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Big Ten Teams In 3 Top Games Over Week End

Wisconsin Seeking Revenge in Clash With USC Tonight

By the Associated Press

The Big Ten Conference, always a target for the ambitious and a test for the accepted giants, is in the college football spotlight again this week and with sixth-ranked Wisconsin going against Southern California tonight and unranked Michigan State confronting fourth-ranked Notre Dame tomorrow. Ohio State meets Duke in another big one.

Wisconsin is a touchdown favorite over Southern Cal in the game at Los Angeles tonight. The Irish have been allotted the same vote of confidence against Michigan State in tomorrow's TV game of the week.

Coach Jess Hill's Trojans could give the Badgers some trouble. Still nursing an idea of taking the Pacific Coast Conference title, they could well be on the rebound after a 7-0 upset by Washington.

That setback came last week end and spilled the Trojans out of the top 10 in the Associated Press poll. Now ranked 16th, the Trojans are scrambling to get back with the big boys.

Two Badgers Ailing
The Badgers, leading the Big Ten with a 3-0 mark, have a pretty good revenge gimmick working in their favor. Wisconsin is the only Western Conference club to lose in the current Big Ten-CFB Bowl tie-up.

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Officiating Blasted By 2 Texas Writers

AGAINST TAR HEELS TOMORROW

Terps Ready to Spring More Varied Offense

By MERRELL WHITLESEY

Coach George Barclay of North Carolina was Jim Tatum's aide at Maryland for several seasons and thus knows as much about the Tar Heels' offense as anybody. But George might have his memory refreshed tomorrow afternoon when the Tarps visit Chapel Hill.

It's not exactly inside information that Maryland will have more variety in its offense tomorrow than against Missouri, UCLA, Baylor or Wake Forest. There's no guarantee it'll work, but the Tarps figure to be flashier.

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Sooners Accused Of Rough Work In Cotton Bowl

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 14 (AP).—Football officiating, especially in last week's Texas-Oklahoma game at Dallas, was raked over the coals by a couple of sports writers today. The officials denied that anything was wrong. Mark Batterson, sports editor of the Austin American, said he was shocked by some of the things "which apparently only bored the officials on the field" in the Texas-Oklahoma game, saying movies of the contest showed that two Texas players, taken off the field with brain concussion, "owe their injuries to Sooner activities which should have been policed by the officials on the field."

Batterson said that "very clear in the movie, for instance, is a stiff uppercut delivered on Fullback Larry Graham. As for Fullback Mickey Smith, who was released from a Dallas hospital only Wednesday, his head injury was caused by a Sooner who kneed him in the head after he was tackled."

Other Fools Charged
At Fort Worth, Penn Hall, sports editor of the Star-Telegram, commented that "thousands of spectators in the west stands of the Cotton Bowl stood up and booed Saturday when Mickey Smith, 170-pound Texas sophomore halfback, was disabled by a knee blow to the neck while he lay on the ground. No foul was called. There were other fouls that went uncalled."

Hall, in his column, "The Sport Tide," said "the football officials who have worked in games we have watched this season have not done their duty. They haven't given the players the protection they deserve—the protection the rules offer. Games we have attended were Kansas at TCU, SMU at Notre Dame, TCU at Arkansas and Texas vs. Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl."

"Officials in those games may have done competent jobs insofar as the mechanics of play were concerned. Only their bosses, Commissioners Howard Grubbs of the Southwest Conference, and his assistant in charge of officials, Al Curtis, and a handful of qualified experts, such as coaches and scouts and other officials, will know about that. But, in every game, players suffered punishment."

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SPARTAN BACKS PREPARE FOR NOTRE DAME

EAST LANSING, Mich.—Michigan State's starting backfield synchronizes its timing in a practice session yesterday as it prepares for Saturday's game here with Notre Dame. Left to right are Walt Kowalczyk, right halfback; Jerry Planutis, fullback; Earl Morrill, quarterback, and Clarence Peaks, left halfback.—AP Wirephoto.

WIN, LOSE OR DRAW

By FRANCIS STANN



A Horse Is a Big Colt

IT IS, OR WAS, a pet contention of George Preston Marshall that normally it requires a year, perhaps two and even three, for a college football star to develop into the complete pro. The Redskins' chief always qualified, of course, bearing in mind Sammy Baugh's instantaneous success back in 1937, but by and large Marshall contended that it took time to make the jump.

Well, Alan (The Horse) Ameche of the Baltimore Colts obviously hasn't got the word because when the National League's first weekly statistical roundup was released the other day the All-American from Wisconsin was the top ground gainer. Pretty impressive figures, too, like 404 yards on 63 tries for an average of 6 1/2 yards per carry. At this pace, Ameche, who was the Colts' No. 1 draft choice, would set a new record for yardage, beating Steve Van Buren's 6-year-old mark of 1,146 yards.

It seems odd to see Baltimore leading the Western Division of the league, not because in football the Monumental City is regarded as the westward, but because it is unusual to see the Colts, or Orioles for that matter, on top. Ameche, of course, is one big reason, but another is George Shaw, the quarterback from Oregon. And Shaw, the club's bonus choice, also is a rookie.

AMECHE WAS A HOT article at Wisconsin but many football folk, pro and college alike, were inclined to downrate "The Horse" after he was drafted. "Too slow for the pros," they said, and in the Chicago All-Star game last August it seemed a fair criticism.

In that one, wherein the College All-Stars beat the champion Cleveland Browns, it was another fullback, Mel Triplett of Toledo University, who was the battering ram of the All-Stars. Ameche saw action, but he neither played as much nor as impressively as Triplett, who now belongs to the New York Giants.

