grounds of the high school game but getting a share isn't always easy.

"Duffy Daugherty got a couple of boys away from me," said Nebraska's Bob Devaney on a trip into the big town last summer. "Duffy doesn't have to cheat you to beat you. He charms 'em to Michigan State."

Duffy presumably was not his usual charming self during the season or so after he lured last year's great group. The Spartans are showing a bit of a talent gap at the moment.

But smiles and personal appeal often are as effective as shiny new convertibles. A large number of high type football types (who can stay eligible) actually pick a college for its educational possibilities as well as its reputation for sending its stars on to pro football careers.

The excellence of high school football material right now resulted from several factors.

Top coaching is one. The colleges have been turning out fine coaches for years and those that don't find a spot higher up--or prefer teaching youngsters--flock into the high schools.

Two platoon football is another. The high schools in many areas kept platooning during that period of insanity when the colleges junked platoons for the lofty ideals of two-way players.



Go-go Gramps

High-top shoes don't slow LaMarr Thomas at all. The 6'-1" sophomore leads all Spartan rushers.

LEADS RUSHERS

'Gramps' Thomas prefers grid spats

By NORM SAARI

State News Sports Writer

They call him "Gramps" in the lockerroom, but any nicknames that may denote feebleness are left behind when LaMarr Thomas is on the field.

And it wasn't that the coaches wanted to be kind to the aged when they gave the sophomore halfback a starting position in the Big Ten opener against Wisconsin this weekend. He leads the Spartan offense in total yardage.

Thomas explains he got the

nickname in high school as a result of an old hat he used to wear to classes.

"The kids used to kid me a lot about it and say it covered up my gray hair," Thomas said. "Actually, I do have some grey hair, but as far as the hat goes, it was just my favorite one."

Even on the field now, some fans may think he is rather old fashioned because he wears high top football shoes, a rarity for a halfback. He never tried low-cuts.

"I have real weak ankles," Thomas said. "And I would just as soon get the added protection high tops offer. Low cuts are fine if you want to wear them, but I don't know if they do that much good. My shoes don't bother my running and I haven't enough speed to say they slow me down."

"Besides, you are supposed to just run naturally and they feel okay to me," he said.

"When you try and get open, it isn't a matter of good or bad running, it is just natural. The linemen are blocking and you have to get through the hole."

His "natural" running has made him the leader in rushing yardage and second in both kickoff returns and receiving.

In the two games, he rushed 10 times for 81 yards, caught three passes for 59 yards and returned 4 kickoffs for 94 yards.

Thomas scored the lone Spartan touchdown in the Houston game on a 48-yard end run. He added a two point conversion last week as Mitch Pruett faked the kick and Charlie Wedemeyer tossed to him.

Thomas doubled his football ability with basketball as a freshman. After freshman football ended, he immediately started basketball practice and was a frosh regular by mid season.

"I can't really say about basketball this year though," Thomas said. "A lot will depend on how long the football season is going to last."

Duffy and Spartans

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Q--Who do you miss the most from last year's group of super-stars. Why?

A--George Webster, probably the greatest defensive player ever at MSU, and because we have had so many problems with injuries. We could really use him now, but that's wishful thinking. He's not coming back so we'll have to find someone that can try to replace him.

Q--Is Tody Smith lost for the season and, if so, will he be given another year of eligibility?

A--I have no idea. Tody hurt his foot last spring and he's not even practicing now. He's getting treatments under a doctor's care.

He's already lost about 12 pounds. A decision will be made on Tody later on, if he responds to the treatment and can come back we'll use him. If not, he won't play. Another year of eligibility would not be requested until his junior year, after doctor's reports had been submitted. In his case, it's possible he would be given another year, if we asked for it. But each case is treated individually.

Q--How is team morale?

A--Their morale is real high. They want to have a good team, they want to win and, of course, it bothers them to lose. But we don't have any problems with our enthusiasm and hustle.

Q--What can Spartan fans expect from the Badgers Saturday afternoon?

A--Wisconsin is more of a passing team. They've gained a lot of yardage through the air, and use a wide open attack with flankers. They will throw the ball a lot against us Saturday, I'm sure.

Q--Is the chance to compete in the Rose Bowl a team incentive, since Purdue and Illinois can't go?

A--We'd like to go, but our first objective is to win the conference title, outright. I don't know if we will or not, but to me that is a lot more important.

Q--Who is the team to beat in the Big Ten?

A--They are all the team to beat, if you can beat them. Purdue, on the basis of their win over Notre Dame and two straight wins would have to be the favorite.

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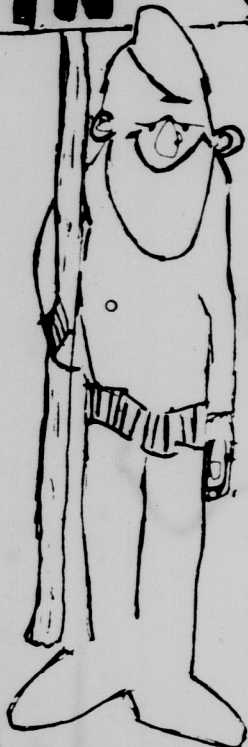
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'Untested' harriers face IU

By STEVE LOKKER

The pre-season efforts of coach Fran Dittich and his assistant, Jim Gibbard, will come to a head at 10:30 tomorrow morning as the Spartan cross country team opens the regular season against Indiana at the Forest Akers Golf Course.

In 17 years of Big Ten competition, the Spartans have taken the title 11 times, finished runners-up six times, and taken the championship in 1951-1953, 1955-1960, and 1962-1963. It finished first in the NCAA meet eight times while taking second three times. The last time the title was in State's hands was 1959.

MSU has met Indiana only three times in regular season competition. All three times, 1964-66, State has come out the victor. Last year the Spartans ousted the Hoosiers 20-38.

The 1967 season will be one of rebuilding for Dittich. Only five holdovers from last year return and none have received more than one major letter.

"This year's success will depend on how fast our sophomores develop. We have four strong runners, but the next three positions will be the key to our success or failure," says Dittich.



And they're off

Spartan harriers are off at the sound of the gun at Forest Akers. Captain Dean Rosenberg leads the squad against Indiana tomorrow.

The four juniors are Roger Merchant; Captain Dean Rosenberg; Pat Wilson; and Dale Stanley. Rosenberg seems to have

the best shot at number one man based on his performance in the time trials held earlier this week.

The best sophomores are Bill Bradna, Ken Leonowitz, Mike Murphy and Gary Bisbee.

Rosenberg is from North Muskegon. He finished 26th in the Big Ten meet last year and ran his best time, 20 minutes and 16 seconds.

Merchant, from Camlachie, Ont., will be one of the top runners on the team. He was good for 16th in the Big Ten meet last year and ran the four-mile in 19:57.

Considered a "strong runner," Stanley will be among the top four runners on the team this year. He finished in 21:44 against Minnesota.

Wilson, one of the smallest runners, finished 43rd in the Big Ten meet last year while running 21:12 for four miles. He finished seventh against Indiana.

Bradna could be one of the top sophomores in the conference. As a freshman, he ran

Leonowitz is counted on to be one of the top seven men on the team. He was runner-up in the high school state meet for four straight years.

Harrier frosh beat Chips

The MSU freshman cross country team scored a 20-41 win over Central Michigan at Riverwood Golf Club in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Kim Hartman paced all finishers over the four mile course with a 21:41 clocking. Teammate Dick Aslin was a close second in 21:45. Bob Blachford of CMU took third in 21:59, ahead of Spartan Brent Stone's 22:07. CMU's Jack Shepherd took fifth with 22:15 time.

The Spartans' Norm Cepela, Dick Hoebeke, John Mock and Chuck Starkey grabbed sixth through ninth to insure victory. Blachford led at the mile in 4:49, followed by Hartman, Shepherd and Starkey.

Hartman and Aslin led at the two in 10:40, while Central's Shepherd joined them at three to lead in 16:23.

Feurig must mend if gridders bend

It's a long way from a fighter bomber, but Dr. James S. Feurig, director of Olin Health Center, today stands as a figure of health and bandages for all Spartan athletes.

Feurig is the official physician for all MSU athletic teams and is now entering his fifteenth year of service to the Spartans.

During World War II, Feurig served as a flight surgeon in the then Army Air Corps. He still remembers his time on the wing as a "great experience."

He travels with the football team to all games. Other commitments prevent him from traveling with other squads.

"I try to make at least one trip with the other teams in the proximity of Lansing," he says. "Last year I traveled to a hockey game at Ann Arbor and to the Big Ten track championships at Iowa."

Feurig is present at most home events, such as the Michigan State Relays in February. In football, all teams take doctors with them, but in other sports, the host school is required to have a physician for both home and visitors.

At Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Feurig was well prepared for all kinds of injuries. Spartan athletes do their best to furnish him with a variety.

"The most common injury in football," reported the doctor, "is a sprain. I see almost the whole football team at one time or another, with major and minor injuries. Sprains, with some fractures and lacerations, seem to predominate."

"While sprains are common in football, basketball seems to concentrate on strains. A strain is a stretching or tearing of the muscles, while a sprain is the

same but with ligaments," Feurig stated.

"Basketball players get many strains in the back area in addition to a few nasal fractures, caused by pressure under the boards," he said.

The doctor also said, "We find that freshman basketball players experience more strains than the varsity. The is because they must adjust to the 20 minute halves and 90 foot courts rather than the two eight minute quarters and shorter courts they were used to in high school."

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