Shaw, however, didn't play at all. Head Coach Curly Lambeau, sensing a victory and an extension of the policy of hiring pros to coach the All-Stars, explained it this way: "I had to win or lose with my best. That's why I played (Ralph) Guglielmi at quarterback all the way on offense. It was explained to Shaw and the other quarterbacks and they understood."

Up to now both Ameche and Shaw have been outperforming the men they underserved, in a sense, and Ameche's case he either has picked up speed or the pros aren't quite as fast as some people thought.

ACTUALLY, IF AMEACHE does finish as the league's leading ground gainer, he will not be the first rookie to turn the trick. As far back as 1934—two years after the keeper of records got to work—Seattle Feathers came out of Tennessee to join the Chicago Bears and gained 1,004 yards, a record that stood until 1947, when Van Buren of the Philadelphia Eagles upped the total by 4 yards.

In 1936 a nationally unsung halfback from George Washington named Tuffy Leemans joined the Giants and was No. 1 and two years later the fabulous Whizzer White of Colorado led the ball carriers in behalf of the Pittsburgh Steelers. White led again with the Detroit Lions in 1940.

Bill Osmanski was the big man in 1939 and he was a first-year man also, just out of Holy Cross and giving the Bears their second rookie to accomplish the feat. Osmanski never led again, but he was one of the real good fullbacks. He ran like a halfback and he had size.

PITTSBURGH ALSO WAS twice blessed because in 1942 the Steelers came up with a prize in Bill Dudley of the University of Virginia. Dudley wasn't big nor very fast, and Virginia was comparatively minor in football, but Bill was good, even great. He never played for a top pro team, either, but his 696 yards in '42 earned him a niche beside White in Pittsburgh. He repeated in 1946.

The Giants also have been unusually fortunate in acquiring first-year ground gaining champions. After Leemans in '36 there was a full until Bill Paschal came up in 1943, and Paschal won both as a rookie and as a second-year man. New York nearly hit the jackpot again when Eddie Price of Tulane was close up in 1950, his first season, and nosed out Rob Goode of the Redskins in 1951.

Paschal, strangely, never played varsity football at Georgia Tech, whence he sprung. This was hard to believe after watching him gain 573 yards one year and 737 the next. A man who wondered about it was satisfied one day in a game with the Redskins. A kickoff to the Giants went awry and was rolling out of bounds. This would have meant, of course, that Washington had to kick again, this time from 5 yards farther back.

"When Paschal refused to let it roll out and got tackled on his own 3-yard line," the man said, "I no longer wondered why he never played at Tech. Still and all, he was a helluva ball carrier."

Rainy Weather Postpones Most High School Football

Heavy rains last night and tonight at 8 o'clock, postponed the game to tomorrow at 2 p.m. The six District Interhigh League games were postponed to Monday, same times and sites.

Other games reset for tomorrow were Friends at St. Paul's of Baltimore, Laurel at Charlotte Hall and DeMatha at Gaithersburg (see schedule at bottom).

The Maryland Bi-County League game, Suitland at Bethesda-Chevy Chase, was postponed to be hosted to Portsmouth.

Record Crowd Expected To See Navy-Penn State

By BILL FUCHS

Star Staff Correspondent

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa., Oct. 14.—This isolated educational community was buzzing with anticipation today. Not often has a football game here generated so much excitement as the one tomorrow between Penn State, beaten only by Army this season, and Navy, unbeaten, untied and unscathed.

It is homecoming week for thousands of graduates. It is also the peak of the celebration of the 100th year of the founding of this university. All hotels, inns, rooming houses and motels for miles around are crowded and tomorrow Beaver Field will be filled to overflowing as the Lions and Middles meet for the 25th time in a series dating back to 1894. Navy owns a 13-9 margin in victories. Two games have ended in ties.

It is Navy's first trip here since 1923 when 23,000 fans squeezed into a stadium meant to seat 15,000. That was the year Lighthorse Harry Wilson, now an Air Force colonel, led the Lions to a 21-3 upset victory. The crowd of that day stood as a record for 25 years.

However, Navy figures to be too solid for the Lions and ranks a 13-point favorite to win its

The stadium, now all steel and enlarged several times, can hold more than 32,000. Unbeaten West Virginia pulled in 32,384 last season for the record high, but officials here predict that mark will fall tomorrow.

It was raining here today, which means that Lenny Moore, State's fleet halfback, may have muddy going again. He hasn't had a dry field underfoot this season, nor has Navy for that matter. The weather prediction called for a cessation of rainfall by tomorrow morning, followed by partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures.

Moore represents State's chief hopes for an upset. Old grads remembering that 1923 game are quick to recall Wilson's touchdown runs of 55, 77 and 95 yards. Moore, 6-foot, 185-pound Negro from Reading, Pa., has the same explosive quality and the fact that it may be a little muddy is no guarantee against Moore taking off. He went 28 yards in the mud against Virginia last week.

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YOU BE THE QUARTERBACK

By WARREN GAER

Drake Football Coach

Colorado has a sophomore field goal kicker who has been outstanding in practice but has not been tried in a game. Now the Buffaloes have the ball on Kansas State's 18-yard line, midway between the sidelines, fourth down and five.

The score is 0-0 and it is the second quarter with one minute left until the gun. Colorado has driven 48 yards downfield on short gains through the line.

As the Buffaloes' quarterback, rate these choices 1, 2, 3 and 4 for this situation:

Statue of Liberty (fake pass with man taking ball behind passer and crouching wide)

End run

Forward-lateral (short pass over line followed by lateral)

Field goal attempt

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